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Surf in Stealth Mode

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by John Biggs

The StealthSurfer USB Security system helps you protect your passwords and maintain privacy.

"YOUR COMPUTER MAY BE TRANSMITTING YOUR IP ADDRESS!"

How often have you seen something like that on web pages you visit in the course of your browsing day? Privacy is a huge issue, both at the user and the corporate level, and StealthSurfer, a new hardware/software solution promises to assuage your fears of snoops, creeps, and crackers while you surf the web.



StealthSurfer is not a firewall or a security device, per se. It is a small USB key containing two pieces of software: a proprietary security system that starts up every time you insert the USB key and the Netscape web browser specially configured to dump all of its information, cache, and history files onto the key for easy portability. When you remove the key, the files are re-encrypted on the key, inaccessible to everyone except password holders. The usage model is simple: approach a public Internet kiosk or even a work computer, hit a few websites using the included browser, and pull out the USB key, carrying your cache, your history, and all of your passwords with you.

StealthSurfer does not, unfortunately, include a firewall or any utilities for hiding your IP address or other pertinent information. You can purchase these tools separately and add them to the mix, but it ultimately defeats the purpose. The real goal, obviously, is to allow you to by-pass any local web browsers and use your own, thereby ensuring absolute privacy in your browsing habits. The usage models are well documented in the StealthSurfer's handbook, encouraging users to add extra security to "protect [their] porn and sensitive data." It's not many developers who will put that noble goal on the front page of the manual.

StealthSurfer is an interesting idea that needs a few more additions to become a truly useful surfing tool.

StealthSurfer

Rating: 2.5 stars (out of 5)

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