Corporate Watch

MODULE 1:

RESEARCHING SECURELY

WHY IS SECURITY IMPORTANT?

▸ State repression

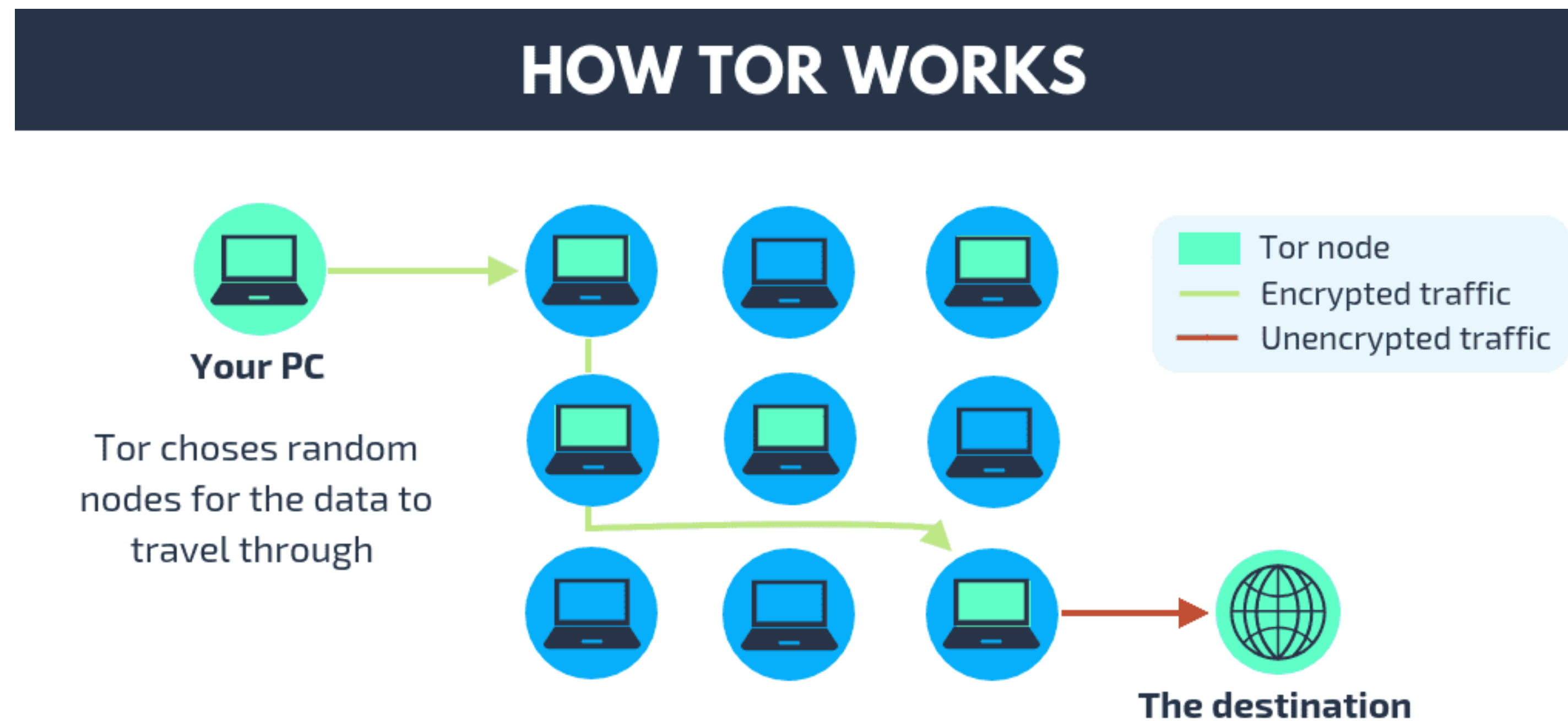▸ Corporate repression

▸ Privacy and corporate
surveillance

IMPLEMENTING BETTER SECURITY PRACTICES

▸ Always a tension between practicality, accessibility and security.

▸ Security is not just digital or computer security.

▸ Humans are by far the biggest security risk.

▸ Assume that nothing is secure and everything is read.

