

Moxie Marlinspike

Moxie Marlinspike is a world-renowned hacker using this fake name but is obsessed with our privacy. He built an application called “signal” that makes encryption easy to use, his tech is also used by another application “whatsapp” the messaging service owned by Facebook. Moxie Marlinspike won't tell you his name or where he's from, but everyone from U.S. Intelligence officials to Edward Snowden looks to what he'll say on one topic: encryption. With regards to his app Signal and the end-to-end encryption, it brought to users made it harder for law enforcement to solve cases that involved this messaging system.

Most recently Moxie has taken to Twitter to tell Ukrainians that the app that they use and love isn't truly encrypted, bringing knowledge to those that may not know the company that makes the app owns the keys that can unlock their messages at any time. Due to Ukrainians having family in Russia, Russians could be able to leverage family safety for access to certain things. Signals use has spiked since the war in Ukraine due to those worries of Russians spying on them.

Since Moxie has stepped down from being CEO of Signal there is no true indication of what his next move will be within the tech world only hints of possible NFT experiments via his blog. Signal was established as a nonprofit so they aren't supported by advertising or app sales, just donations.

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