1. What kinds of information about yourself are you giving away when you use apps like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat?

These apps collect and share personal info like full name, birthday, email, phone number, location data, photos, interactions and browsing behavior, typically and regularly with third-party advertisers.

1. What information did you find in the Personal Information and Privacy section on Google?

Google stored my name, email, phone number, search and YouTube history, location data, ad preferences, and device info. I have since adjusted privacy settings to limit tracking.

1. Did you find any information about yourself when you googled your name?  Do you have a common name that gives you lots of results or an uncommon one that nets you fewer?

Yes, I found information directly tied to me. “Ryan Boulrice” is fairly uncommon, so most search results were actually about me. I found info about my music career, which I really want to limit for future job opportunities.

1. What two sites did you try? Did you find any additional information about yourself? Was it correct? Is there a way to have the entry removed from the site?

I tried Spokeo and Whitepages. Both had my name, past addresses, phone numbers, and age. Some info was accurate; some wasn’t. They offer opt-out options, but I believe that removal takes time and may need to be repeated.