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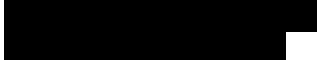


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Washington, D.C. 20535

September 4, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.



FOIPA Request No.: 1257375-001  
Subject: File Number 288A-WF-238943

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100 pages were reviewed and 83 pages are being released.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government agency(ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
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Sincerely,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
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Records Management Division

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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
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- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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From US Courts Meeting  
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Comp Intrusion - Other

Reference: EC  
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Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

US Courts Meeting

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11/4/08 - US Courts Mtg  
17 fed libraries

(1)

2 accts being used outside libraries  
data was going to one IP

34 district courts - .08¢ per page

\$1.5 Mil @  
documents  
downloaded

9/8-22/08

Shut off  
accts

Noticed slowness on their ECF

Billing log thru Pacer -  
IP let them know

Each fed court  
cm/ECF server and one on public  
side for  
Linux Red Hat is the OS

Billing  
log maintained at each court  
recorded locally in district courts

Concerns:

Someone swiped a passwords from 2 libraries

It was fairly organized, huge volume of data

- Sequential Case Numbers were taken
- There didn't appear to be any script writing
- feel they may already be a PACER customer.

BOOK registered user

Both libraries use AT&T DSL service

Chicago was compromised just 2 wks after pswd was chngd.

Sacramento - used script for login developed in Alaska - w/in public library

Chicago - logged on by librarian, Reference tech  
They could login to any ~~that~~ PACER System available  
1 hr limit

\* Where are they ~~for~~ physically located?

\* Phone #s for libraries - who is POC?

\* Logs

- server logs

- extract of courts

① w/ billing transactions

7th Circuit - Intern @ Fed Reserve

Intern used their laptop - Windows  
saved the username & pswd.

Pswd was chgd 9/1 - after incident

All downloads went to the 2 IPs (Amazon)

Library blog mentioned security breach

- dockets & documents

downloading entire cases

34 individual district courts

don't know if criminal or civil cases  
started with older cases - 90s

Colorado went to 2004 <—

Theoretically could be someone trying to build their own database

- someone offering this type of service

There is privacy related info in the older cases, but if they are looking for bio data they would go after bankruptcies courts

PACER provides data for Lexis Nexis

~~Pos~~  
They were doing this during normal court hours - only way they were caught



US COURTS

11/4/08

pilot program - 17 libraries

- comps. available to public

- 1 password for 11 mos.

- 1 password changed 2 weeks prior

~~data~~

accessed 34 district cts., pulling everything they can get thru PACER

internal process - they log you in & log you out

1.5 million worth of data downloaded from 9/8 - 9/22  
- accts. disabled on 9/22 when it was discovered

Colorado District Ct. - slowness on server affecting performance, reported, saw it was on PACER system, then saw PACER was being used from outside library

billing log when PACER is accessed, logs IP address, IP coming from outside library

2 accessed

7th Circuit Ct of Appeals - Chicago  
Sacramento Public Law Library

- each fed Ct. keeps docket & has separate server
- server on public side of internet

billing - log created @ each Ct

- moving to centralized system
- locally in district Ct. right now

all traffic went to 2 Amazon IP addresses

Concerns - somebody got passwords from CA & Chicago

- need to know how they got the passwords
- large volume of docs. - organized, knows script
- pilot was well advertised

Sequential case #s - they were just grabbing everything  
were taken

no script development - maybe a PACER customer  
already, they knew how the system worked

850,000 registered PACER users

2 facilities don't belong to same institution - no  
similarities

AT&T DSL Service - they both use this (Sacramento & Chicago)  
 ↳ they aren't on US GTS private network

previous incidents - one in Chicago w/ pilot program

no sign-in sheets - they were trying to avoid that

- thought public who wouldn't go to courts  
 would go to the libraries

- some libraries had log-ins - people use fake names

- Sacramento - script used, only 4 people came to use it  
 Chicago - librarian manually logged in

- fed bldg, fed cthouse → is there a record  
 of who came in?

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- users were assigned a terminal in library, librarian logged them in, then they had access, log-in will work anywhere in PACER system

- how did librarian log-in?

- ~~CA~~ Chicago - reference tech logged in, 1 hr. limit  
 CA - script, clicked on button & you were logged in

- live last Nov. - PACER

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- exact dates - <sup>passwords</sup> were sent out ?

- intern @ fed. reserve - look up accts. based on SSN  
for project, librarian logged on intern's laptop,  
laptop saved password, system was logged on outside  
business hrs.

wireless  
access

- TEXAS - using laptop during hrs. in library

- Sept. 1 - Chicago changed passwd.

