

PRESS RELEASE

Interpol issues warning about public WiFi networks - Steganos offers protection with Android app

Berlin, March 17, 2014—Reading e-mails, „google-ing“, chatting on WhatsApp, posting on Facebook. Thanks to the mobile internet, information and friends are only a finger tip away on the smart phone or Tablet. Interpol has issued a warning about the use of public WiFi hotspots in a current report

(<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-26469598>): For hackers and cyberspies in the same network, it is easy to record sensitive data such as passwords, mails and chat threads. With the new Android app „Steganos Online Shield“, the Berlin-based software company Steganos will offer at CeBIT an effective security solution for such problems. Once activated, the app routes the entire data traffic flow through a secure server via VPN encryption, making it impossible to be snooped on. The app is the Android version of the excellent Windows VPN software Steganos Online Shield 365. Steganos Online Shield for Android is available immediately free of charge in the Google Play store.

Those who want to safely use a WiFi connection outside of his/her own four walls should best protect themselves with an encrypted virtual private network (VPN). Steganos Online Shield for Android has created such a VPN for Android smart phones and Tablets. Once activated, the app routes the entire flow of data traffic through the secure Steganos server. Additionally, the software hides the user's identity through the switching of his/her IP address. It is impossible for hackers and spies in the same network to record activities. Regardless of whether the user is surfing at the office, the library, the airport, train station or café: the encrypted connection protects the data traffic flow of the entire app. Steganos Online Shield also identifies other devices in the WiFi network.

Potential threats are detected and blocked, thus making every WiFi network worldwide safe to use. But the risk to your digital privacy doesn't only come from unprotected WiFi hotspots. Security researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied and Integrated Security have found in a test of the 10,000 most popular apps that 69% of the programs transfer data unencrypted into the Cloud. This kicks opens the door for hackers to access users' most sensitive data (http://www.heise.de/security/meldung/69-Prozent-der-beliebtsten-Android-Apps-funken-im-Klartext-2135028.html?wt_mc=sm.feed.tw.security).

Steganos Online Shield for Android also closes this glaring security gap through SSL/TLS encryption of transferred data, whether the user is connected to the internet via a WiFi or wireless (3G, 4G/LTE, Edge, GPRS, etc.) network.

Steganos Online Shield for Android is free of advertisements and also free of charge up to a data volume of 500 MB per month. Steganos Online Shield Premium allows unlimited data volume and includes protection of your Windows PC (Steganos Online Shield 365). Steganos Online Shield Premium can be obtained directly in the Google Play store at an introductory price as a 1-year license (24,95 EUR) or as a monthly subscription (2,95 EUR).

Steganos Online Shield for Android: The functions

- Offers protection of every internet connection with secure SSL/ TLS encryption
- Protects against password theft and against the recording of chat threads and e-mails in the same WiFi network
- Protects user's IP address and guarantees anonymous surfing.
- Free of advertisements
- Free of charge up to a data volume of 500 MB per month
- Displays other devices in the same WiFi network
- Usable worldwide
- Battery-saving—even when in constant use



- Enables access to blocked videos (YouTube, BBC, Netflix, Hulu, etc.)

Steganos Online Shield Premium include license for Windows Version computers

System requirements

Smart phone or Tablet with Android 4.0 („Ice Cream Sandwich”) or higher

Prices:

500MB traffic / month free

Steganos Online Shield Premium

with unlimited traffic

Introductory offer:

Monthly subscription: 2.95 €

Yearly license: 24.95 €

Availability:

Steganos Online Shield for Android is available immediately in the Google Play store:
<https://Steganos.com/sosa>

Press materials:

Printable picture materials and press announcements for download here:

www.steganos.com/en/company/press-center

About Steganos Software GmbH

For 15 years, Steganos has been the reference for data privacy protection.

Founded in Germany in 1997, the company produces well-known security products like Steganos Privacy Suite, Steganos Passwort-Manager und Steganos Online Shield. More information under www.steganos.com.

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