

AMAZON ECHO found to be spying on you!!! Beware!

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Its transparency reports only includes data demands to its cloud-stored data.



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We may never know if feds have hijacked Amazon Echo.

Amazon has so far issued two transparency reports since it began declaring [how many government data demands](#) and wiretap orders it receives.

Both [reports](#) outlined how many subpoenas, search warrants, and court orders the company received to cloud service, Amazon Web Services. While its cloud makes up a significant portion of the data that it gathers, the company also collects vast amounts of data from its retail businesses, mobile services, book purchases, and requests made to Echo.

But an Amazon spokesperson wouldn't comment on if the company will expand its transparency report.

The company's third report is due out in the next few weeks.

In case you didn't know, Echo is an always-on assistant device which, when activated, can return search queries, reads audiobooks, reports sports, traffic, and weather, and can even control smart home devices.

The company is said to have [sold three million Amazon Echo speakers](#).

Earlier this year, Gizmodo filed [a freedom of information \(FOIA\) request](#) with the FBI to see if the agency had wiretapped an Echo as part of a criminal investigation.

The FBI neither confirmed nor denied whether it had tapped the Echo.

For now (and maybe always), use at your own risk.