- 2 IPs - logged in & data sent there, everything was  
done thru these

- program is shut down, notice didn't mention intrusion,  
it was told @ meeting that pilot was shut down due  
to security breach, librarians didn't ask how  
it happened just where it happened

- downloading dockets & documents from docket  
- taking whole cases in sequential order

- District Cts. - what was taken all came from here  
↳ not sure if it were civil or criminal

- they started w/ older cases (1990's)  
& moved forward

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- privacy related info in older dockets
  - SSN, alien #'s may not have been redacted
- someone may have been trying to build their own database
- no competition - services pull data from PACER (PACER is behind all other services)
- anyone offering info for sale - like trying to build database
- has server logs on CD  
has CD w/ billing transactions
- CA - law library is inside public library
- Chicago - inside courts?
- POC @ libraries:
- access every 1-2 seconds - 1 log-in, continuous session
- they were doing it during daytime & slowing down courts - now they were caught

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Contacts for libraries



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- \* Promote the PACER service to the public;
- \* Have a survey available for PACER users to submit (GPO will provide);
- \* Report PACER activities to GPO every two months (GPO will provide report form);
- \* Provide access to PACER only from computers within the library and its branches; and
- \* Meet other requirements of the pilot, including those related to login and password security.

The Web site is to be used for free public access under the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Your password and login information are to be shared only with library staff who provide reference service. This information may also be shared with branch libraries that are under the purview of the same library director. It is against AOUSC/GPO policy to give out your login or password to another organization or individual library users. Also, you may not allow organizations outside your library to connect to PACER using your login and password via your library's computer network; public access workstations in the Federal depository library are permissible. Any violation of these terms will result in the termination of your account with the PACER Service Center.

Please complete the entire form and return it by fax to 202-512-2300. Alternatively, you may scan the signed form and e-mail it to Cindy Etkin at cetkin@gpo.gov.

Depository Library Number: 0155A

Library Name: Wm. J. Campbell Library of the U.S. Courts

Library Address: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

219 S. Dearborn, Room 11637 Chicago, IL 60604

Depository Coordinator (contact)

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

If you agree to the terms expres

Library Director's Signature:

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Depository Library Number: 0055-B

Library Name: Sacramento County Public Law Library

Library Address: 813 Sixth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Depository Coordinator (contact):

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

If you agree to the terms expressed above, please sign below:

Library Director's Signature:

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# Open Access to Government Documents

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...or, "Federal Court Documents: Even Google Can't Find Them"

  
Fellow, Berkman Center  
Oct 14, 2008

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- Congressional Research Service (CRS)
- Oregon State Codes
- Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)

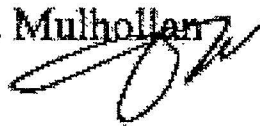


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April 18, 2007

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**FROM:** Daniel P. Mulhollen  
Director 

