Anonymous Email — Demo Notes

Double Click February 2025 Meeting

=====

Background articles about anonymous email with provider recommendations

"An email aliasing service allows you to easily generate a new email address for every website you register for. The email aliases you generate are then forwarded to an email address of your choosing, hiding both your "main" email address and the identity of your email provider...."

https://www.privacyguides.org/en/email-aliasing/

"Email aliasing services allow you to create unique, random email address for each situation where you would need a functional email address - signing up for a website, subscribing to a newsletter, etc - and have them forward to your true inbox...."

https://thenewoil.org/en/guides/moderately-important/email-aliasing/

"Email aliasing is one of the most underrated privacy techniques that has yet to go mainstream. For the privacy-conscious user, it offers a degree of separation between all your accounts, making it harder for data brokers to correlate your various accounts across different services by not using the same email address to sign up...."

https://blog.thenewoil.org/the-best-email-aliasing-providers-in-2024

Recommended providers of anonymous email addresses

There are two highly regarded providers that I've used for the creation and management of anonymous emails addresses: Addy.io and SimpleLogin. Both offer free and paid plans.

Note that SimpleLogin is now a part of ProtonMail. Thus, a paid subscription to ProtonMail includes "premium" access to SimpleLogin.

addy.io

home page:

https://addy.io

pricing:

https://addy.io/#pricing

FAQ (extensive):

https://addy.io/faq/

SimpleLogin

home page:

https://simplelogin.io

pricing:

https://simplelogin.io/pricing/

FAQ:

https://simplelogin.io/faq/

Apple's Hide My Email

Apple offers their own anonymous email service, Hide My Email.

Hide My Email is part of Apple's iCloud+ service, which costs \$0.99 per month at its lowest pricing tier.

iCloud+

https://support.apple.com/guide/icloud/icloud-overview-mmfc854d9604/1.0/icloud/1.0

Hide My Email

https://support.apple.com/guide/icloud/what-you-can-do-with-icloud-and-hide-my-email-mme38e1602db/1.0/icloud/1.0

Article about Hide My Email

https://www.simplymac.com/ios/apples-hide-my-email-feature

=====

Caveat

Some websites disallow use of what they consider to be anonymous ("temporary") email addresses. Apple's Hide My Email is probably less prone to this potential problem.