PROFESSIONAL ISSUES
Setting the Agenda

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No man is an island…

- The social, economic, moral, and legal frameworks that shape the software ecosystem.

- Architectures, operating systems, programming languages, applications, companies and individuals rise and fall.

- Society guarantees some rights, and imposes many responsibilities and obligations.

- Non-technical forces will play a role in shaping what you can achieve.

- To understand some of these forces may be helpful.

Government and Law

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1.1 WHAT IS THE LAW?
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5.3 SOURCES OF FINANCE
5.4 GEARING

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6.3 THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
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7.5 CASH FLOW FORECAST

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8.5 PITFALLS OF DCF

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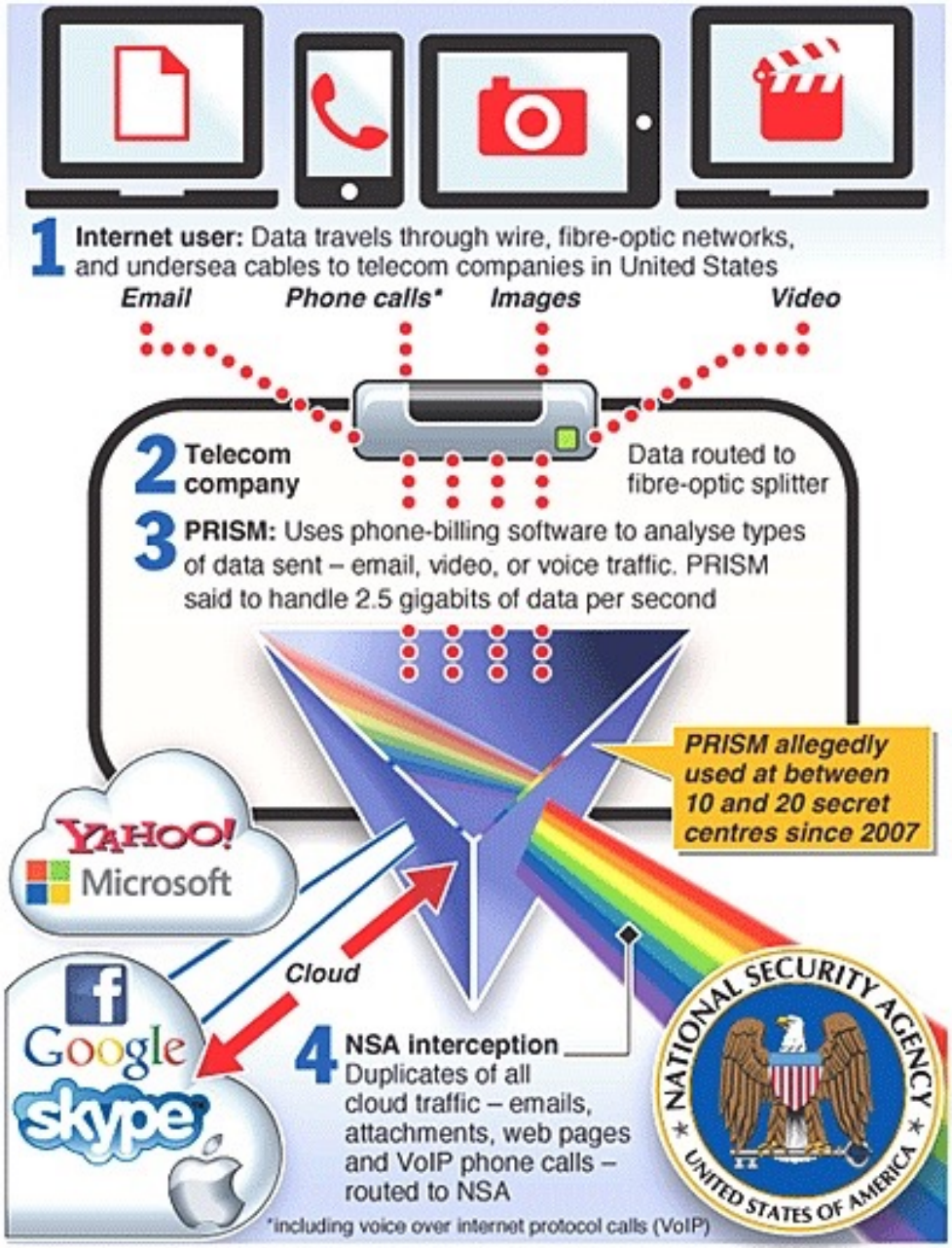
Cloud use questioned over PRISM leaks