**SUBJECT:** Access to CRS Reports

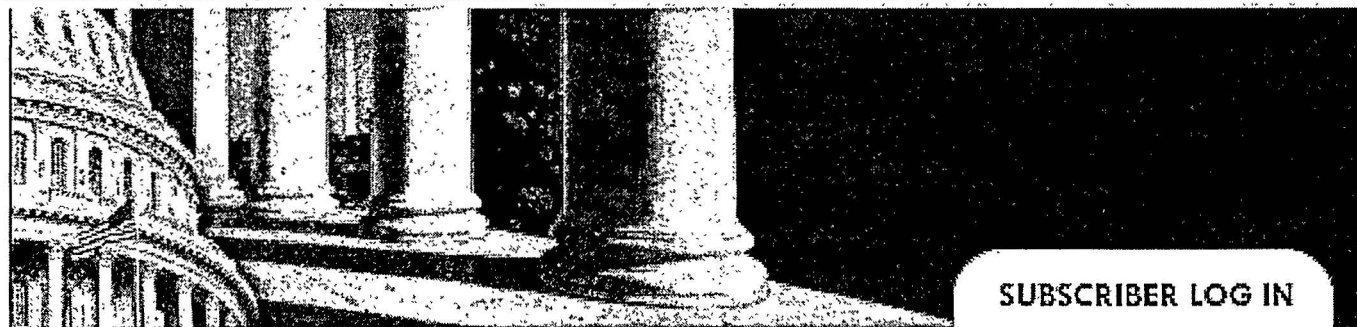
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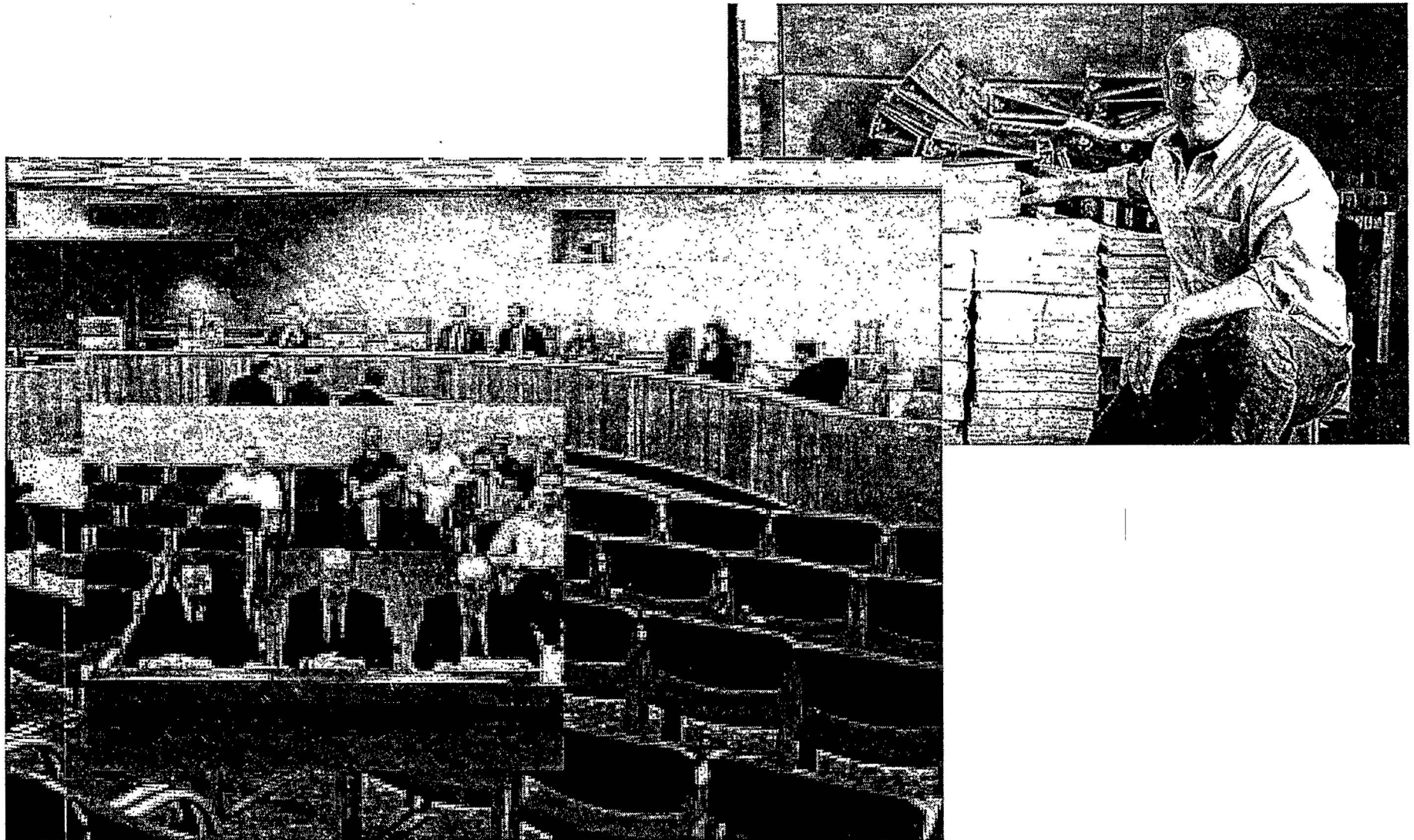
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# Oregon State Codes

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PACER:



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# Common Themes

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- delegation of authority
- cost recovery
- creation of downstream monopolies/control

