Basically, you are very well protected with the use of a VPN service. We nevertheless advise countermeasures against IP Leaks due to **WebRTC** (Web Real-Time Communication). You can see if you are vulnerable from this problem with our [WebRTC Leak check](#).

### IP Leak

In conjunction with WebRTC, private IP addresses can be read out via JavaScript via a VPN connection. The example Firefox Hello closes computers behind a firewall and with private IP addresses. Therefore, a website with JavaScript can ask a STUN server for the actual IP address. As a result, anonymisation services no longer fulfill their purpose and can no longer provide protection against an IP leak.

### Countermeasures

There are two approaches to protecting against an IP leak. One option in **Chrome** is to install **WebRTC Leak Prevent** add-ons / plugins to manage potential IP leaks. Also available since the end of 2016 is the extension **Easy WebRTC Block**, which also exists in a version for **Opera**.

The other option is to change the settings in the browser.

In **Firefox**, about: config can set the value `media.peerconnection.enabled` to false, which prevents an IP leak.

Prevent IP Leak through WebRTC

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