

“Want to Freak Yourself Out?” Tech Expert Reveals How Facebook and Google Are Spying on You – AND IT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND



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Technical Consultant and web developer, Dylan Curran posted a long tweet thread documenting just how much information Google and Facebook store about people.

Be prepared because this is gonna freak you out.

Facebook and Google have come under heavy criticism recently after privacy concerns were raised over the way they store and sell user data to advertisers.

Christopher Wylie, a Cambridge Analytica whistleblower told a committee of British MP's Tuesday Facebook has the ability to spy on you in your own home or place of work.

Facebook denies they spy on users with their app in order to deploy customized advertisements.

In a tweet thread, Dylan Curran takes you on a journey in 34 stunning tweets showcasing just how much Google knows about you. From your every move, to search history, to gender, health, relationship status, Google and Facebook are documenting pretty much everything you do day in and day out.

In one of Dylan Curran's last few tweets in the thread he even suggests he 'may be on an FBI watch list so if he dies in the next few months it wasn't an accident, it was a set-up.'

Curran also says Google and Facebook having all of this information can be used for nefarious reasons and violates multiple human rights.

Creepy.

Follow Dylan's tweet thread down the rabbit hole...

"Want to freak yourself out? I'm gonna show just how much of your information the likes of Facebook and Google store about you without you even realising it", Dylan Curran began.

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1. <https://t.co/1z255Zt1zf> Google stores your location (if you have it turned on) every time you turn on your phone, and you can see a timeline from the first day you started using Google on your phone

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2. This is every place I have been in the last twelve months in Ireland, going in so far as the time of day I was in the location and how long it took me to get to that location from my previous one pic.twitter.com/I1kB1vwntT

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3. <https://t.co/qFCgY6QLN5> Google stores search history across all your devices on a separate database, so even if you delete your search history and phone history, Google STILL stores everything until you go in and delete everything, and you have to do this on all devices

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4. <https://t.co/QRfgwkNj80> Google creates an advertisement profile based on your information, including your location, gender, age, hobbies, career, interests, relationship

status, possible weight (need to lose 10lbs in one day?) and income

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5. *Google stores information on every app and extension you use, how often you use them, where you use them, and who you use them to interact with (who do you talk to on facebook, what countries are you speaking with, what time you go to sleep at)* <https://t.co/RJeRIXhtdq>

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6. <https://t.co/5B6qxUvrjz> *Google stores ALL of your YouTube history, so they know whether you're going to be a parent soon, if you're a conservative, if you're a progressive, if you're Jewish, Christian, or Muslim, if you're feeling depressed or suicidal, if you're anorexic...*

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7. *Google offers an option to download all of the data it stores about you, I've requested to download it and the file is 5.5GB BIG, which is roughly 3 MILLION Word documents* <https://t.co/3Na4FwjNXk>

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8. <https://t.co/3Na4FwjNXk> *This link includes your bookmarks, emails, contacts, your Google Drive files, all of the above information, your YouTube videos, the photos you've taken on your phone, the businesses you've bought from, the products you've bought through Google...*

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9. *Your calendar, your Google hangout sessions, your location history, the music you listen to, the Google books you've purchased, the Google groups you're in, the websites you've created, the phones you've owned, the pages you've shared, how many steps you walk in a day...*

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10. *Facebook offers a similar option to download all your information, mine was roughly 600mb, which is roughly 400,000 Word documents*

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11. *This includes every message you've ever sent or been sent, every file you've ever sent or been sent, all the contacts in your phone, and all the audio messages you've ever sent or been sent* pic.twitter.com/H8ng7bcyod

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12. Facebook also stores what it think you might be interested in based off the things you've liked and what you and your friends talk about (I apparently like the topic 'Girl') pic.twitter.com/fqKiNlfATO

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13. Somewhat pointlessly, they also store all the stickers you've ever sent on Facebook (I have no idea why they do this, it's just a joke at this stage) pic.twitter.com/4F5sExbynf

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14. They also store every time you log into Facebook, where you logged in from, what time, and from what device pic.twitter.com/iWXSPm5Peh