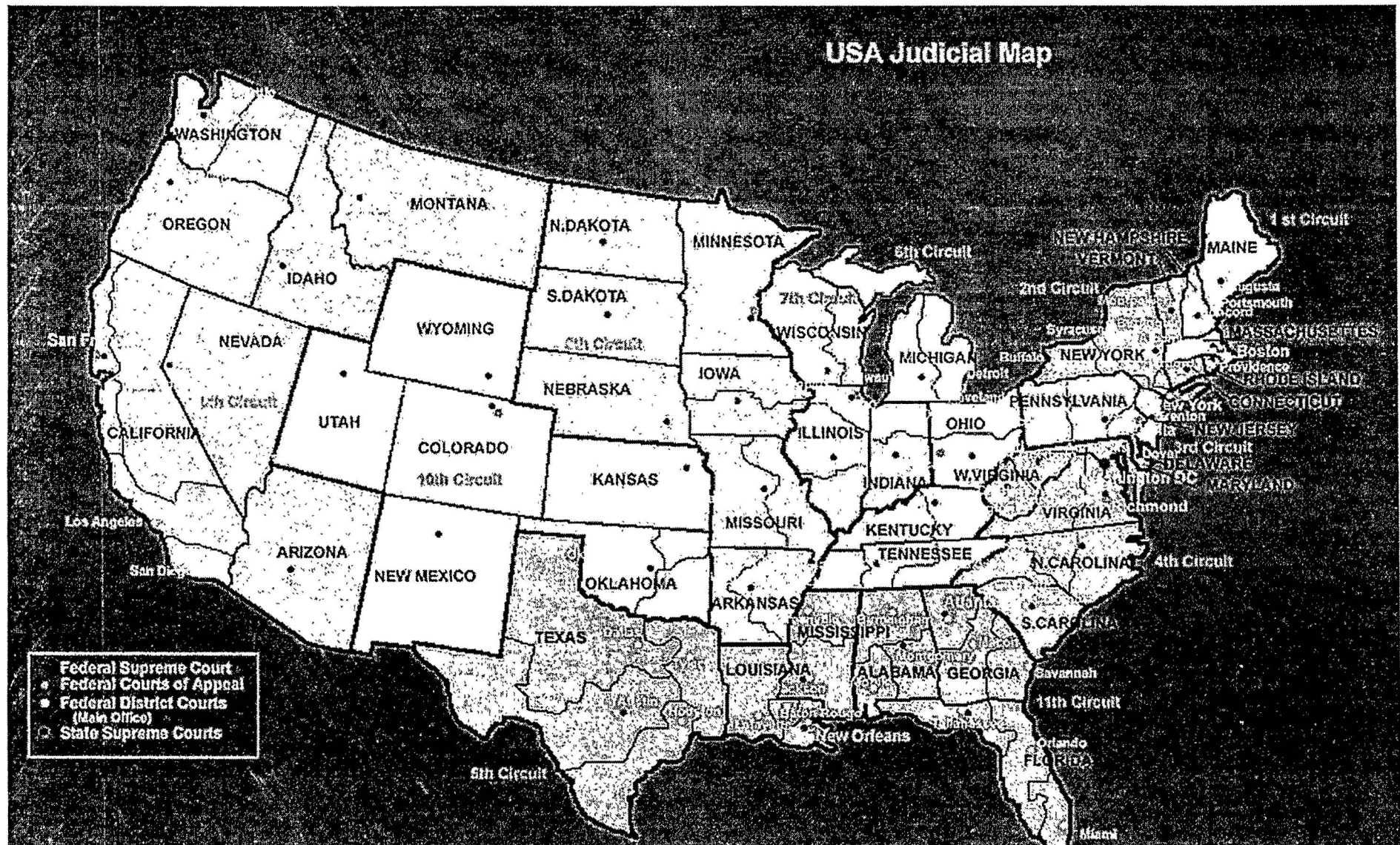
## PACER Fee Chronology

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- 1990: PACER dial-up access at \$1/minute
- 1998: PACER web access at \$.07/page
- 2002: E-Government Act
- 2004: Fee increase to \$.08/page
- 2006: \$100M JITF surplus, ban on any transfer of fee-exempt documents
- 2007: No-Fee library access trial



# How is PACER designed technically?



## How Has This Changed?

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- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts "Annual Report of the Director" 2006: "The Centralized Authentication Project (CAP) was incorporated into CM/ECF. CAP improves system security by allowing the Judiciary to authenticate PACER users at one of two national gateways rather than distributing the PACER passwords to each site."
- Only two data centers: Reston and Kansas
- But still 188 different servers, running one of 10 different versions of the software

# Cracks in the Dam

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# Cracks in the Dam

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- PACER Recycling
- IP Litigation Clearinghouse, Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse
- Justia
- Court Web Sites
- Google
- E-Government Act of 2002
- No-Fee PACER Access at 16 Federal Depository Libraries

# The E-Government Act of 2002

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§205, in relevant part, states:

(a) **INDIVIDUAL COURT WEBSITES**- The Chief Justice of the United States, the chief judge of each circuit and district and of the Court of Federal Claims, and the chief bankruptcy judge of each district shall cause to be established and maintained, for the court of which the judge is chief justice or judge, a website that contains the following information or links to websites with the following information:

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(4) Access to docket information for each case.

(5) Access to the substance of all written opinions issued by the court, regardless of whether such opinions are to be published in the official court reporter, in a text searchable format.

(6) Access to documents filed with the courthouse in electronic form, to the extent provided under subsection (c).

# The E-Government Act of 2002

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(e) COST OF PROVIDING ELECTRONIC DOCKETING INFORMATION- Section 303(a) of the Judiciary Appropriations Act, 1992 (105 stat 810, codified in 28 U.S.C. 1913 note) is amended in the first sentence by striking '**shall hereafter**' and inserting '**may, only to the extent necessary,**'.

With section (e)'s amendment, the overall wording of the law is:

*"303(a): The Judicial Conference may, only to the extent necessary, prescribe reasonable fees, pursuant to sections 1913, 1914, 1926, 1930, and 1932 of title 28, United States Code, for collection by the courts under those sections for access to information available through automatic data processing equipment. These fees may distinguish between classes of persons, and shall provide for exempting persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information. The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, under the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, shall prescribe a schedule of reasonable fees for electronic access to information which the Director is required to maintain and make available to the public."*

# How the Judiciary Has Reacted to the Act

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"As directed by Congress, the Judicial Conference has determined that the following fees are necessary to reimburse expenses incurred by the judiciary in providing electronic public access to court records." (emphasis added)."

