

# IS GOOGLE YOUR BFF\*?

\*best friend forever

Almost everyone uses at least one Google product (“I’ll just Google that”). But do you use so much Google that the company knows you better than anyone else? It might be time to count your Google consumption.

In the list below, check the box next to the Google products you use. Do you share the same information with your real-life BFF?

	Share with...	
Where you are, what you’re interested in and type of computer/phone. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Chrome	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
What you’re curious about or what you don’t know. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Search	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
All the photos on your phone, reminders, notes and calendar. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Cloud	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
What you’re working on with your colleagues. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Docs	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Which events you’re going to and when. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Forms	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Conversations and sounds throughout your home all day and night. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Voice	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Communication with friends, family, bank, doctors, school; your travel plans. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Gmail	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Emails, letters and words you don’t know. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Translate	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Interests, guilty pleasures and what you’re learning to do. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Conversations with friends, lovers or colleagues. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Hangouts	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Where you’ve been, when and how often. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Maps	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF
Activities on your mobile phone, including your whereabouts at any given time. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Android	<input type="checkbox"/> BFF

Is Google the BFF you didn’t know you had?

While having all your information in one place may offer some conveniences—it also means one very large and powerful corporation knows everything about you and those around you. Alphabet (which owns Google) and Google Ventures, (the investment arm of Alphabet) have their hands in over 600 other companies ([here](#)), focusing on artificial intelligence, genetics, and drones, to name a few. More questions are raised than we have answers for in regards to how Google uses our data, and whether the over 600 other companies have access to our private lives as well. Check out these news stories:

- [Google to shut down Google+ after failing to disclose user data leak](#) (October 2018)
- [Google admits error over hidden microphone](#) (February 2019)
- [Google challenged over location tracking](#) (November 2018)
- [Google Just Discovered A Massive Web Leak... And You Might Want To Change All Your Passwords](#) (February 2017)

If you’d like to reduce your Google consumption, start to [Degoogle Your Life](#) today.



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