

Privacy and Africa



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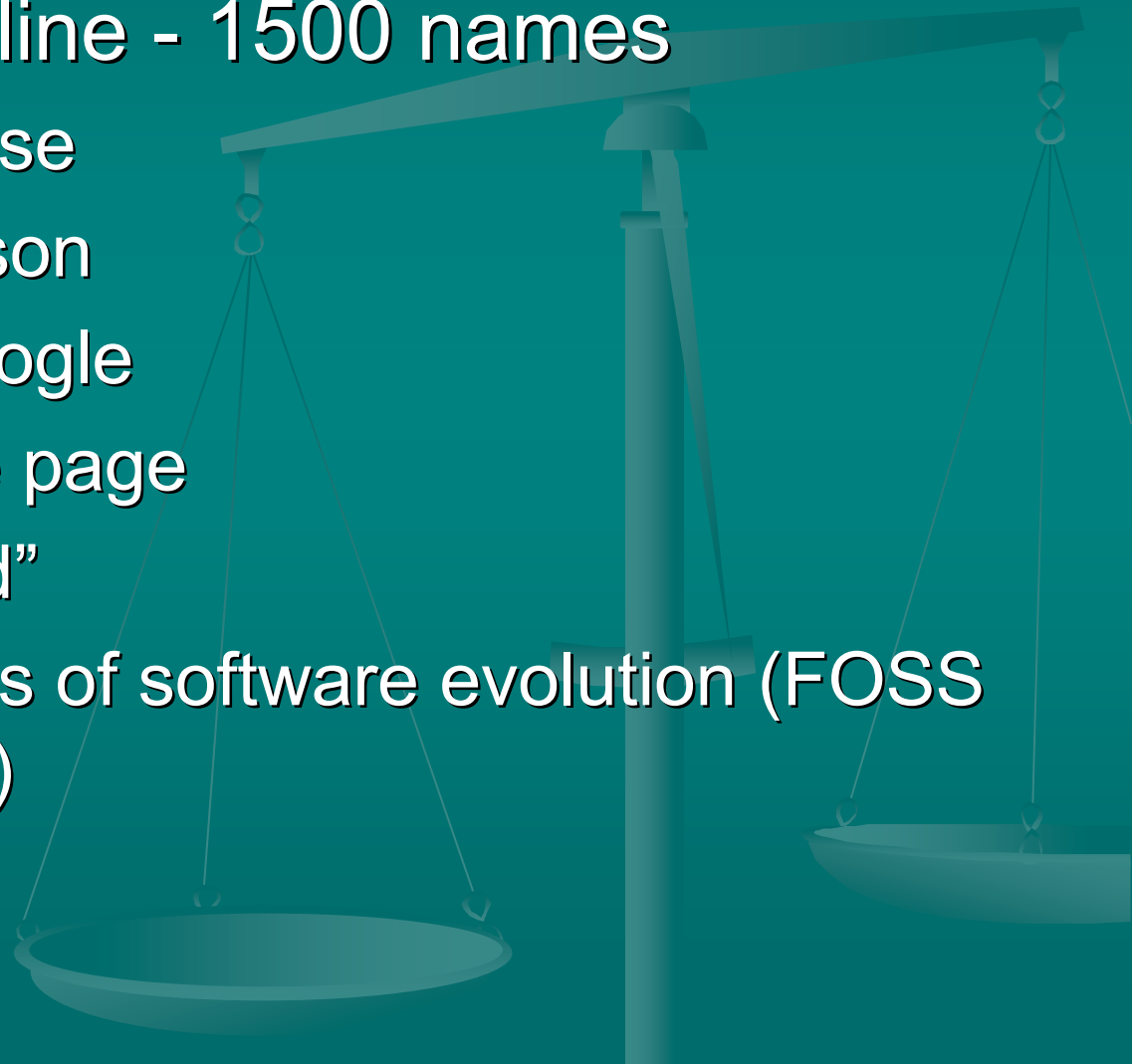
Reading



- US legislation on healthcare records
- Cases: Jeffrey Klimas vs. Comcast cable communications, inc. - tracing IP usage
- Gilmore vs. Ashcroft - airports and ID
- Silenced - Privacy International and GreenNet Educational trust
- Local legislation - interception and monitoring, and early privacy bill drafts

Privacy and the individual

- Family tree - online - 1500 names
 - a global database
 - a page per person
 - spidered by Google
 - appropriate title page
 - “self-discovered”
 - ongoing process of software evolution (FOSS and proprietary)

