Mobile Martus
for Android

Mobile Martus Introduction

Mobile Martus is a secure, Android-based mobile documentation application built on Benetech's Martus technology, which allows users anywhere in the world to securely gather and organize information about human rights violations.
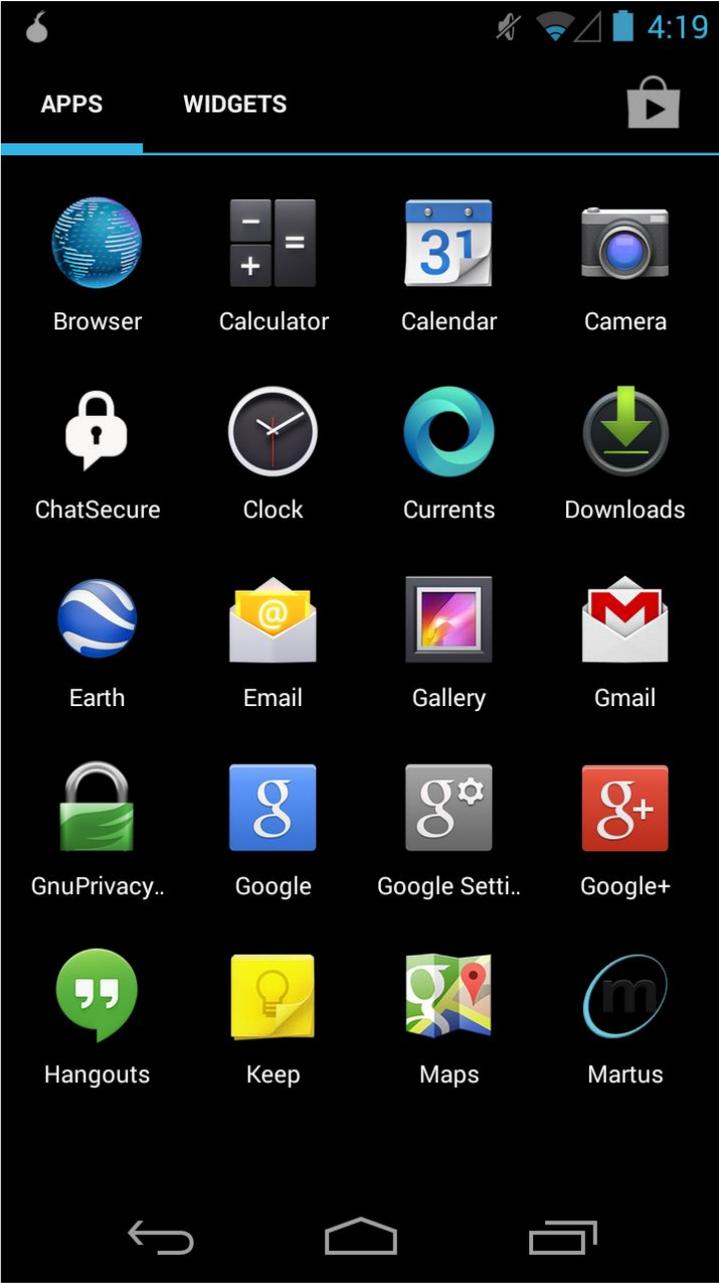
The Mobile Martus application allows users to send crucial data from the field—text, photographs, audio and video—to the Martus network of secure servers. The data is automatically encrypted on the mobile phone or other mobile device, and when being sent to the server, so it is protected in case the device is lost, stolen or confiscated. A user—or someone they designate—can later retrieve their data, and can search, analyze and report on the information, using the Martus Desktop Client software on their computer.

Mobile Martus Functionality

Mobile users can create bulletins with *Title* and *Summary* fields and attachments of any type (e.g. photos, video, audio or text notes). The bulletins are encrypted and sent to a Martus server (with an option to use Tor), to be retrieved by a Martus Desktop account for further editing, reporting or sharing with others.

