

Today's Topics

Online Security

New 5G FWA Options

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[Every Step to Simple Online Security](#) (Wirecutter)

1. Always use strong passwords (60 minutes, free to \$36 per year)
2. Set up two-factor authentication (five to 60 minutes, free)
3. Enable automatic updates everywhere (five minutes, free)
4. Easy encryption (five minutes, free)
5. Track or wipe a lost device (five minutes, free)
6. Backups are security, too (five minutes; software is free, but storage drive is \$60 to \$120)
7. Smartphone security basics (five to 30 minutes)
8. Ensure your built-in antivirus is working (five minutes, free)
9. Secure your web browser (five minutes, free)
10. Secure your home network (15 to 30 minutes, free)
11. Send messages and files safely
12. Lock down social media accounts
13. Extra security for financial and health data
14. What to do if you think you've been hacked
15. Secure small gadgets and smart-home devices
16. Maintain privacy at international borders and protests
17. Securely sell or donate old electronics
18. Digital security for online dating and sexting

[Simple Online Security for Social Media Accounts](#) (Wirecutter)

- **Facebook:** Facebook's privacy controls tend to move around a lot, but the company offers a [Privacy Checkup tool](#) where you can go through and see what you're sharing and with whom you're sharing it.
- **Instagram:** Like Facebook, Instagram has a robust set of [privacy controls](#), though it doesn't have the same handy checkup tool. [The Verge has a detailed guide](#) to the settings that are worth changing, including some less obvious options like disabling the Similar Account Suggestions toggle, which stops Instagram from suggesting your account to other users.
- **Google:** Like Facebook, Google offers [privacy controls](#) that are so complex, they require a [checkup tool](#). The tool can guide you through disabling ad personalization as well as turning off some of Google's abundant data collection, including search history, YouTube watch history, location history, and more. We suggest paying special attention to the Google Photos options, as well as any settings that involve what others can see about you (like [your profile](#), which shows up in many places, such as Google Maps reviews) and [any third-party apps](#) that have access to your data.
- **Microsoft:** You might not realize it, but Microsoft collects [data about you](#), ranging from your [general Windows privacy](#) settings to who can see your [Skype profile](#). You should go through all of the privacy settings for any Microsoft products you use.
- **Apple:** Apple accounts don't have many public-facing features, which means you don't need to do much in relation to account privacy (most of Apple's [privacy controls](#) are for third-party apps). But if you've ever shared an iCloud account with someone, check that you're not [sharing photos](#) or [your location](#) unintentionally. You can [opt out of personalized ads](#), too.
- **Twitter:** Twitter's [privacy settings](#) are relatively limited compared with those of other social networks, but you can tweak some settings, such as how Twitter tracks you outside of Twitter and who can private-message you.

- **TikTok:** TikTok's [privacy settings](#) allow you to restrict who can see your profile, who can comment, and who can see what videos you've liked. You can also [disable ad personalization](#).
- **LinkedIn:** Since LinkedIn is built for work, you might not think much about privacy on that platform, but it has [several privacy options](#) related to visibility, who can message you, and more. LinkedIn also has an [entire section](#) on how it uses the data it collects about you, including your search history, your demographics, and whether the company can use that data for research. Most of these options are on by default. If you don't [opt out of personalized ads](#), the company can leverage your work history, demographics, and education for advertisers.
- **Snapchat:** By default, Snapchat's [privacy settings](#) limit your account to friends-only, but check the other options, especially the location-related setting, to confirm that you're not leaking any more data than you intend to. As on other social networks, you can also [opt out](#) of personalized ads.

Although the big social media platforms are the best jumping-off point in this regard, consider poking around the settings of any other apps you use with social components, including [health and fitness](#) software and any [smart-home devices you own](#).

[How To Recover Your Hacked Email or Social Media Account](#) (FTC)

Excellent advice on regaining control of a hacked account, how to keep it from happening again.

New 5G Fixed Wireless Access Option

[T-Mobile's 5G Home Internet footprint is getting a lot bigger with a data capped version](#)
(Fierce Wireless)

Like Verizon, T-Mobile uses the same network to serve new FWA customers as it uses to serve its millions of well-established mobile customers, which is one of the reasons it's so economical for the operators. But T-Mobile can't serve all of them all the time with unlimited data.

T-Mobile has to say "no" to thousands of requests every single month because it doesn't have the capacity to accommodate everyone who wants it.

For homes that aren't eligible for the unlimited version, T-Mobile is now offering a plan with a bucket that starts at \$50 a month for 100 gigabytes of data.

