

## Good VPN article from CNET

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Here is a good writeup about what to look for in a VPN from C-Net -

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-pick-the-right-vpn-now-that-youre-working-from-home/>

With more and more people working form home, having a VPN is going to help out a lot.

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It's nearly complete. You've transformed a corner of your house into your new **coronavirus**-proof home office, you've selected the perfect ergonomic rolling chair and eyestrain-preventive lighting, and now you've decided to shore up the privacy of your home internet -- effectively now your workplace internet -- with a steadfast **virtual private network**.

Whether you're searching for a VPN that will shield sensitive work activity from nosy internet service providers, help you dodge data-snooping websites, or one that'll let you watch Netflix catalogs from different countries -- there are dozens of VPNs to choose from, often with steep price tags, all of which claim to be the best.

Here's how to find the right VPN to fit your particular workspace and avoid getting ripped off. "

The VPN client that I have the most experience with is NordVPN. There are many others and I have a few that I did a write up about -

<http://www.techlibertyblog.com/index.cfm/2017/4/3/Secure-your-Internet-connection-with-a-VPN>

**NordVPN** has a special right now where you can get the VPN service for \$3.29 a month when you sign up for a 2 year service ( \$80.00 for 2 years of service)

Some of the features of NordVPN include:

Their pricing tier (as of 9/2019) is

- **3-year plan: \$3.49 per month, \$125.64 total ( 70% discount)**
- **2-year plan: \$4.99 per month, \$119.76 total ( 58% discount)**
- **1-year plan: \$6.99 per month, \$83.88 total ( 41% discount)**
- **1-month plan: \$11.95 per month, \$11.95 total ( 0% discount)**

Some of their features are:

- Strict no log policy
- Custom software for Windows, OS X, iOS and Android
- Connect up to 6 Devices under one account
- P2P Friendly
- No Bandwidth Limit
- Pay using Bitcoin, PayPal, Credit Cards and more
- 4200+ servers in 62+ countries
- Double VPN for increased anonymity
- IKEv2/IPsec, OpenVPN, PPTP, L2TP, IPSec security protocols offered
- Free proxy list (up to 3000 free proxies)
- Multiple Device Support: iPhone, iPad, Routers, Game Consoles and More
- Multiple OS Support: Win, iOS, OS X, Android, Linux, Blackberry and More
- Shared IP (static/dynamic)
- Dedicated IPs (special price)

- Own DNS servers
- OpenVPN AES-256-SHA
- IKEv2/IPsec (AES-256-GCM / SHA2-384 / PFS 3072-bit)
- Unique SmartPlay feature for added streaming connectivity
- Customer Support (24/7) via Ticket system, Facebook, Twitter or Email
- Convenient server map & custom software
- Kill switch: NordVPN offers an automatic kill switch (it can kill individual processes or kill whole Internet connection)
- NordVPN offers encrypted proxy extensions for Chrome and Firefox browsers
- NordVPN has a CyberSec feature that blocks dangerous websites and lets users avoid annoying ads
- NordVPN will automatically initiate a VPN connection whenever a Wi-Fi network is joined. It can be set up to auto-connect to Nord on both secured and unsecured Wi-Fi networks
- Restricted countries: with the help of obfuscated servers, NordVPN works in countries (China, the Middle East countries) where Internet access is restricted and strong censorship is in place as well as in restricted local networks

**NordVPN** will also work with DD-WRT as I had it installed on my older router.

I use **NordVPN** on my computer and my cellphone, to which I have not had any issues with. I especially like to use it when connecting to unsecure WiFi