Top 10 ways to protect your privacy online

1. Create a strong password that is not easily guessed

Keep passwords simpler, long, and memorable

User random or not-attributable phrases

Longer and more random is better

Typical English words work fine

Change every 60-120 days

Do not reuse passwords

Avoid reusing passwords across multiple accounts

2. Change privacy settings

Smart phone privacy

Limit access to location services

Do not let apps share data

Enable privacy settings on apps

Be careful with social logins

Web browser privacy

Located in browser under tools or preferences settings

Limit cookies

Clear cache and browser history regularly

Use private browsing when necessary

3. Research suspicious websites or files before visiting/installing https://www.virustotal.com is a great place to check for malware

4. Research Apps before installing

Some apps can contain malware

Check the ratings and reviews of apps on the app store or play store before installing

5. Avoid open Wi-Fi connections

If you must use a public WiFi, then be careful of what you do on it

Do not enter any personal information or bank information on an open Wi-Fi

6. Disable old accounts

If you have any old accounts with private information, delete or disable them

7. Keep your OS updated

While it is a pain to update your phone or computer, the updates usually provide needed security updates

8. Turn off Bluetooth when you are not using it

Some malicious software can exploit your Bluetooth settings and makain