

Yahoo! data breaches

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The Internet service company **Yahoo!** reported two major **data breaches** of user account data had occurred sometime in late 2014, and affected over 500 million Yahoo! user accounts.^[1] A believed to have affected over 1 billion user accounts,^[2] Yahoo! later affirmed in October 2017 discovered in the **history of the Internet**. Specific details of material taken include names, email birth, and **hashed passwords**.^[4] Further, Yahoo! reported that the late 2014 breach likely used without a password.^{[5][6][7]}

Yahoo! has been criticized for their late disclosure of the breaches and their security measures to Congress. The breaches have impacted **Verizon Communications**'s July 2016 plans to acquire closed in June 2017.

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Facebook–Cambridge Analytica data scandal

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The **Facebook–Cambridge Analytica data scandal** involves the collection of **personally identifiable information** by **Cambridge Analytica** began collecting in 2014. The data was allegedly used to attempt to influence voter opinion and apologized amid public outcry and risen stock prices. The way that Cambridge Analytica collected the data was

In December 2015, *The Guardian* reported that United States Senator **Ted Cruz** was using data from this scandal to buy their personal information.^[4] In March 2018, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *CNN* from former Cambridge Analytica employee **Christopher Wylie**, who provided clearer information about the size of the communication among Facebook, Cambridge Analytica, and political representatives who hired Cambridge Ana

The scandal was significant for inciting public discussion on ethical standards for social media companies, political consumer protection in online media and right to privacy as well as curbs on misinformation and propaganda.

Cambridge Analytica stated that the data obtained from Kogan was not used in the 2016 presidential campaign. According to the *Associated Press*, a company run by former officials at Cambridge Analytica, **Data Propria**, has

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