Facebook Data Time!

- 1. There honestly wasn't anything that particularly disturbed me, but it was pretty interesting seeing all the messages I've ever sent, the searches I had done, and all the friends I removed throughout the years. In fact, I probably just lost about 15 minutes going through memory lane looking up all the friends I deemed unnecessary at the time. For some it would make some sense (like ex's and their families) and others, I'm not quite sure what I was thinking. Another thing I thought was interesting was the contact list with hundreds of friends and their phones numbers. Did they really all just think, yeah! I'll just put my phone number in facebook for all to see.
- 2. I did not see any indication that I was contacted because of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.
- 3. There was also nothing listed for US Politics in my settings
- 4. See above
- 5. There was a bit of data that I just found where it has a list of unique IP address from the computers that I've been on when using Facebook. I looked one of them up that was the only IPv6 address in the bunch, and apparently it's from Burleson Texas, where I've never been before. I'd like to know how it got on this list. That's a little unsettling. The other is called where_you're_logged_in.html that lists the IP address, city, when it was created, what browser was used, and the type of device used, such as iPhone or desktop. That was definitely the creepiest thing I found in the data file.
- 6. After hearing how freaked out people were about the amount of data kept by Facebook, I was kind of thinking I would be wide eyed and open mouthed about this data situation, but I'm not. I think part of the reason is because I've been halfway cognizant about the fact that what's put on the internet pretty much stays on the internet, and have been for a while. There were some things from a years ago that were a little unsettling, but nothing that crazy. For a lot of the files in the downloaded zip, there were many no-data.txt, where it just said 'You have no data in this section'. The reason why I mainly have a Facebook to keep up on current bands I'm interested in, since they usually use social media to update fans to new music, merchandise, and other cool things. Other than that, I haven't really posted comments, pictures, or much of anything for about 6 or 7 years (I've had Facebook since 2007).
- 7. The data was organized into different directories that were broader in scope, like comments posted, friends, search history, and ads to name a few. In each one of those, there could be multiple html files with more specific data. With this much personal data from over 2 billion users, I would want them as a company to take good, responsible care of the said data. Unfortunately, we got Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg. However, the company will supposedly soon pay \$3 billion to %5 billion in fines to the US Federal Trade Commission for violating that trust, so that's something.