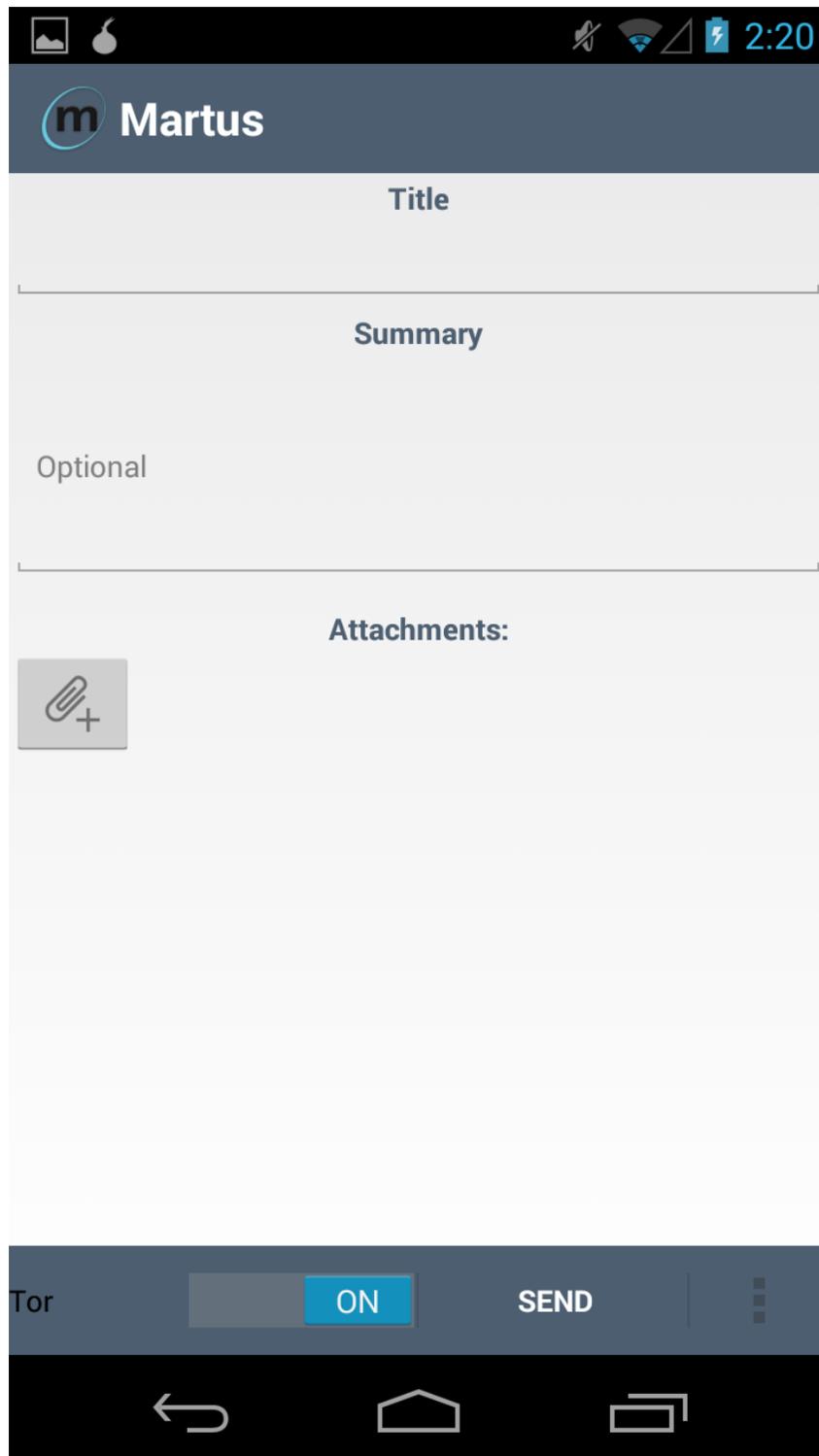Users can choose the "Martus" icon to send a file to Martus (as a bulletin attachment) via the "Send To" (or "Share") option in many third party apps. For example, users can take a photo or video or record audio and send the media file to Martus from within the default gallery or media player app.

