Heresy in the Church of Anonymity

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Why should !?

- Required to by law
 - Some anonymity better than none
- Deployment
 - Law enforcers run nodes,
 - or pay inependent operators
- Easier to sell socially
- Public/free service
 - Finally: USERS!



Requirements

- Don't change the attacker/trust model
- Pure retrival stays anonymous
- Transmissions recoverable
 - Clear regulations on recovery
 - Judge signed warrant
- Logs unavoidable?
 - Yes, but not centralized.



Transport

- Tag message at first Mix
 - E.g. IP Number
- Encrypt tag at every Mix

 (while the message gets decrypted)
- At last Mix
 - If retreiving forget tag
 - If transmitting send tag along and forget
- Receiver
 - Standard log entry

Recovery

- Show me a warrant and the tag
- I'll show you some decrypted bits (no keys)
- Go to previous Mix.
- Finally recover the tag.



Tons of Problems

- Distinguishing retrival / transmission
 - -SSL
- No message logs but key logs
 - Warrant for the keys?
 - Key decay
- Make tag small enough to fit in log lines
- Special requirements for first / last Mix
 - Have it anyway
- Where's the big catch?