List of apps, softwares and online services

Not exhaustive list but proven, mostly in Europe and under GDPR or equivalent, some are American but advocate respect for private life and data.

Browsers

Replace tracking browser by respectful ones

Windows and Android:

- Opera (Norway) is fast, has an integrated VPN, ad-blockers and security plugins >> link
- Firefox (USA mainly) still the most reliable today, the software is based on volunteer contributors and donations >>link
- Brave (USA) private life oriented >>link

Apple & IOS:

- Opera (Norway) is fast, has an integrated VPN, ad-blockers and security plugins >> link
- Brave (USA) private life oriented >>link

Search engines

Replace search Engines like Google and Bing. Note that Google will be replaced by its IA Gemini soon.

- Qwant (France): no data collected, has a specific edition for children >>link
- Ecosia (Germany): involved in environment protection, no data collected >>link
- **DuckDuckGo** (USA): no filtered search engine, no data collected >>link
- Tor Browser: Tor is a browser without any filter that allows you to access content without any moderation, good or not. Much of the content distributed by whistleblowers is accessible via Tor, such as content published in .onion. Do not let children use it. >>link

Email

Replace Gmail, Hotmail and Yahou! Mail

Free:

- Tuta Mail (Germany), >>link
- Proton Mail (Switzerland) >>link
- My KSuite (Switzerland) >>link
- Murena (France) >>link
- Mailfence (Belgium) >>link

Paid:

Mailbox (Germany), payment of 36€/ year for 5 mails, drives and tools >>link

Photos and reals sharing

Replace Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest

Free:

- Pixelfed (Canada), photos and real (short videos) live or uploaded, App et WebApp
 >>link
- BeReal. (France), photos and real (short videos) live only, App only
 >link
- Flickr (Canada), free with adds for 1000 photos, paid for unlimited and no Adds, 72€/year
 >>link

Videos sharing

Replace youtube

Free:

- PeerTube (France), created by Framesoft, free software organisation, PeerTube is
 decentralised. You will have to join an existing instance or create your own if you have the
 needed space. Compatible Fediverse. Explanation and subscription: >>link
- **Vimeo** (USA), free version with 5 Gb space, free accounts might be suppressed automotically if not used during one year.

paid : Vimeo (USA) for professionals
>>link

Instant messaging

Replace WhatsApp, Snapchat et Messenger

Free:

• Signal (USA), consortium of data activists for private life protection, Apps >>link

Paid:

Threema (Switzerland), payment of 6€ only once, Apps and Web >>link

Data storage, Drives

Replace Google Drive for private data storage (photos, video, documents,...)

Free:

- My KSuite by Infomaniak (Switzerland), limited to 15 Gb, Web and Apps >>link
- Murena Suite (France), limited to 1 Gb, Web and Apps >>link

Paid:

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- My KSuite by Infomaniak (Switzerland), 1 To, 20€/year included in a suite, Web et Apps
- Mailbox Suite (Germany), included the the Standard suite, limited to 5 Gb, Web based >>link
- Proton Suite (Switzerland), begining at 500 Gb, Web and Apps >>link
- Tuta Suite (Germany), limited to 2 Gb in the Basic offer, Web and Apps >>link

News feed

Replace Elon Musk's X, and mMeta's Threads

Free:

- Mastodon (Germany), Web and Apps >>link
- Plemora, free microblog soft on the fediverse, join an instance or create your own serveur
 >>link
- BlueSky (USA), Web and Apps >>link

Calendar

Replace Google Calendar and similar products

Free:

- My KSuite by Infomaniak (Switzerland), Web and Apps >>link
- Murena Suite (France), Web and Apps >>link
- Tuta Calendar (Germany), Web and Apps >>link

Paid:

- Mailbox Suite (Germany), Web based >>link
- Proton Suite (Switzerland), Web and Apps >>link

Maps

Replace Google Maps and Waze (owned by Google).

Free:

- Organic Maps (Estonia) based on OpenStreet, no traffic info >>link
- osmAnd (Nederlands) light version on GooglePlay, full on F-Droid, no traffic info >>link
- TomTom amiGO (Nederlands), Apps >>link

Paid:

• TomTom Go Navigation (Nederlands), Apps >>link

Videoconference

Replace Google Meet, alternatives to Zoom and Teams time limited

- Free: My KSuite (Switzerland), no necessary account for invited people, Web and Apps >>link
- Paid: Mailbox (Germany), included in the Standard offer, Web based >>link

Files Transfer

• FreeSwissTransfer (Switzerland): limited to 50 Gb for free transfer >>link

Translation

Replace automated translators like Google and Bing

- Deepl (Germany) most used and proven, Web and Apps >>link
- Reverso (France): contextual variations suggestions, Web and Apps >>link



Replace approximative AI as ChatGTP, Gemini, Grok, etc

 Mistral (France) free plan for personnal use, about 72€/ year for students and 180€ for professionnals for Pro version >>link

Marketplaces

Replace Amazon

- Rakuten (Japan) Rakuten does not sell it's own product, it is a global marketplaces with a lot of reliable partners and cashback system, available in Germany, Spain and France >>link
- **Pixmania** (France), only available in Europe for smatphones and computers, Pixamania has its own reconditioning teams in Europe >>link

Photo/video Gallery

Replace the pre-installed Gallery on Android

Free:

- Simple Galerie Pro (Open Source), the most relible on PlayStore.
- Others free Apps on F-Droid, explanation: >>link

Passwords manager

Replace passwords lockers automated from GoogleAndroid and Apple/IOS.

Free:

- Murena Suite (France), Web ans Apps >>link
- Proton Suite (Switzerland), Web et Apps >>link

Paid with more features: Proton Suite (Switzerland), Web et Apps >>link

Survey

Replace Google Sheets

Free: LimeSurvey (Open Source international), Web based >>link

Word processing, spreadsheet and slide show (MS Office compatible)

Remplace Google Sheets, MS Office

Free:

- OpenOffice (Open Source, international), Web and Apps >>link
- OnlyOffice (Latvia) free for personnal use (available with Murena Suit), paid for professional
 use, Web and Apps >>link

Apps Store

Replace Play Store imposed on Android, AppleStore

Android:

- **F-Droid** displays all Apps free, secured and privacy-friendly. *F-Droid is to be downloaded and install manually. Download, click on the .apk file, authorised the installation* >>link
- Aurora Store provides a secured access to PlayStore Apps availble for free. >>link

IOS:

 AltStore is the only alternative store available on Iphone and Ipad. Free apps can be downloaded there >>link

Domotic

Replace Google Home, Amazon Echo and Apple HomePod

Connected objects at home (IoT), a time to get used to these tools is needed.

- **Domoticz** (Open Source), free, Apps & Web_>>link
- OPenHAB (Open Source), free, Apps & Web >>link

Android alternative suite

A suite to replace most of pre-installed Google Apps on Android

• **Simple Mobile Tool** (Open Source), good suite for most of Android Apps 0,79€ par Apps available on PlayStore, *since 2016*. >>link