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Ethical Digital Technology

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Why Do People Need Ethical Technology?

Why have People NOT been using Ethical Technology?



- We can not directly see the cost of giving up our data or we are unaware of what is being collected.
- Network effects - our friends/co-workers already use Corporate tools.
- "It is convenient to stay with Corporate tools" - and, we have to admit: IT IS!

What Data Does Apple Collect?



location	contacts	TV show downloads
IP address	social graph	Apple ID
network information	watch history	IDFA
BlueTooth information	listening interests	Random Unique ID
connected devices	reading list	UUID
accessories	call metadata	IMEI
personal demographics	device information	Hardware Serial No
browsing history	messaging metadata	SIM Serial No.
browser fingerprint	email addresses	phone number
device fingerprint	salary	telemetry
search history	income	cookies
app data	assets	Nearby WiFi MAC
usage data	health data	Siri request history
performance	ad interactions	Web sign-in
diagnostics	in-app purchases	songs played
product interaction	in-app subscriptions	play and pause times
transaction information	app downloads	playlists
payment information	music downloads	engagement

<https://www.apple.com/legal/privacy/en-ww/>

Zoom and Ethics...



Here is what we do know -

The Zoom platform collects information on you and your guests. Because Zoom is proprietary software by license, we cannot know what they are collecting, storing and sharing.

*By deleting your Zoom account and no longer using the application, you are stopping it from collecting your data. You can opt to use Zoom only in your browser.

* <https://www.reviews.org/internet-service/what-data-zoom-collects>

* <https://agoric.coop/blog/why-we-resist-zoom-and-choose-bigbluebutton-video-chat>

How Do We Switch to Free Software?



Software has terms of service and a privacy policy that should tell you how your data is shared and used by the company providing it.

The software license is what determines how ethical the software is. Although licenses are written for lawyers, there are a few things to look for when choosing software or an APP.

<https://switching.software>

<https://framasoftware.org>

<https://degooglisons-internet.org/en/>

<https://agaric.coop/blog/daily-business-operations-using-free-software>

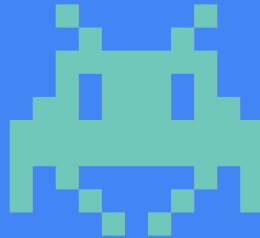
How to Get Support for Free Software?



Tech support for free software comes in different flavors.

- Online Forum
- Email Lists
- The Software Website
- Search Engine Results
- Free Software Communities

- Paid and corporate options



What is Webhosting?

A web server is a computer configured to connect to the Internet and serve files to a web browser that are displayed on a device that is also connected to the Internet.

Running a web server is usually done by a company that has many servers (computers) on a network that make the contents of the server (files) available on the Internet or to a specific group of other servers in a network.

How to Choose Your Webhost



Some good questions for a potential host:

- Are they a Cooperative where members have a voice?
- Do they support your preferred hosting method?
- What are their privacy policy and terms of service?
- How easy would it be to switch to a different webhost?
- Are they subjecting others to services they do not want to be involved with? *e.g. plenty of people do NOT use Facebook*
- Is there a phone number that allows you to reach a person?

Hosting Strategies

- Dedicated Web Hosting
- Shared Web Hosting
- Self-service Hosting
- VPS Web Hosting
- Cloud Web Hosting

Each choice has Pros and Cons, but we will not be covering this in-depth. It is difficult to generalize on strategies.



Dedicated Webhosting



Provides a single server to a single user. It means that there is no other company using the same server. It also gives flexibility to run your choice of applications. If you really need more control over data privacy and better security then this would be your choice.



VPS Webhosting



VPS stands for Virtual Private Server and is the most popular service for minimal protection of privacy. A VPS server is partitioned for you to have your own section of a server that is separated from the other things on the server.



Shared Webhosting



Is when a single physical computer acts as a server for multiple websites.



Cloud Webhosting



Is a hosting technique that lets numerous servers work together as one. It allows us to use multiple servers' resources from one network. Cloud webhosting is very convenient and can be good for certain sites, if the webhost is vetted as an ethical host.

*** Remember that 'Cloud' just means 'another person's or company's computers', nothing fancy.



Self-service Webhosting



Hosting your own server is all about buying, installing, configuring and handling the server yourself. There is a lot of effort to do this on your own and if you are not a network and system specialist, this is not an option for you.



Ethical Privacy Policy



May First Privacy Policy

We will not sell your data. We will never sell any user information to any other groups or individuals.

We will actively fight any attempt to force May First Movement Technology to disclose user information or logs.

We will not read, search, or process any of your data other than to protect you from viruses and spam, debug problems affecting our shared infrastructure, or when directed to do so by you when troubleshooting.

Your data is encrypted. All data saved on our servers and all backups are stored in an encrypted format.

Our policy is to immediately notify you if we learn that you are under investigation.

To protect the privacy of our members, we regularly purge log files.

An ethical example of a Privacy Policy

Sus - Privacy Policy



"Information of your customers, users, and visitors, and their customers, users, and visitors which they provide or you obtain through the use of our Services, Website and our platform, including, but not limited to, Personal Information and fundraising and transaction payment data. You are responsible for obtaining any consents and permissions for the collection, storage, processing, disclosure, and transfer of any such information required by applicable law or to allow us to use, process, transfer, etc., such information as set forth in this Privacy Policy (and as revised hereafter)." -

<https://nationbuilder.com/privacy>

A not so good example of a Privacy Policy

Portability of Your Site...



You may have to or want to move your website to a different host at some point, how easy will that be?

Moving or migrating your site to a new hosting service can be challenging on some Webhosts...

Ask in advance about any dedicated services that anchor you to the hosting platform...

Ethical Webhosts We Know Of.



Some examples of ethical webhosting we have found and some we have vetted:

<https://mayfirst.org>

<https://deflect.ca>

<https://www.webarchitects.coop>

<https://web.coop>

<https://be.coop> [still in early development]

<https://webhosting.coop>

<https://greenhost.net>

Resources and Links



<https://agaric.coop/privacy-and-data-trust>

<https://agaric.coop/r/coop-pad>

<https://communitybridge.com/privacyworkshop>

<https://agaric.coop/ethics>

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