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Subject: Re: Youtube sold to Google

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Google has a lot of crazy (good) things going for them and I have personally been involved with a company that was "to be bought" and may still be bought by them. They're not another Microsoft out to get the world and they have some very creative people. HOWEVER...

Quote:The idea is to use the existing PC microphone to listen to whatever is heard in the background, be it music, your phone going off or the TV turned down. The PC then identifies it, using fingerprinting, and then shows you relevant content, whether that's adverts or search results, or a chat room on the subject.

There is only ONE way for that to be legal, and that is to download and enable some sort of software that would permit them to do that. They can't just put software on your computer without your knowledge - especially recording audio - because that would be illegal. In many states, it is LEGAL to record others by video tape (don't get too excited all of you voyeurs out there) but becomes ILLEGAL if it includes audio. Seems backwards to me, but - meh - thats the law. I wouldn't worry about this issue too much even if they did develop the technology and use it.

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