The Martus app can be put on your home screen or found with your phone's other applications.
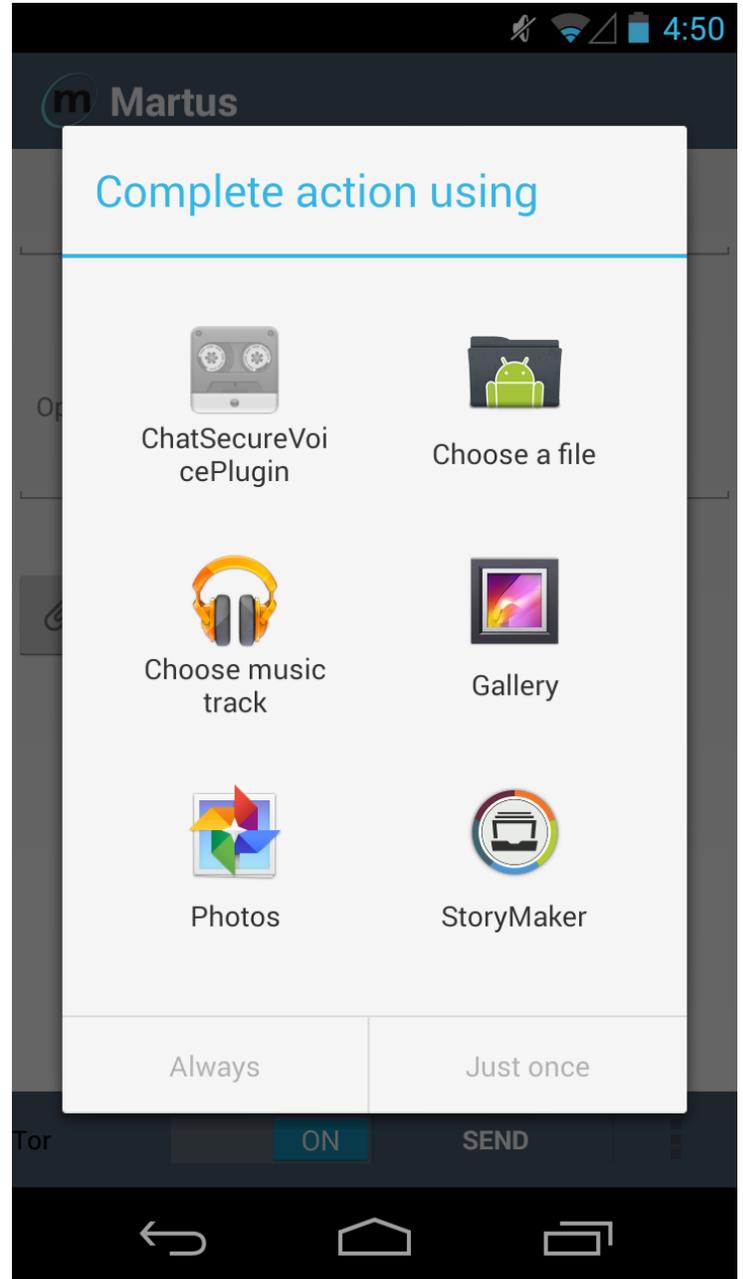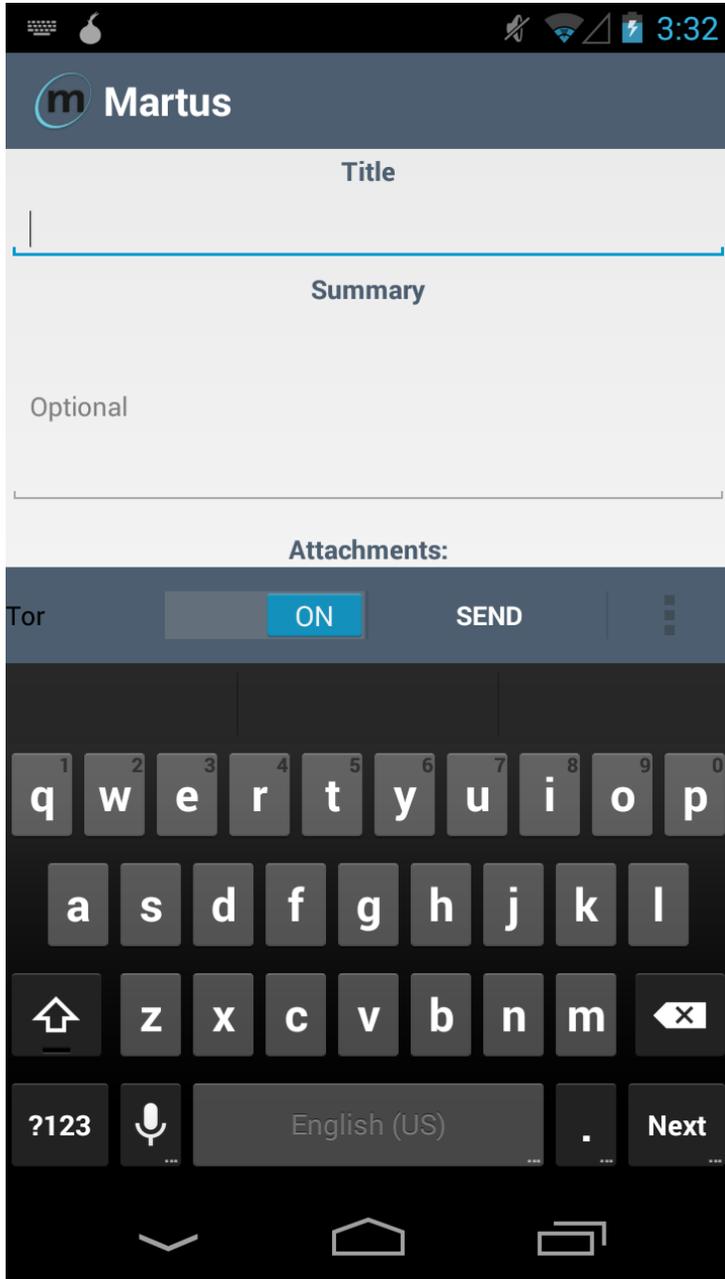