The rise of cloud computing – with millions of people storing data on servers in the United States – enabled vast amounts of personal data to be collected by the U.S. National Security Agency's PRISM programme



Sources: Narus, Electronic Frontier Foundation

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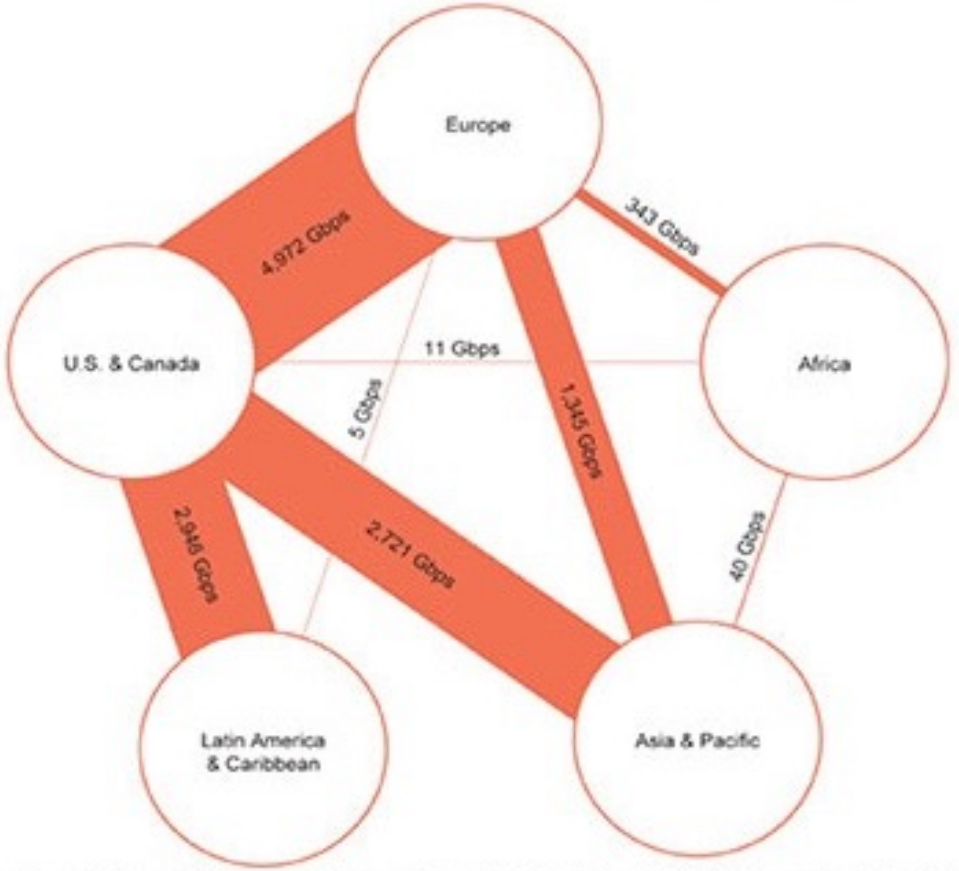
(TS//SI//NF) Introduction

U.S. as World's Telecommunications Backbone

- Much of the world's communications flow through the U.S.
- A target's phone call, e-mail or chat will take the **cheapest** path, **not the physically most direct** path – you can't always predict the path.
- Your target's communications could easily be flowing into and through the U.S.