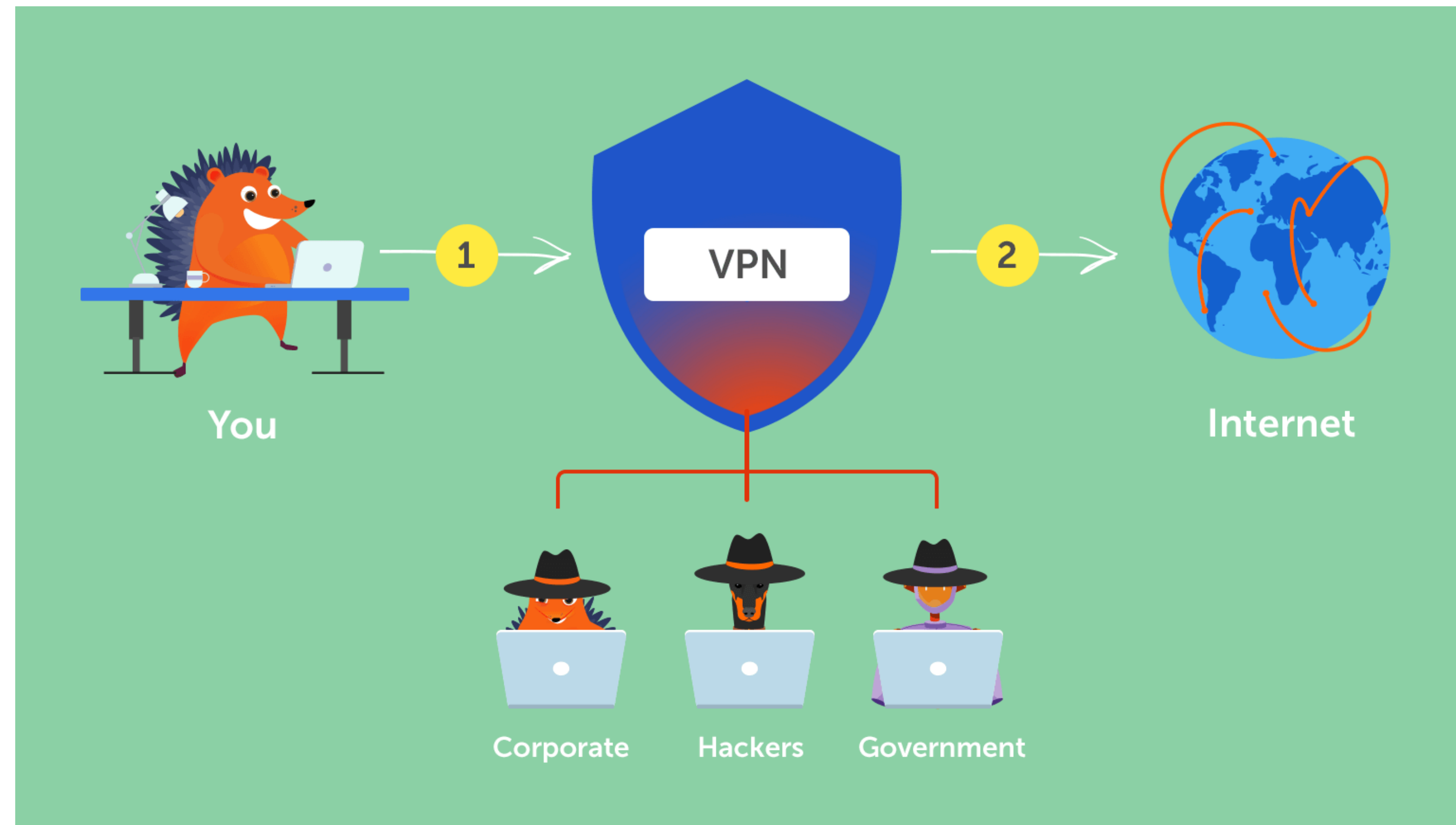▸ Think in advance about worst-case scenarios e.g. losing your phone, being arrested, a corporation suing you.

SAFER WEB BROWSING

▸ Tor Browser: https://www.torproject.org/download/

HOW TOR WORKS

Your PC

Tor choses random
nodes for the data to
travel through

Tor node
Encrypted traffic
Unencrypted traffic

The destination

VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS

▸ Recommended - Mullvad VPN, Tunnelblick.

EMAILS & MESSAGING

‣ Use Signal for messages as an alternative to WhatsApp.

‣ Avoid corporate emails such as gmail, Microsoft etc.

‣ Ideally use encrypted email e.g. PGP, Proton mail.

‣ If not, a project run by people who will not sell your data or give it to the authorities e.g. riseup, may first.

SECURITY TIPS – BASICS

▸ Use strong passwords e.g. Dice passwords.

▸ Install Firewall and virus checker on your computer.

▸ Use alternatives to Google e.g. Duckduckgo, Startpage.

▸ Use private browsing.

▸ Always log out of social media and your google account when browsing.

▸ Regularly clear your web cache (cookies etc).

SECURITY TIPS – ADVANCED

▸ Use open source applications as alternatives to google and corporate software e.g. Linux, Crabgrass.

▸ Encrypt your phone.

▸ Encrypt your computer.

▸ Use TAILS operating system.

▸ Have as many items 'self-hosted' as possible.

DIGITAL SECURITY RESOURCES

▸ Surveillance Self Defence Guide – Electronic Frontier Foundation - https://ssd.eff.org

▸ Better Web Browsing Guide, Rise Up - https://riseup.net/en/security/networksecurity/better-web-browsing

▸ Security in a Box - https://securityinabox.org/en/