2020
State of the Onion

Integration of Tor in Applications

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The Tor Application Ecosystem

Applications and Systems with Tor support:

➔ Tor Browser.

➔ Onion Browser for Apple's iOS platform.

➔ Tails.

➔ OnionShare.

➔ Briar, Ricochet, Cwtch, and Ricochet Refresh.

➔ SecureDrop.

➔ OONI Probe.

➔ Brave.

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Tor and Apple's iOS platform

Since 2018, The Tor Project have had a strong focus on mobile, but primarily Android.

In 2020, we have worked together with our friends at The Guardian Project on enhancing Tor

for Apple's iOS platform:

- Memory profiling.

- Tor Network Extension (handle TCP flows, DNS traffic, etc.)

- Onion Browser integration enhancements.

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WebKit 1 deprecation, and missing WebKit 2 API :-(

Best option here: **The Network Extension.**

Next Steps

➔ Continued focus on helping others being successful with

integrating Tor into their apps.

➔ Continued focus on enhancing Tor for mobile experiences.

➔ 2021 should also be the year where we begin enhancing Tor for

more VPN-like experiences.

Thanks for listening!

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