

Short Biography of Rolf Wendolsky

Rolf Wendolsky started as an IT security researcher at the University of Regensburg. In 2004, he became the new lead developer in the AN.ON project. This open source research project aimed to provide strong anonymity for Internet users. Rolf Wendolsky held talks in some IT security conferences and is author and co-author of several scientific papers in the area of anonymous communication.



In 2006, the public funding for the AN.ON project run out. As future development and operation of the system was in danger, Rolf Wendolsky and his friend decided to add commercial functions to the free software, so that commercial revenues could finance the project in the future. As a result, and with the support of the former project leaders, the Technical University of Dresden, the University of Regensburg, the Independent Center for Privacy protection Schleswig Holstein, and - not to forget - the users of the AN.ON system, the company JonDos was founded in march 2007. Since the public launch of the commercial System in July 2007, the company constantly grows.

Besides "normal business", Rolf Wendolsky is still one of the lead developers of the project, now called "JonDonym". Besides IP anonymization, he now also sets a strong focus on client-side web security, as this is an often underestimated attack vector on the Internet surfer's privacy. With the Firefox profile JonDoFox, the JonDos company releases a free and open source web browser profile which provides enhanced client-side security features, and which is moreover compatible with all known anonymization services.