

Pain points

- The ongoing shutdown makes it extremely difficult to source circumvention tools.
- Felix cannot download Tor, and so a friend shares an older version of the app over bluetooth.
- Since data is expensive, even free circumvention tools like Tor incur a cost.
- Felix's ISP is throttling Youtube and Facebook.

Pronouns

Role

Location

Languages



A He/Him



Online Teacher

Bamenda, Cameroon

English, French

Felix, the determined teacher

Authorities in Cameroon have blocked access to social media and messaging apps for months in an attempt to quell criticism of the government in anglophone regions of the country – beginning what will become one of the longest internet censorship events in history. Felix relies heavily on messaging platforms to distribute coursework and teach his students. Without free and open access to the internet, his livelihood is under threat.

Due to the price of data even free circumvention tools incur a cost – leading Felix and his peers to share apps via bluetooth instead. However slow internet speeds have rendered VPNs unreliable, and Felix must find a solution that works for both him and his students.

Motivation

Felix wants to upload teaching materials and continue to facilitate lessons despite the government's internet shutdown.