**"In the spirit of the E-Government Act of 2002,** modifications have been made to the District Court CM/ECF system to provide PACER customers with access to written opinions free of charge. The modifications also allow PACER customers to search for written opinions using a new report that is free of charge. Written opinions have been defined by the Judicial Conference as 'any document issued by a judge or judges of the court sitting in that capacity, that sets forth a reasoned explanation for a court's decision.' The responsibility for determining which documents meet this definition rests with the authoring judge."

## What Congress Said When It Passed the Act

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*“The Committee intends to encourage the Judicial Conference to move from a fee structure in which electronic docketing systems are supported primarily by user fees to a fee structure in which this information is freely available to the greatest extent possible. For example, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts operates an electronic public access service, known as PACER, that allows users to obtain case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District and Bankruptcy courts, and from the U.S. Party/Case Index. Pursuant to existing law, users of PACER are charged fees that are higher than the marginal cost of disseminating the information.”*

# The Hyperlaw Letter

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- **Barriers To Access Easily Resolved Within CM/ECF**
- **Completeness and Suitability of Opinions Selected**
  - Not All Judicial Opinions are Identified and Included in Written Opinions
  - Routine Orders Inappropriately Identified as Written Opinions and Included in the Written Opinions Reports
  - In General, No Focused Responsibility for Completeness of the Written Opinions Report
  - Not All Opinions are Searchable
- **Accessibility by Search Engines**
  - The Opinions Designated in the Written Opinions and Some Court Web Site Opinions Are Hidden Behind Firewalls
  - No Public File Name Assigned To the Opinion Files
  - Metadata in Header Not Used Uniformly

May 7, 2008

# No-Fee FDLP Access

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- AALL Resolution

**WHEREAS,** Providing PACER to users of depository libraries at no-fee will increase greatly access by the public to important federal court information and strengthen the collaboration between GPO, the federal courts, depository libraries and the public which is the very essence of the FDLP partnership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the U.S. Government Printing Office should negotiate with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to make the PACER system available at no cost to users of federal depository libraries;

- Judicial Conference approved 17 trial FDLP libraries in 2007
- goal: "...to determine if Federal depository library access to PACER expands



## What the Judiciary Giveth, The Judiciary Taketh Away

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Sep 30, 2008 -- "GPO and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts undertook a pilot to provide free public access to Federal court records at 17 Federal depository libraries through (PACER) ... The pilot has been suspended, pending an evaluation. Once the evaluation is complete, the judiciary and the GPO will determine what steps need to be taken in order to move forward. The pilot is part of GPO's efforts to increase public access to government information as well as the judiciary's continuing effort to expand public access to court records."



# Barriers to Open Access

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- Privacy
- Integrity
- Cost
- Inertia

# Integrity

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remixing the law?

# Privacy

Section 1: General Information		Section 2: Personal Data	Section 3: Contact Information
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## Cost: JITF Report 2006

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### **FY 2006 Total Available Funding From All Sources (\$ Millions)**

