



# PRISM/US-984XN Overview

OR

*The SIGAD Used Most in NSA Reporting* •  
Overview

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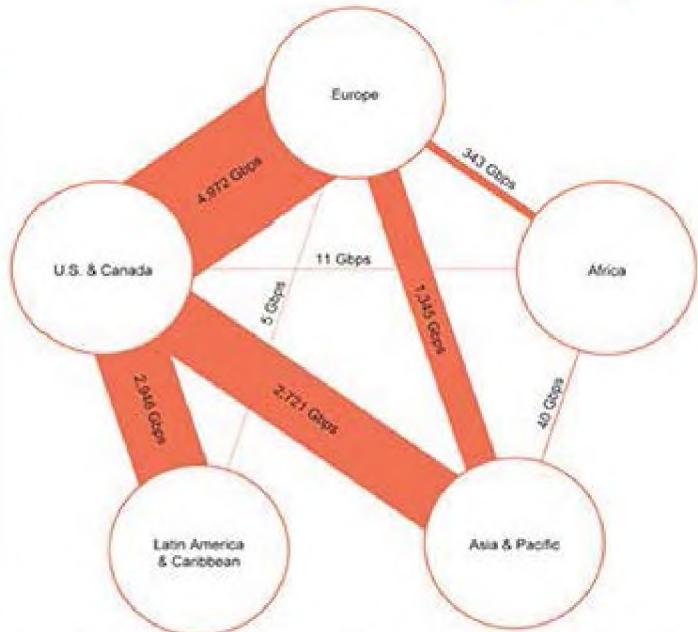
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# (TS//SI//NF) Introduction

*U.S. as World's Telecommunications Backbone*

- Much of the world's communications flow through the U.S.
- A target's phone call, e-mail or chat will take the **cheapest** path, **not the physically most direct** path – you can't always predict the path.
- Your target's communications could easily be flowing into and through the U.S.



International Internet Regional Bandwidth Capacity in 2011  
Source: Telegeography Research

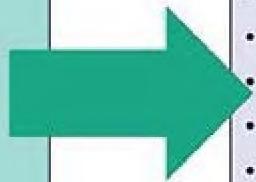


## (TS//SI//NF) PRISM Collection Details



## Current Providers

- Microsoft (Hotmail, etc.)
- Google
- Yahoo!
- Facebook
- PalTalk
- YouTube
- Skype
- AOL
- Apple



What Will You Receive in Collection  
(Surveillance and Stored Comms)?

It varies by provider. In general:

- E-mail
- Chat – video, voice
- Videos
- Photos
- Stored data
- VoIP
- File transfers
- Video Conferencing
- Notifications of target activity – logins, etc.
- Online Social Networking details
- **Special Requests**

Complete list and details on PRISM web page:

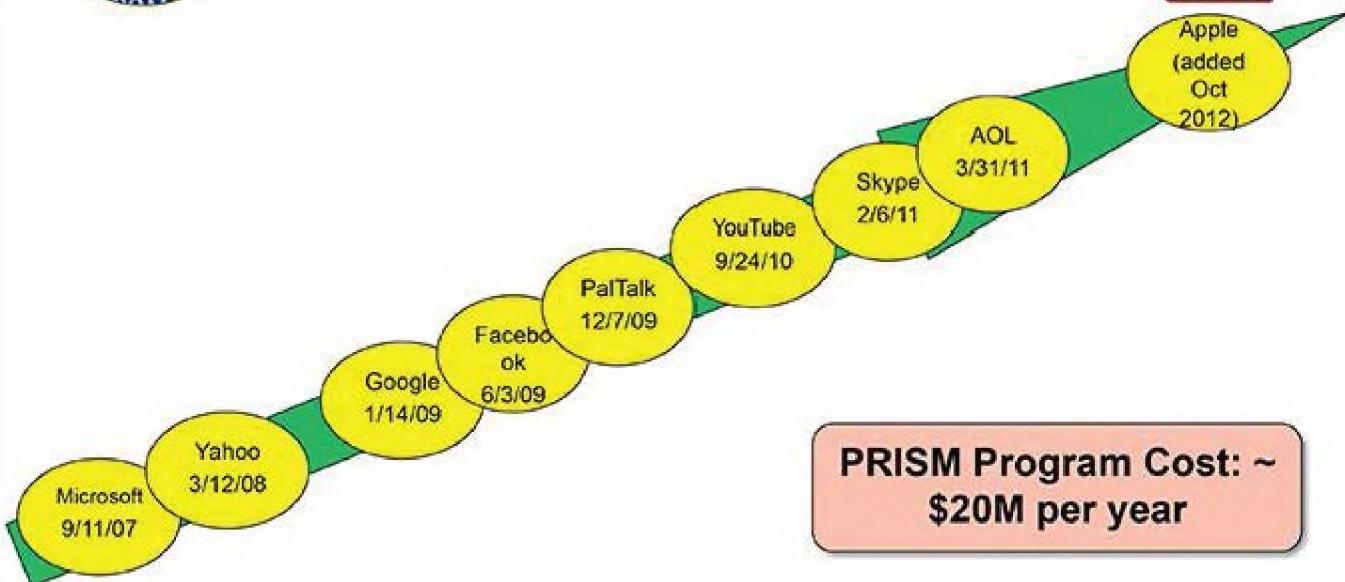
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(TS//SI//NF) Dates When PRISM Collection  
Began For Each Provider



2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013