

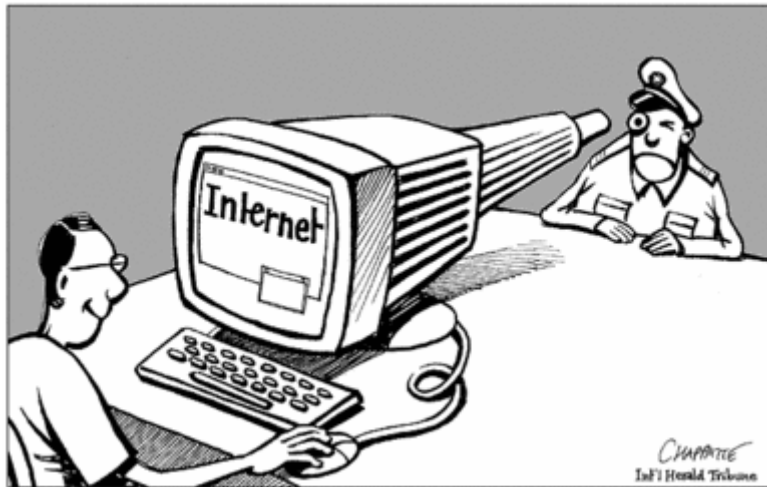


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## What Does Google See in You?



Your search history is not the only thing that Google is logging, some of the other information that they collect is:

- The websites you visit
- The videos you watch
- Ads you click on or tap
- Your location and location history
- Device information
- IP addresses and time stamps
- Cookie data
- Emails you send and receive on Gmail
- Your phone and email contacts
- Any Calendar events
- Photos and videos you upload

- Docs, Sheets, and Slides on Drive

They also log more personal identifiable information like:

- Your Name
- Email address and password
- Birthday
- Gender
- Phone numbers
- And other random things like pet names and frequent flyer numbers

Its not necessary to have an account to use many of Googles services, but if you do have an account, here are some quick links to find out and control the level of privacy you are comfortable with on the Google platform.

You can start off by having a look at your activity:

<https://myactivity.google.com/myactivity>

Check your app permissions here:

<https://security.google.com/settings/security/permissions>

Here is your personal information that Google is holding, you can edit and change some of your privacy settings here:

<https://myaccount.google.com/privacy>

Here you can control targeted adds when you are logged into Google as well as when your signed out:

<https://www.google.com/settings/u/o/ads/authenticated>

Check your location history here:

<https://maps.google.com/locationhistory>

Your Youtube history here:

[https://www.youtube.com/feed/history/search\\_history](https://www.youtube.com/feed/history/search_history)

Google have even created a Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Add-on: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>

And you can even take a privacy check up here:

<https://myaccount.google.com/privacycheckup/1>

Google do seem to be fairly open on what they are collecting and they also give you plenty of options on controlling your privacy with them. So its a good idea to take advantage of this and turn off any information that your not comfortable with sharing.

Does the internet really need to know that you are in the market for a new car, or have booked a flight on the weekend, what hotel your staying at or even if your on the way to the airport. Some of this information if it got into the wrong hands could turn out to be very harmful and it might be better to be safe than sorry.

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