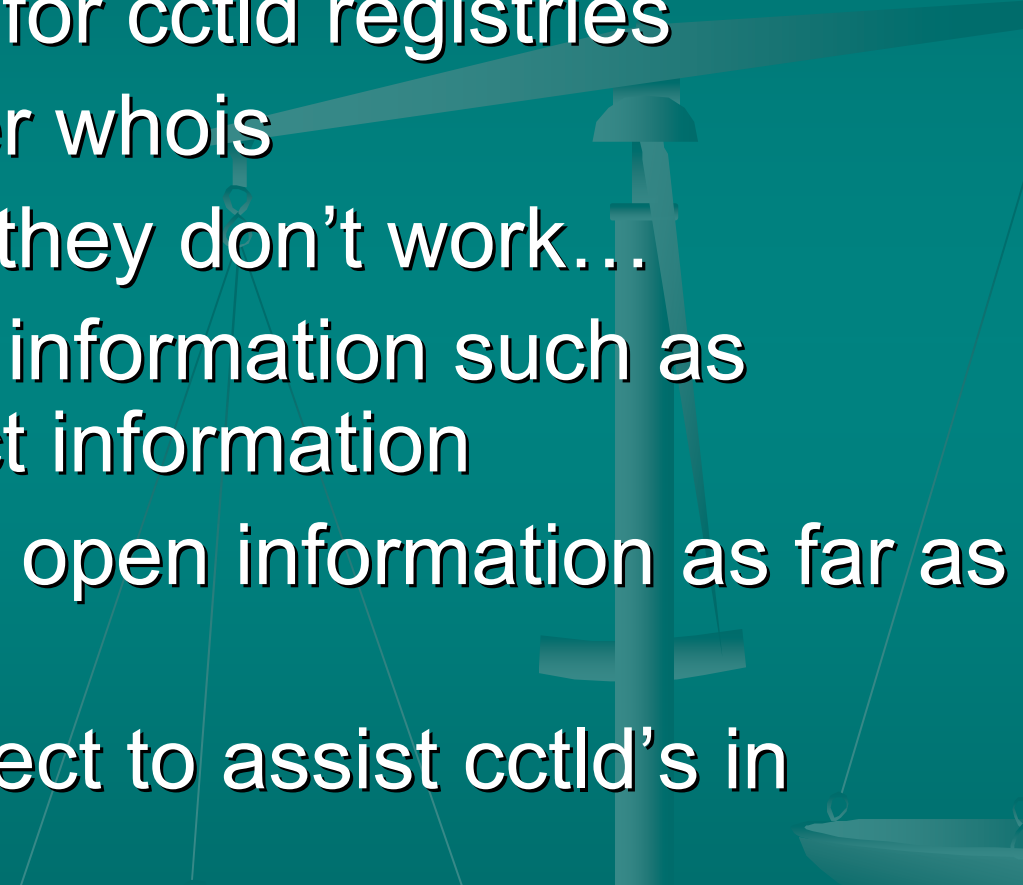


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- ISOC - ZA and CTUF public process
 - Identified a gap in the public process
 - Access to information
 - Telecoms
 - Electronic Communications and Transactions
 - Interception and Monitoring
 - Privacy Bill

.za DNA and AFTLD

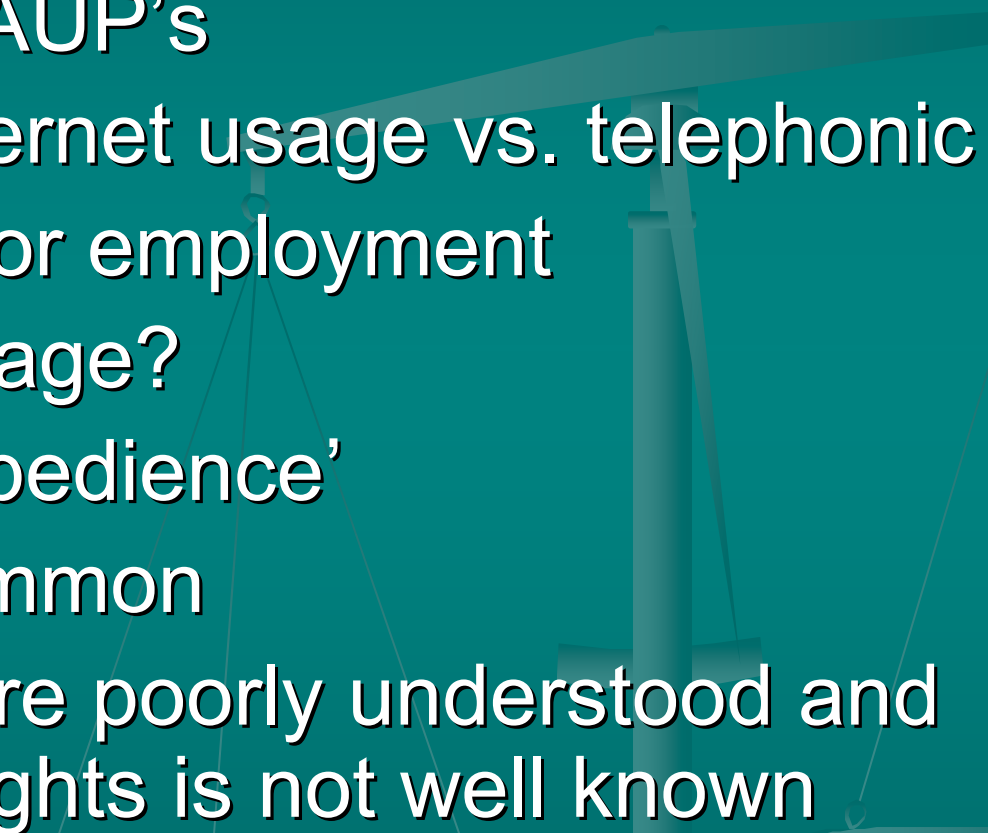
- Standard whois for cctld registries
 - Most do not offer whois
 - That's because they don't work...
 - Legal, business information such as domicile, contact information
 - Public process - open information as far as possible
 - AfriDNS - a project to assist cctld's in Africa
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SA Constitution