After your mobile Martus account is setup (including setting up a connection to a Martus server and a receiving Martus desktop account – a Contact), you must login with a password each time you start the Martus app.
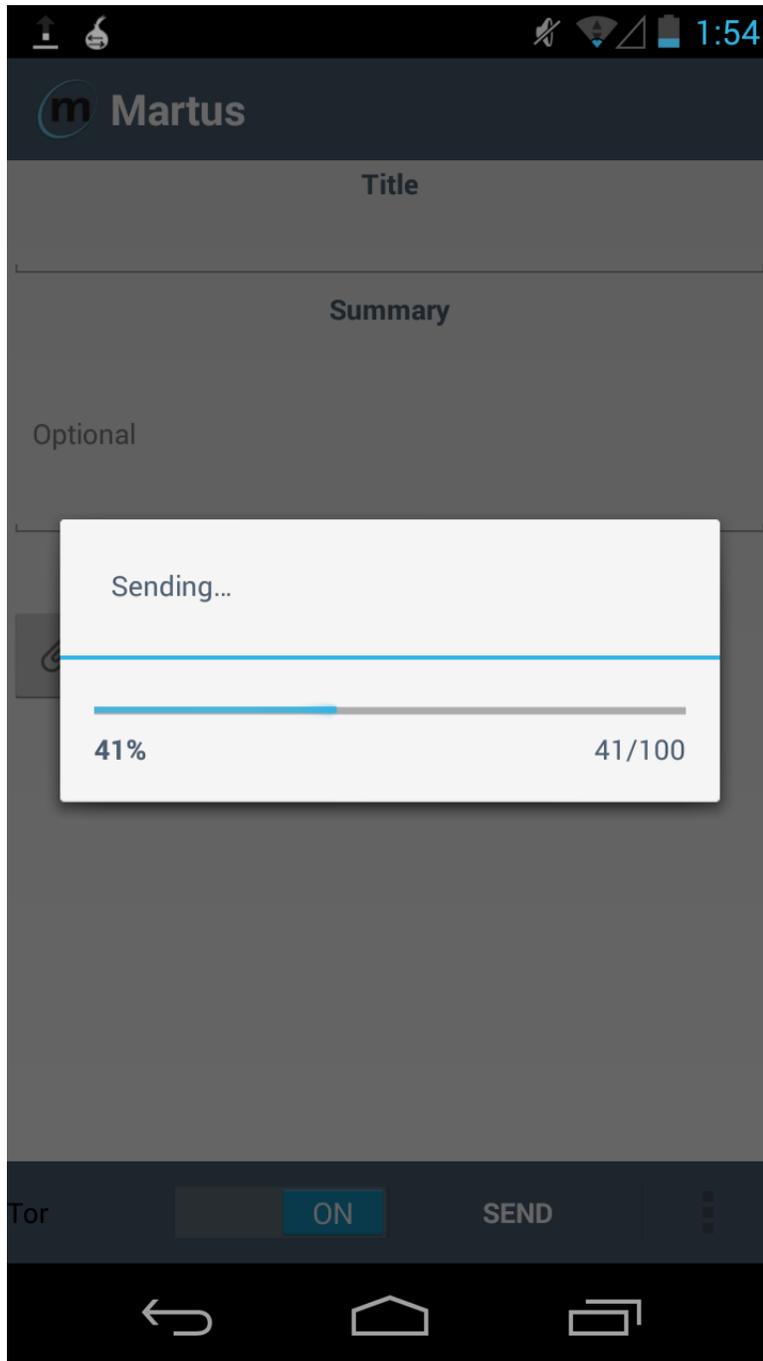
The main Martus screen allows you to create bulletins, select if you want to use Tor, and set various menu and settings options.

You can enter text as well as choosing attachments of any type on your phone.

Text and attachments in the Martus bulletin are encrypted before sending to the Martus server.

Alternately, you can "Send to Martus" directly from most other applications on your phone.

Below is an example of sending a photo to Martus from your Gallery.