International Internet Regional Bandwidth Capacity in 2011

Source: Telegeography Research

(TS//SI//NF) PRISM Collection Details

Current Providers

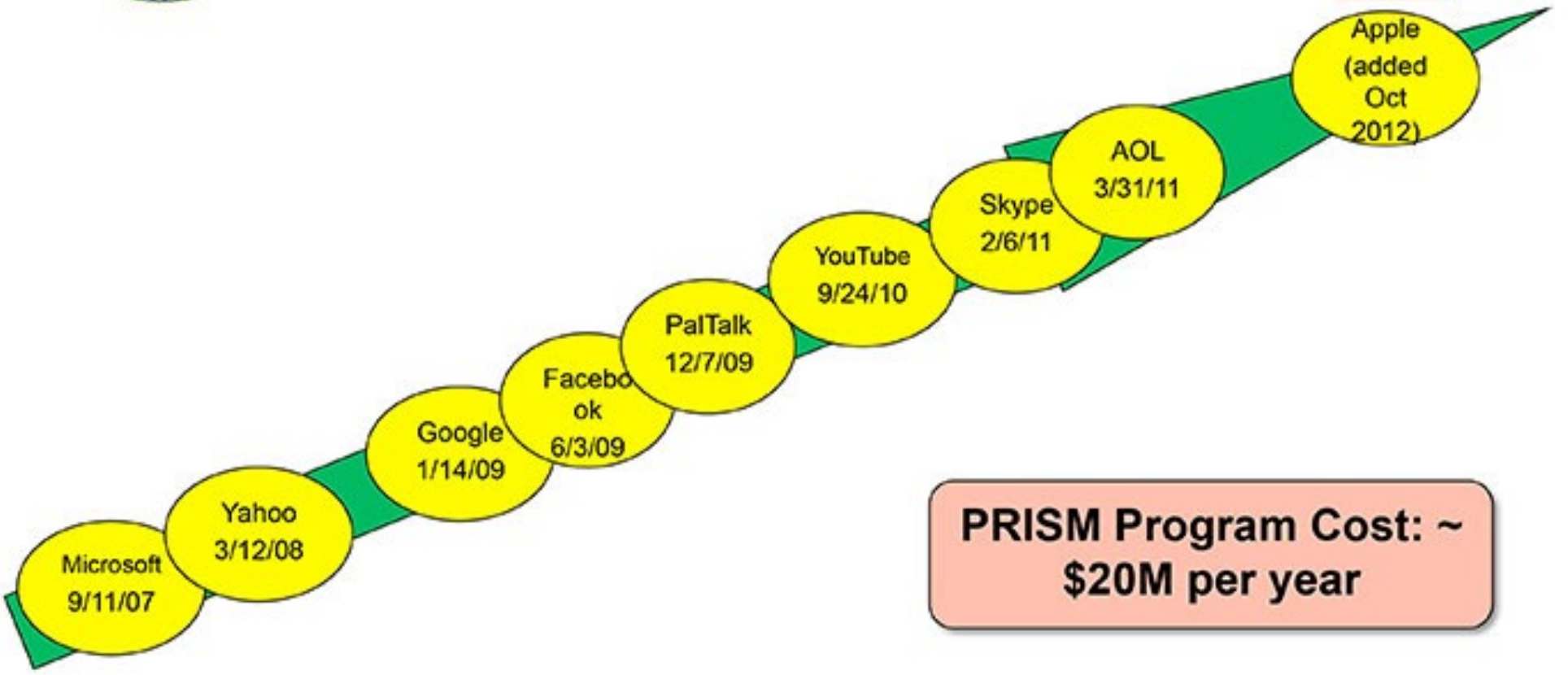
- Microsoft (Hotmail, etc.)
- Google
- Yahoo!
- Facebook
- PalTalk
- YouTube
- Skype
- AOL
- Apple

What Will You Receive in Collection (Surveillance and Stored Comms)? It varies by provider. In general:

