Deal with Tor Launcher potentially disappearing entirely

11/08/2019 06:12 PM - intrigeri

Status: Confirmed
Priority: Normal
Assignee: anonym
Category:
Target version:
Feature Branch:
Type of work: Communicate
Blueprint:

Start date:
Due date:
% Done: 0%
Estimated time: 0.00 hour
Spent time: 0.00 hour
Starter:
Affected tool: Browser

Description

https://trac.torproject.org/projects/tor/ticket/31286#comment:42 reads "Once tor-launcher is gone and its functionality has been completely integrated into Tor Browser (9.5?) […]". It's not clear to me if it was already decided this would be the case, or not. That ticket has a bunch of discussion, ideas, and mockups on this topic.

We should get in touch with the Tor Browser team ASAP to learn what their plans are: if Tor Launcher disappears for real, we'll need to Do Something About It™, which will likely not be cheap.

Relevant past discussion on this topic: https://trac.torproject.org/projects/tor/ticket/30473

Related issues:
- Related to Tails - Bug #15709: Deal with Tor Launcher being integrated into Tor Browser 9.0 and Firefox 68esr possibly removing support for XUL/XPCOM extensions added
- Related to Feature #15144: Consider migrating from Tor Launcher to anon-connection-wizard added
- Blocks Tails - Feature #16209: Core work: Foundations Team

History

#1 - 11/08/2019 06:13 PM - intrigeri
- Blocks Feature #16209: Core work: Foundations Team added

#2 - 11/08/2019 06:13 PM - intrigeri
- Related to Bug #15709: Deal with Tor Launcher being integrated into Tor Browser 9.0 and Firefox 68esr possibly removing support for XUL/XPCOM extensions added
- Related to Tails - Feature #15144: Consider migrating from Tor Launcher to anon-connection-wizard added

#3 - 11/08/2019 06:13 PM - intrigeri
- Description updated

#4 - 11/08/2019 06:14 PM - intrigeri
- Related to Feature #15144: Consider migrating from Tor Launcher to anon-connection-wizard added

#5 - 12/13/2019 03:34 PM - intrigeri
- Target version changed from Tails_4.2 to Tails_4.3

#6 - 02/11/2020 03:26 PM - anonym
- Target version changed from Tails_4.3 to Tails_4.4

#7 - 03/12/2020 09:56 AM - CyrilBrulebois
- Target version changed from Tails_4.4 to Tails_4.5

#8 - 03/15/2020 05:55 PM - intrigeri
- Priority changed from Elevated to High
- Target version deleted (Tails_4.5)

(As per the FT's policy on what "Target version" means for us.)

#9 - 04/06/2020 02:48 PM - anonym
- Assignee set to anonym

#10 - 05/08/2020 09:37 AM - anonym
After a meeting with the Tor Browser devs we have learned: Tor Launcher will not go anywhere during the upcoming 9.5.x cycle, so we can forget this until they start thinking about the 10.x cycle when 9.5.x has been released (September 2020).

#11 - 05/08/2020 05:47 PM - sajolida
Oh yeah! Thanks a lot @anonym for getting in touch with Tor and investigating all this well in advance :)

#12 - 05/12/2020 01:12 PM - intrigeri
- Priority changed from High to Normal

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Thank you for gathering this info and reporting back.
That's not urgent anymore so I'm downgrading priority accordingly :)

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