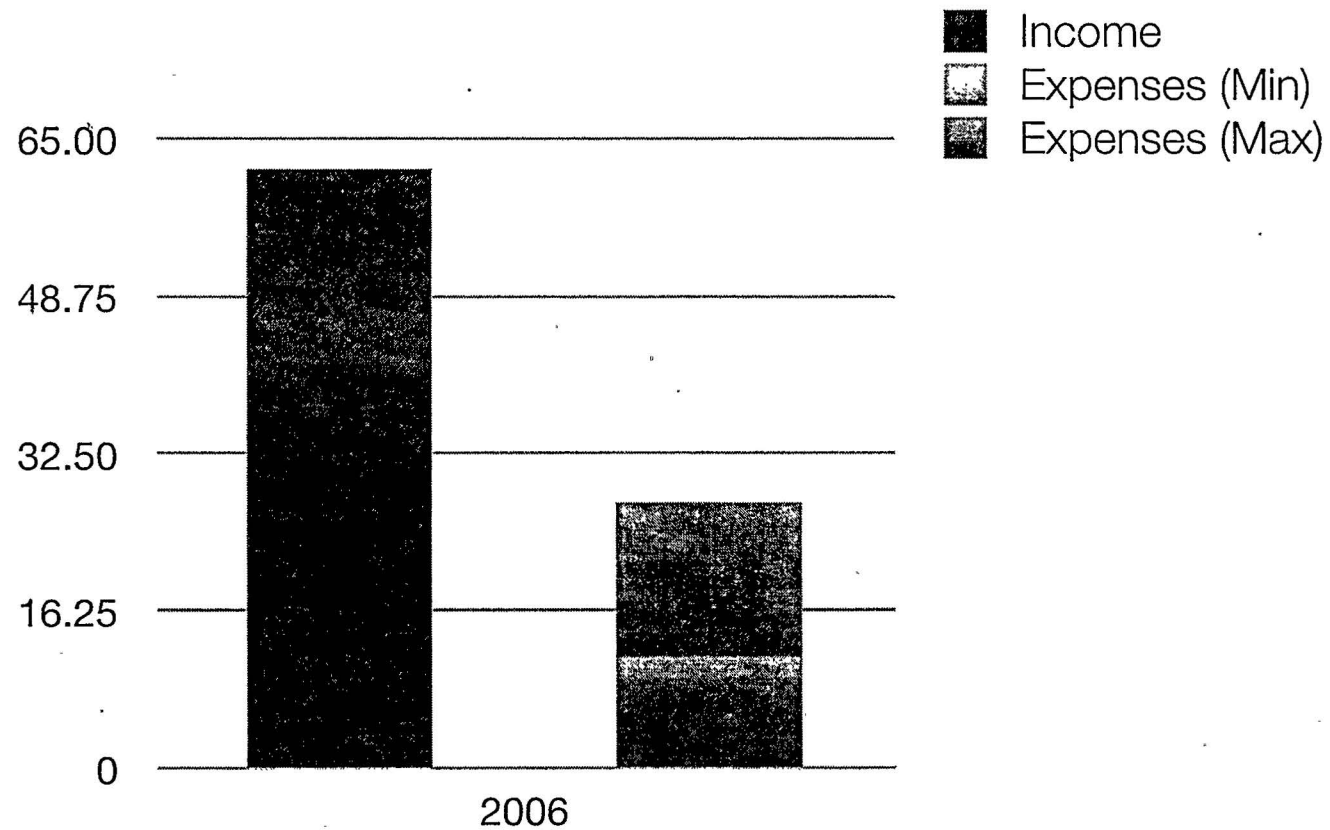
<b>Deposits from Salaries and Expenses Account</b>	<b>\$260.0</b>
<b>Fee Collections from Electronic Public Access</b>	<b>\$62.3</b>
<b>Unobligated Balances from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$98.4</b>
<b>Deposits from Courts</b>	<b>\$26.2</b>
<b>Deposits from Non-Mandatory Users</b>	<b>\$0.9</b>
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$447.8</b>

# JITF Report 2006

<b>CENTRALLY OBLIGATED IT PROGRAM COMPONENTS</b> <i>(\$ in Millions)</i>	<b>FY 2006</b> <b>OBLIGATIONS</b>
Court Administration and Case Management Systems	\$ 16.0
Judicial Statistical and Reporting Systems	\$ 2.4
Courtroom Technology Program	\$ 7.1
Emergency Preparedness	\$ 2.9
Electronic Public Access Program	\$ 11.6
Probation and Pretrial Services	\$ 9.3
Financial Systems	\$ 16.5
Human Resources Systems	\$ 12.5
Management Information Systems	\$ 9.7
Infrastructure and Collaboration Tools	\$ 36.9
Telecommunications Program	\$ 27.0
Reimbursable Program	\$ 22.8
Non-Mandatory Users	\$ 0.1
<b>Total Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 174.8</b>

# What Money Goes Where?

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# 2007 Administrative Office Annual Report

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- "The operational cost of the P[acer] S[ervice] C[enter] has consistently remained a small fraction of the revenue—in 2007, only 4.52 percent."

- 4.52% of 65 is 2.9

## PACER Actual Revenue

1999-2007

In Millions

**1999**    \$ 13,732

**2000**    \$ 12,980

**2001**    \$ 12,111

**2002**    \$ 17,651

**2003**    \$ 27,459

**2004**    \$ 37,645

**2005**    \$ 46,104

**2006**    \$ 62,118

**2007**    \$ 65,036

# Long Range Plan for Information Technology in the Federal Judiciary 2008 - Projected Costs

Lines of Business	Current Estimate (Dollars in Millions)				
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Court Administration and Case Management Systems	21.0	20.0	21.2	22.4	23.5
Judicial Statistical and Reporting Systems	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.8	5.0
Courtroom Technology Program	3.8	11.5	12.2	12.9	13.5
Electronic Public Access Program	30.7	25.6	27.1	28.6	30.1
Infrastructure and Collaboration Tools	49.5	50.4	50.0	57.0	61.5
Telecommunications Program	54.0	56.5	59.9	63.2	66.4
Court Support	27.6	28.3	30.0	31.6	33.2
<b>TOTAL JTF Financial Requirements</b>	<b>411.1</b>	<b>432.4</b>	<b>458.3</b>	<b>483.5</b>	<b>507.7</b>