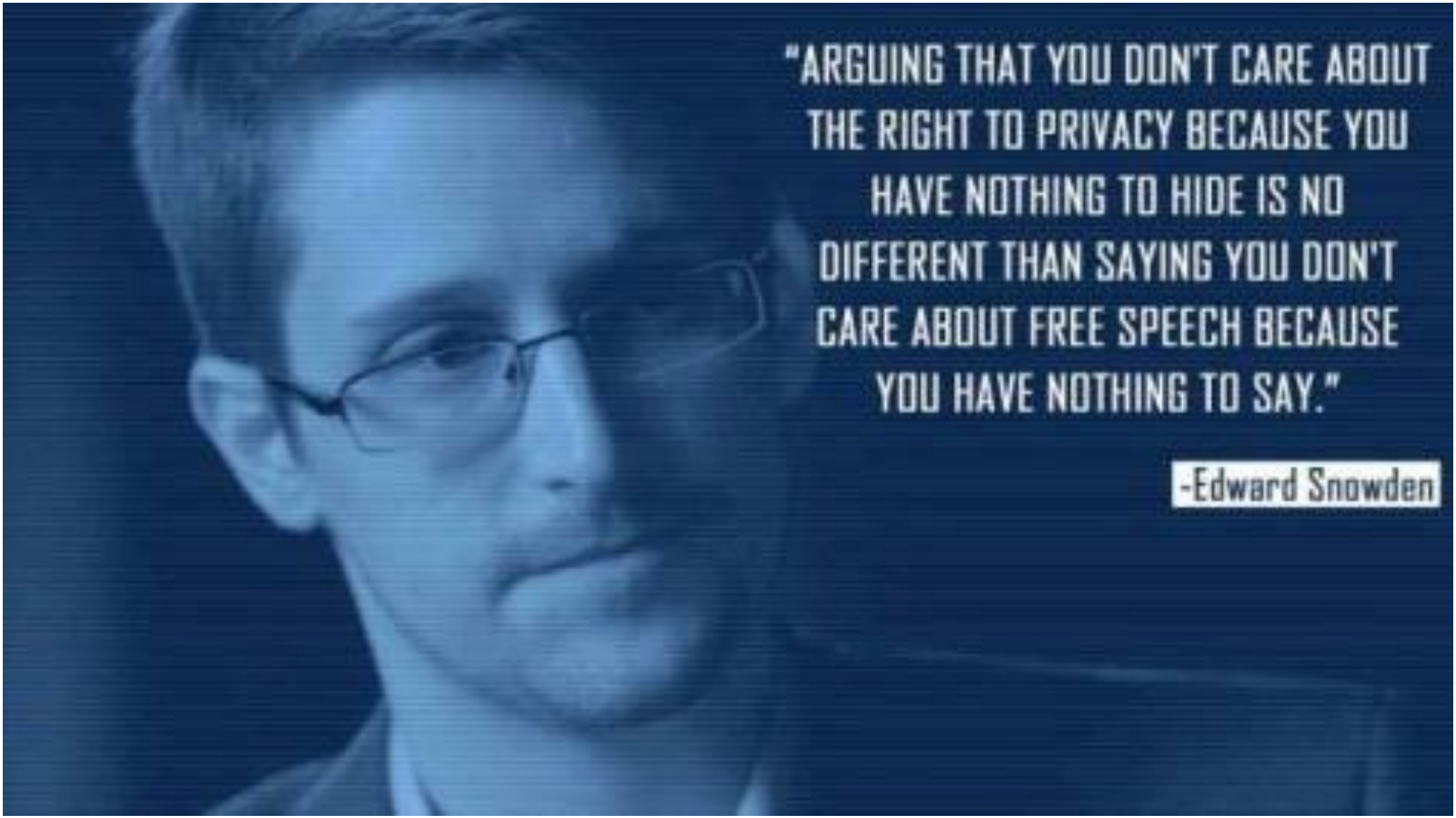
- E-mail
- Chat – video, voice
- Videos
- Photos
- Stored data
- VoIP
- File transfers
- Video Conferencing
- Notifications of target activity – logins, etc.
- Online Social Networking details
- **Special Requests**

Complete list and details on PRISM web page:
Go PRISMFAA

(TS//SI//NF) Dates When PRISM Collection Began For Each Provider



PRISM Program Cost: ~ $20M per year


"ARGUING THAT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE IS NO DIFFERENT THAN SAYING YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT FREE SPEECH BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY."
-Edward Snowden

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The Startup Manifesto

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