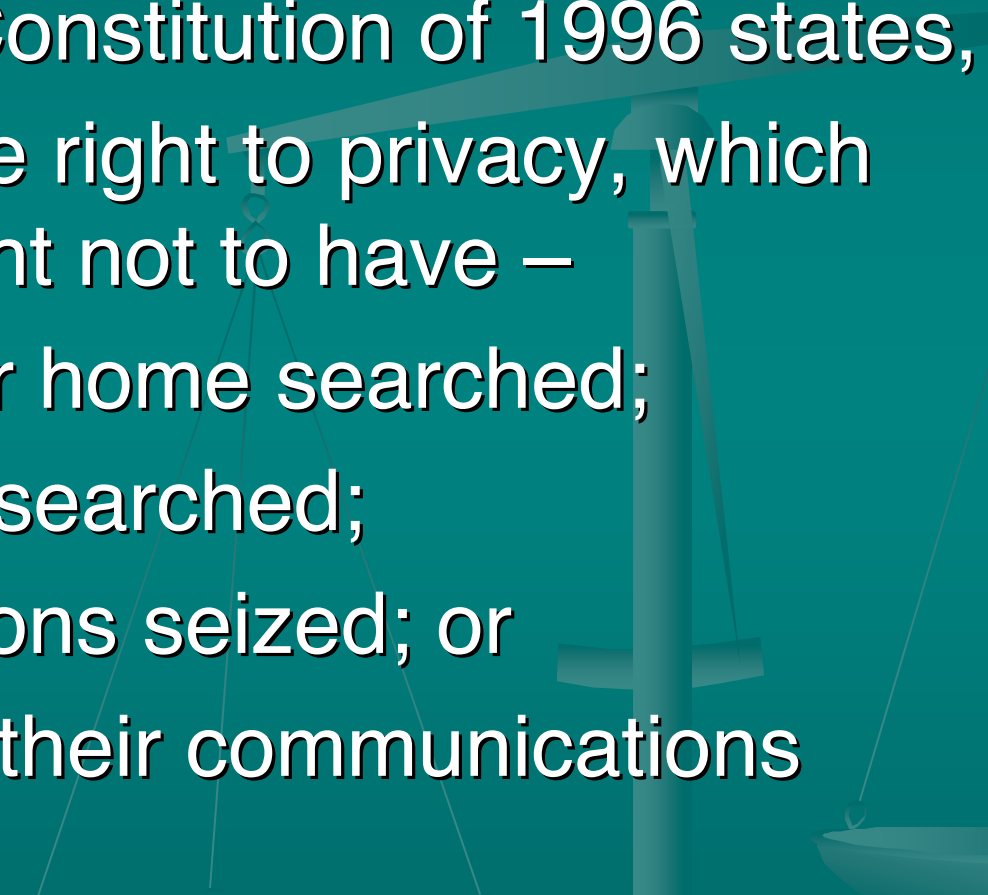


- Section 32 states,
- “(1) Everyone has the right of access to – (a) any information held by the state, and; (b) any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights;
- (2) National legislation must be enacted to give effect to this right, and may provide for reasonable measures to alleviate the administrative and financial burden on the state.”