It comes with a free internet gateway, which is the same as the one that comes with the unlimited plan, so as circumstances change, they can move customers to unlimited when that's available at their address.

Why 100 gigabytes? Looking at its own customers' data usage and external surveys, T-Mobile found that about 26% of U.S. broadband consumers use less than 100 gigabytes per month. Those kinds of users are perfect for this kind of product. That supports about 140 hours of SD streaming, 3 hours of Zoom calls per day and "thousands of hours" of general web browsing and checking of email.

"We really believe that this is our next bold step to connect more people, and it will give us millions more homes so that consumers can access the internet without all that traditional ISP BS" – Kaley Gagnon, VP of marketing at T-Mobile

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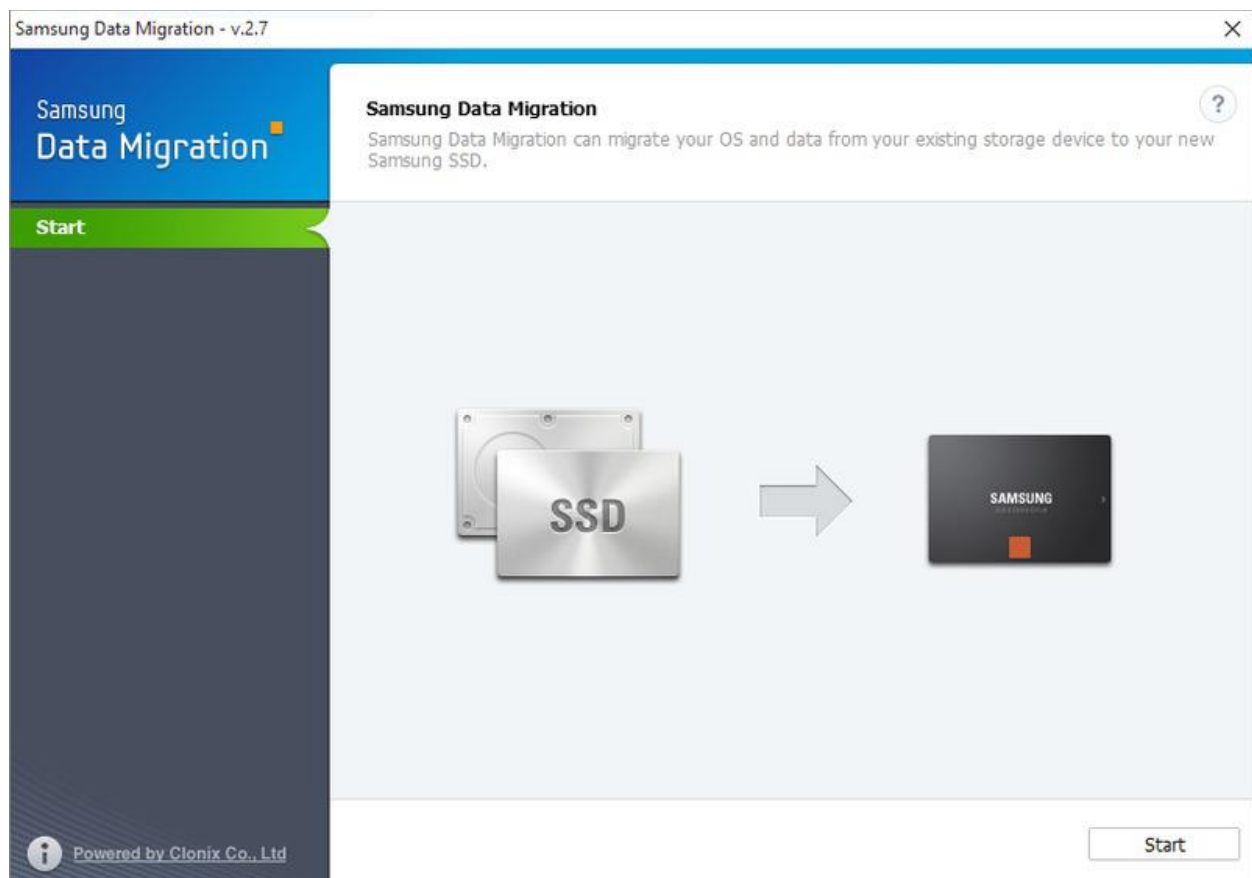
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Supplemental Reading

[What Is 5G, and Does It Actually Make a Difference?](#) (Wirecutter)

[T-Mobile expands 5G fixed wireless across three more states](#)