

Wickr Transparency Report

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Our Philosophy:

Wickr received its first government request to hand over data in February of this year, however, because Wickr requires all data requests to go through the U.S. judicial system information regarding the requested user account was never disclosed.

We strongly believe in maintaining a high level of transparency with respect to government and court ordered requests and that your data belongs to you. Furthermore, because of the manner in which messages on Wickr are encrypted, even with a properly issued subpoena, Wickr can never provide the content of the messages. This is the way it should be. We are merely the conduit for the information, not the intended recipient.

Therefore, content is protected in transit and at rest and is only readable by you and your intended recipient. We can only provide a snapshot of the account at a given moment and such details as the date of creation of an account, the type of device on which the account is used, and the date of last use of the account. For more information on what type of information we collect related to your account, please read our privacy policy at <https://www.mywickr.com/en/privacypolicy.php>.

Wickr is committed to sharing the number of requests for user information that we receive from law enforcement and how we handle them.

Government Requests:

Country	Reporting Period	Gov't Requests	Accounts Associated	Response Rate
United States	January 2013 to December __, 2013	0	0	0
Non-United States	January 2013 to December __, 2013	<10	<10	0

Action to Date:

As of the date of this report, Wickr has not been required by a FISA request to keep any secrets that are not in this transparency report as part of a national security order.

Our Promise:

As the electronic landscape continues to expand and change with regard to user's privacy rights, we remain committed to remaining transparent with our users and various government entities. That having been said, there are no back doors. What you see is what you get.

We promise to provide you with the tools to protect your own privacy rights and to disclose to you any and all government requests we receive for your information.

Prediction of the Future:

It's been a busy year for America and for those of us globally who remain concerned with privacy amidst the ever-evolving landscape of privacy law and concordant privacy regulations and practices, which do not seem to match up neatly, as one would like.

The government's surveillance shines light on the types of tracking that takes place on the internet. This is just the tip of the iceberg. We believe that corporations that profit from the collection of your personal data are perhaps the greatest threat of all.

Zero-Knowledge System:

The specific architecture of Wickr's technology ensures that there are no backdoors to our system. We do not have a master key nor do we possess your personal information. If and when lawful government requests arise, we maintain that we will wholly comply. However, such compliance will be limited to metadata based on the specifics of our proprietary encryption process. In other words, we remain committed to resolving lawful user data requests with honesty and openness with the security of knowing that such data requests will reveal only account information, never content, given the nature of our unique technology.

Worldwide Laws:

Wickr's mission is to bring private communications to every person in the world for free. These days, this is as much a legal puzzle as it is a technology puzzle. To solve these puzzles, we at Wickr ask ourselves regularly the following questions:

- What is the best country in the world to operate our corporation?
- What is the best country in the world to operate our servers?

Today, the answer is the United States because Wickr is a zero-knowledge system.

If a service has master keys, personal information, or metadata, the United States is not the best country to operate. Therefore, consumers should reconsider using services that cannot operate here.

We have trust in our country because private communications is one of the most important foundations of this country. As George Washington emphasized, a strong social system requires strong social discourse that can only exist with private communication. We believe private communication will revolutionize the world by giving power to the people.

However, the onus remains squarely on the consumer to protect themselves and their communications by deploying tools which ensure the protection of the fundamental right to private communications. Wickr is one of those tools. Together, we will enable the basic human right of private communication around the world.

Wickr on.