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15. And they store all the applications you've ever had connected to your Facebook account, so they can guess I'm interested in politics and web and graphic design, that I was single between X and Y period with the installation of Tinder, and I got a HTC phone in November... pic.twitter.com/bkXruVZxLP

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16. Side-note, if you have Windows 10 installed, this is a picture of JUST the privacy options with 16 different sub-menus, which have all of the options enabled by default when you install Windows 10 pic.twitter.com/oHyfYndTnj

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17. This includes tracking where you are, what applications you have installed, when you use them, what you use them for, access to your webcam and microphone at any time, your contacts, your e-mails, your calendar, your call history, the messages you send and receive...

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18. The files you download, the games you play, your photos and videos, your music, your search history, your browsing history, even what RADIO stations you listen to

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19. This is one of the craziest things about the modern age, we would never let the government or a corporation put cameras/microphones in our homes or location trackers on us, but we just went ahead and did it ourselves because fuck it I want to watch cute dog videos

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20. I got the Google Takeout document with all my information, and this is a breakdown of all the different ways they get your information pic.twitter.com/mPAByh1I9k

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21. Here's the search history document, which has 90,000 different entries, even showing the images I downloaded and the websites I accessed (I showed ThePirateBay section to show much damage this information can do) pic.twitter.com/rZJhJjSe2t

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22. Here's my Google Calendar broken down, showing all the events I've ever added, whether I actually attended them, and what time I attended them at (this part is what I went for an interview for a Marketing job, and what time I arrived at) pic.twitter.com/mpB7NpLVzT

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23. This is my Google Drive, which includes files I EXPLICITLY deleted including my resume, my monthly budget, and all the code, files, and websites I've ever made, and even my PGP private key, which I deleted, which I use to encrypt e-mails pic.twitter.com/UpfUNTD6yR

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24. This is my Google Fit, which shows all of the steps I've ever taken, any time I walked anywhere, and all the times I've recorded any meditation/yoga/workouts I've done (I deleted this information and revoked Google Fit's permissions) pic.twitter.com/mAYmk8zxwR

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25. This is all the photos ever taken with my phone, broken down by year, and includes metadata of when and where I took the photos pic.twitter.com/hBuCIVijZv

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26. Every e-mail I've ever sent, that's been sent to me, including the ones I deleted or were categorised as spam pic.twitter.com/mbUOlu6KXN

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27. And now my Google Activity, this has thousands of files, so I'll just do a short summary of what they have pic.twitter.com/jucdjpQAVY

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28. Firstly every Google Ad I've ever viewed or clicked on, every app I've ever launched or used and when I did it, every website I've ever visited and what time I did it at, and every app I've ever installed or searched for pic.twitter.com/DcMdnbzuC6

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29. Every image I've ever searched for and saved, every location I've ever searched for or clicked on, every news article I've ever searched for or read, and EVERY SINGLE google search I've made since 2009 pic.twitter.com/xPOK8h3qej

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30. And then finally, every YouTube video I've ever searched for or viewed, since 2008 pic.twitter.com/OF1Lcwp2FS

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31. I'm probably on an FBI watch-list now, so if I die in the next few months IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, IT WAS A SET-UP

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32. This information has millions of nefarious uses and violates multiple human rights, you're not a terrorist? Then how come you were googling ISIS? Work at Google and you're suspicious of your wife? Perfect, just look up her location and search history for the last ten years

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33. Manage to gain access to someone's Google account? Perfect, you have a chronological diary of everything that person has done for the last ten years

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35. I have also taken a few days off work to partake in any interviews, podcasts, or radio shows that people may want me to do to spread information awareness

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36. I'm hoping to start making podcasts/videos to raise awareness, and touch on some more interesting topics like webcam hacking, major account vulnerabilities, and the threat of future tech. Since I can't dedicate myself full-time, I'd love if anyone who can help gets in touch.

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37. I would really appreciate it if you could help me out, <https://t.co/T5bw953Tkj>, I will keep doing what I'm doing and help as many people as I can irregardless of what

happens. But if I can dedicate myself to this full-time, we can definitely progress with change.

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