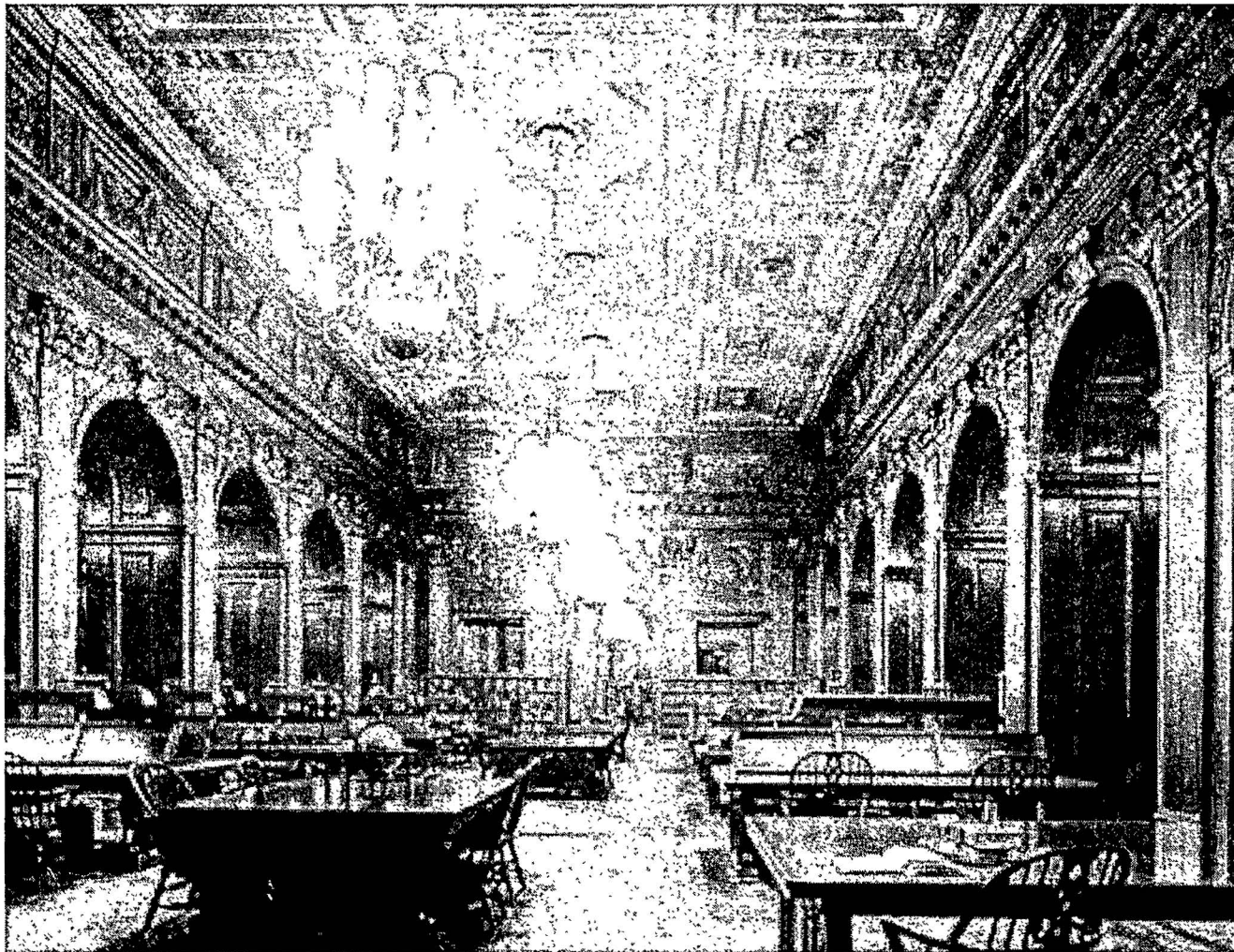
# Alternative Cost Recovery Mechanisms

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- How much cost recovery is warranted?
- How much cost goes away with open access?
- Congressional support?
- Enterprise services?
- Sponsorship?
- Funding from elsewhere in the Judiciary's budget?

# Inertia

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# Committee on Information Technology

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- The Committee on Information Technology reported that it reviewed the Judiciary Information Technology Fund Annual Report, which describes sources of funds, obligations, and unobligated balances. The Committee focused on the significant accumulation of unobligated balances, which in large measure reflects the cumulative results of cost-containment initiatives and the success of the CM/ECF system in the district and bankruptcy courts. It adopted a multi-part strategy to reduce future unobligated balances, including expanding the use of Electronic Public Access funds. - March 13, 2007



Judge Rosemary M. Collyer (D. D.C.)

# Office of Information Technology

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Howard Grandier, Assistant Director for  
the Office of Information Technology (OIT)

# Committee on Court Administration and Case Management

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- Next meeting: December 2008



Judge John R. Tunheim (D. Minn.)

