Subject: Re: Google

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Jerad Gray wrote on Mon, 28 March 2011 19:50The Google monster is already too big to stop, if you don't like what they are doing you need to either:

A. Avoid using it

B. Provide fake information on it

I'm sorry if other countries' citizens are unknowingly using an US based company to do their interwebzing, guess you just have to hope that the people that are doing it are either:

A. Doing nothing illegal so have nothing to worry about.

B. Are doing illegal stuff and are smart enough not to post real information on the interwebz. Because let's face it, if you're doing illegal shit and you're not even being smart enough to attempt to cover your tracks you deserve what is coming.

Thanks to shit like Google analytics (and Google adwords btw) you don't get much choice. Therefore I find the complaint to be valid. If I go to a website inside the EU (which therefore has to comply to EU-laws regarding privacy) I do not expect my information to be send secretly to USA servers.

Now I am not doing anything illegal (or, not according to Dutch law) but that doesn't mean that I want more information stored about me than strictly necessary.

Information is power, and I do not intend to give more power to organisations with their own agenda. Particularly not if that power resides in a country which has shown that it does not respect all Human Rights. Now I know there are a lot of countries that do not respect this, but in the case of the USA it happens willingly and intentionally. For ex. anyone entering the USA is treated as a suspect (or why do they otherwise want your fingerprints?). And then there is Guantanamo bay, which I think does not require any explanation.