

Microsoft: Protecting customer data and defending digital privacy

In 2015, Microsoft continues to pursue our legal challenge to a U.S. Government search warrant seeking email content stored in Ireland, from a specific user of our free, web-based, consumer email service. Dozens of other organizations have spoken out in favor of Microsoft's challenge.

- Microsoft disagrees with, and will continue to challenge, the government's actions in this case.
- We have not turned over the data in question and don't intend to do so.
- A broad and growing number of governments, businesses, and other organizations are voicing their concerns about the government's actions just as we have.
- We will continue to take a leading role with our products and services, and in the legal and public policy arena, in support of digital privacy.

Microsoft's ongoing commitment to protect customer data

Should we receive a government demand for any enterprise customer's data:

- We will only disclose customer data when legally required.
- We will notify the customer and provide a copy of the demand unless legally prohibited from doing so.
- We will resist government demands that are invalid.

We back up these commitments in our contracts, and will go to court if necessary when government orders seeking customer data do not comply with applicable laws.

Learn more

[Read more about digital privacy and this case at \[www.digitalconstitution.com\]\(http://www.digitalconstitution.com\)](#)

"... it is imperative for the Court of Appeals to confirm that our nation respects the data protection laws of other nations and invites reciprocal respect for our own. This is critical for businesses, for citizens, for our foreign relations, and ultimately for the future of the Internet, digital technology and consumer apps."

Legal Counsel for AT&T Corp, Rackspace US, Inc., Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA), i2Coalition, and Application Developers Alliance

"In short, when governments seek information from Microsoft relating to customers, we strive to be principled, limited in what we disclose, and committed to transparency."

Brad Smith
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