Private Sector

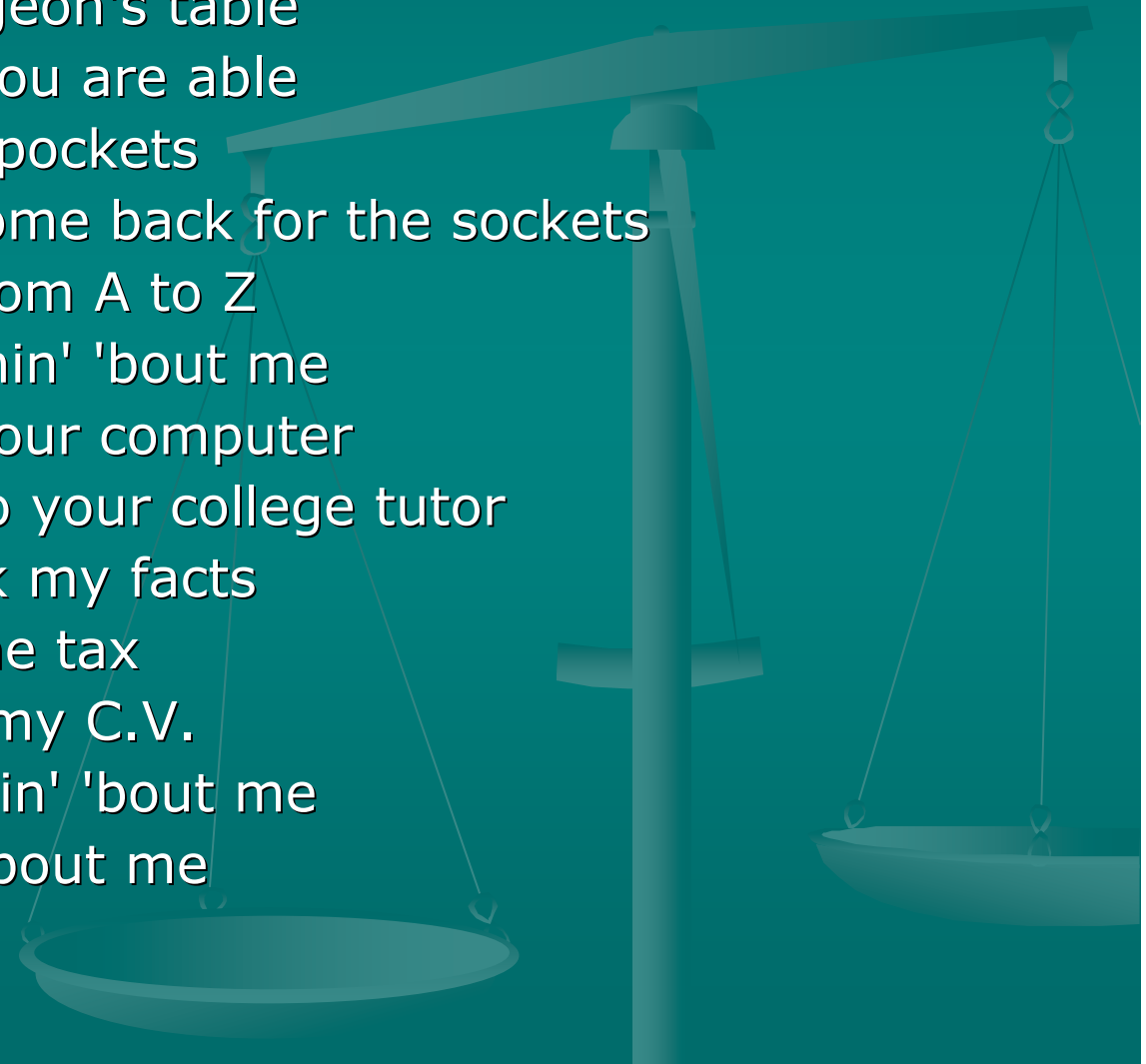
- Corporate ICT AUP's
 - Covering all Internet usage vs. telephonic
 - Requirements for employment
 - Responsible usage?
 - Culture of 'disobedience'
 - Snooping is common
 - Privacy rights are poorly understood and awareness of rights is not well known
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Constitutional rights

- South African Constitution of 1996 states, “Everyone has the right to privacy, which includes the right not to have –
 - (a) their person or home searched;
 - (b) their property searched;
 - (c) their possessions seized; or
 - (d) the privacy of their communications infringed.”
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Epilogue (Nothing 'bout me)

Lay my head on the surgeon's table
Take my fingerprints if you are able
Pick my brains, pick my pockets
Steal my eyeballs and come back for the sockets
Run every kind of test from A to Z
And you'll still know nothin' 'bout me
Run my name through your computer
Mention me in passing to your college tutor
Check my records, check my facts
Check if I paid my income tax
Pore over everything in my C.V.
But you'll still know nothin' 'bout me
You'll still know nothin' 'bout me



Epilogue (Nothing 'bout me)

You don't need to read no books on my history
I'm a simple man, it's no big mystery
In the cold weather, a hand needs a glove
At times like this, a lonely man like me needs love
Search my house with a fine tooth comb
Turn over everything 'cause I won't be home
Set up your microscope, and tell me what you see

You'll still know nothin' 'bout me
You'll still know nothin' 'bout me

Some value?

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