Edward joseph snowden is an American whistleblower which in 2013, told the world about NSA (National Security Agency) gathering and use of information (Mass surveillance)

Snowden worked as a system administrator for Booz Allen Hammelton for the NSA.

He started by contacting 2 people at the Washington post which were  Glenn Greenwald og Ewen MacAskill who are both reporters. When he first reported to the reporters, they didn’t think that someone at he’s age would have access to that kind of information, at the year 2013, snowden were 30, so quite young for someone with that much information.

The reporters and snowden communicated through encrypted emails before the reporters were told to show up in

He followed that up with a step-by-step guide on how to encrypt communications, and then sent a link to an encryption video. Greenwald ignored the approaches.

In frustration, Snowden contacted documentary filmmaker Laura Poitras. And it was she who eventually got in touch with Greenwald, drawing the three of them together.

, Snowden sent encrypted messages telling them to go to Hong Kong.

Snowden had instructed them that once they were in Hong Kong, they were to go at an appointed time to the Kowloon district and stand outside a restaurant that was in a mall connected to the Mira hotel.

There, they were to wait until they saw a man carrying a Rubik's Cube, then ask him when the restaurant would open. The man would answer their question, but then warn that the food was bad. When the man with the Rubik's Cube arrived, it was Edward Snowden.

They went to Snowden’s hotel room, where he started sharing information about the programs to the reporters.

According to The Guardian's Glenn Greenwald, low-level NSA analysts can, via systems like XKeyscore, "listen to whatever emails they want, whatever telephone calls, browsing histories, Microsoft Word documents. And it's all done with no need to go to a court, with no need to even get supervisor approval on the part of the analyst."

1.7 million Classified documents, leaked 200k to journalists, still has access to 1.5 mil

He wanted to tell the world about what information was gathered and how it was gathered, because it wasn’t programmed to be used to American people, but people in the east during a warzone.

After the leak happened, on June 7th 2013 U.S. President Barak Obama, is forced to defend the programmes, insisting that they are adequately overseen by courts and congress.

June 21 US charges snowden and request hong kong to detain him for extradition.

June 23. Snowden Leaves hong kong for Moscow. Hong Kong claims that the US got Snowden’s middle name wrong in submitted documents their by meaning hong kong were powerless to prevent his departure.

1st July 2013, Russia reveals that snowden has applied for asylum.  
3rd July 2013, While en route from Moscow, Bolivia’s President Evo morales is forced to land in Vienna after europen countries refuse his plane airspace suspecting snowden was on board.

1st August, Snowden is now granted Asylum in Russia after living in the airport for a month.

Snowden Does till this day still live in Russia on extended visa