



Pixel VPN remains as Google One VPN discontinues its service

Description

Google to Shut Down One VPN Service

In a surprising announcement, Google has stated it will be discontinuing the virtual private network (VPN) services offered under Google One later this year. This decision follows Google's realization that the VPN function was remarkably underused.

Back in 2020, Google One launched its VPN service, providing enhanced security to users' Android phones. An elaborate white paper encapsulating the functioning of the VPN was published, showcasing the impeccable security enhanced by Google's newly introduced service. An independent audit of the scheme by a third party further endorsed Google One VPN's credibility, encouraging potential users to leverage its benefits.

Originally, only the premium subscribers of Google One could avail the services of Google One VPN for \$9.99 per month. However, in a beneficial move in 2023, the service was made available to users on the \$1.99/month plan, expanding its user base.

The VPN system, which is available in Google One apps across platforms, will however be discontinued as Google found people were scarcely using the feature. The shuttering of the VPN allows the tech giant to redirect resources to support other features with high-demand within Google One.

With the changing dynamics, the Google One VPN users will be guided towards alternate third-party VPN services. It is important to note that this does not affect the complimentary Pixel VPN introduced with the Pixel 7 series in 2022, which will remain operational as previously planned. Existing Pixel owners, especially those who own Pixel 7, 7 Pro, 7a, and Fold, will experience an upgrade in June, transferring from using the One app to an in-built service. Meanwhile, the VPN offered with Google Fi also remains untouched.

Google's move to axe the VPN service follows other changes, such as making AI editing tools in Google Photos free and spinning off the unlimited Magic Editor feature as a separate subscription service. As technology evolves and user needs change, companies must adapt to keep up, and Google's move seems to reflect this philosophy.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Discontinuing** // (verb): To cease the supply or operation of something.
2. **Underused** // (adjective): Not used to the full potential or extent.
3. **Enhanced** // (adjective): Improved or increased in quality or value.
4. **Impeccable** // (adjective): Flawless or faultless.
5. **Credibility** // (noun): The quality of being trusted and believed in.



6. **Subscriber** // (noun): A person who pays money to receive regular copies of a product or service.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe the act of stopping a product or service?
Option: Enhanced
Option: Discontinuing
Option: Subscriber
Option: Lossless
2. Who is considered as someone who pays for a service regularly?
Option: Credibility
Option: Subscriber
Option: Decommissioning
Option: Malicious
3. What term refers to a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern?
Option: Spectacle
Option: Subscription
Option: Constellation
Option: Ecosystem
4. What term relates to the features or abilities of a particular system or product?
Option: Underused
Option: Capabilities
Option: Lossless
Option: Retired
5. Which term can mean putting something back together after it was taken apart?
Option: Reassembled
Option: Indefinite
Option: Lamenting
Option: Platforming
6. What is the name of the marine reptile that lived during the Mesozoic era?



- Option: Amateur
- Option: Meteor
- Option: Ichthyosaur
- Option: Malicious

7. Which word describes something that has been improved or made better?

- Option: Enhanced
- Option: Stargazers
- Option: Shower
- Option: Curating

8. What celestial event typically results in a bright streak of light in the sky?

- Option: Capabilities
- Option: Lamenting
- Option: Meteor
- Option: Ecosystem

9. What term is used to describe items or signals that point to a particular situation or trend?

- Option: Subscriber
- Option: Package
- Option: Indicators
- Option: Decommissioning

10. Which term refers to the process of shutting down or retiring a system or service?

- Option: Decommissioning
- Option: Amateur
- Option: Malicious
- Option: Enhanced

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A _____ is a person who receives or pays for a service regularly.

12. The _____ of a source is crucial when evaluating its reliability.

13. The fireworks display was a breathtaking _____ in the night sky.

14. The Amazon rainforest is a complex and diverse _____.

15. The new compression technology promises _____ audio quality.



16. The subscription includes a comprehensive software _____.
17. An _____ astronomer discovered a new comet in the night sky.
18. The timeline for the project is still _____ due to unforeseen delays.
19. The virus was identified as a _____ attempt to harm computer systems.
20. The company is actively _____ its products to reach a wider audience.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Astronomy enthusiasts who observe the night sky with telescopes and binoculars.
22. A celestial event where numerous meteors appear to originate from a single point in the sky.
23. Pieces of rock or metal that enter the Earth's atmosphere from space.
24. The quality of being trusted and believed in.
25. Someone who receives or pays for a service regularly.
26. Improved or increased in quality value or performance.
27. A collection of related items or services sold together.
28. Refers to data compression that allows the original data to be perfectly reconstructed from the compressed data.
29. The features or abilities of a particular system or product.
30. Items or signals that point to a particular situation or trend.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Discontinuing 2. Subscriber 3. Constellation 4. Capabilities 5. Reassembled 6. Ichthyosaur
7. Enhanced 8. Meteor 9. Indicators 10. Decommissioning

Gap-Fill: 11. Subscriber 12. Credibility 13. Spectacle 14. Ecosystem 15. Lossless 16. Package 17. Amateur
18. Indefinite 19. Malicious 20. Platforming

Matching sentence: 1. Stargazers 2. Shower 3. Debris 4. Credibility 5. Subscriber 6. Enhanced 7. Package
8. Lossless 9. Capabilities 10. Indicators



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