# Electronic Public Access Working Group

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- "This is a group of judges, clerks and court technology personnel that was formed specifically to address electronic public access issues."
- Next Meeting: October 2008
- Requested materials by Sep 24, 2008

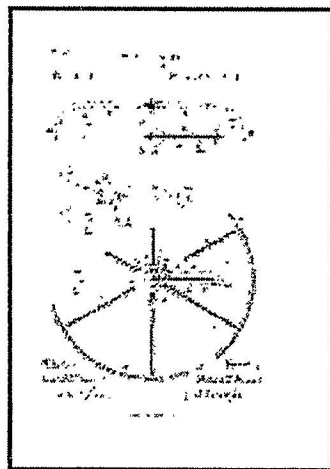
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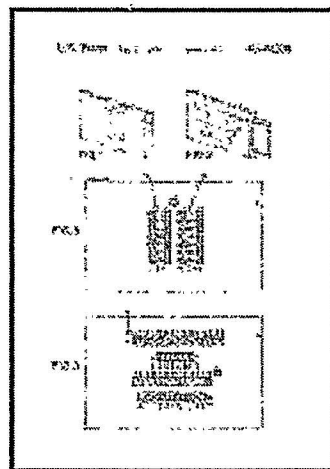
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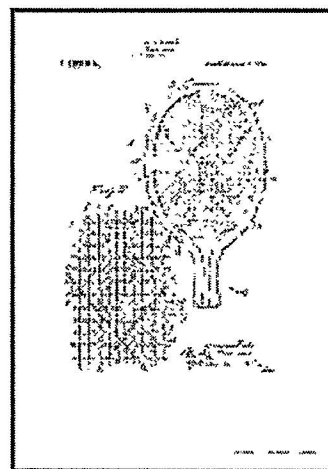
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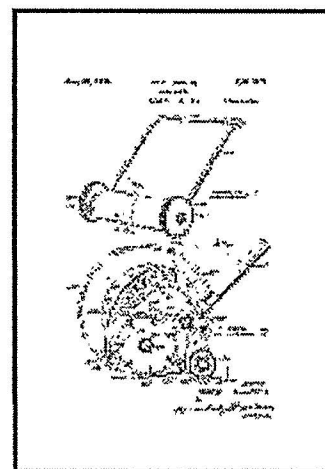
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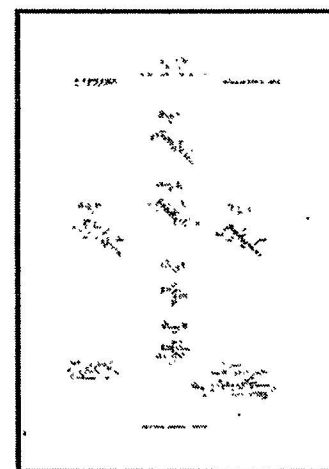
Digital instant schedule  
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COMPUTER INTRUSION - OTHER

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7/5/afternoon  
Govt Docs Librarian 6.5 yrs

all public computers

13 originally 16

pilot project

terminated right after comp. 2

Govt Printing Office, in April 09 to determine future

Internet

• Web based

normal

enter credit card info

pilot program encrypted password for free access

encrypted p/w on all systems

static html page link to pacer

she set it up per Alaska Library technician

~~did not~~ p/w only local network server

p/w access

actual p/w

written on paper

available to staff

advised not available to patrons

anybody on staff (w20)

Script for encrypting password  
[redacted] provided script  
kept on server

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no sign in sheet  
no # of people who accessed system

access: sit at pc click on link  
3 question survey <sup>used before</sup>  
⇒ have access <sub>where etc...</sub>

written plan kept in rolodex (a)  
reference desk.

on desk but not available to public  
w/o staff seeing & stopping them

no idea on compromise

no known unusual computer activity

link no longer on static html page

static page internal only

desktop set to display webpage

p/w removed from rolodex

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couple weeks

ref librarian would log in  
could not give p/a & patron

Alaska provided streamlined process

not involved since comp

Alaska Library b6  
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contacted her  
installed on his system as well

never met [redacted] before  
doesn't know if [redacted] helped other libraries

contacted now:  
press releases and emails

no other sig contact - Alaska Library



internet FI

maybe SBC

just switch

[Redacted]

Programmer Analyst (Web Developer)

Alaska Court System

[Redacted]@courts.state.ak.us

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US COURTS-VICTIM;  
COMPUTER INTRUSION-OTHER

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+ Compact Disc of Pacer login Script

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Someone helped [redacted] set it up  
[redacted] never reviewed security aspect  
intranet web server; script running on it

plw in odex int'l hack

No known infra activity during  
time of  
7 1/2 yrs no intrusions

No internal intrusion activity  
observed  
No one knowledgeable



Senior Systems Admin

Pf/V UC Davis  
from Montenegro

192.168.252.100  $\Rightarrow$  DMZ  
250  $\Rightarrow$  inside

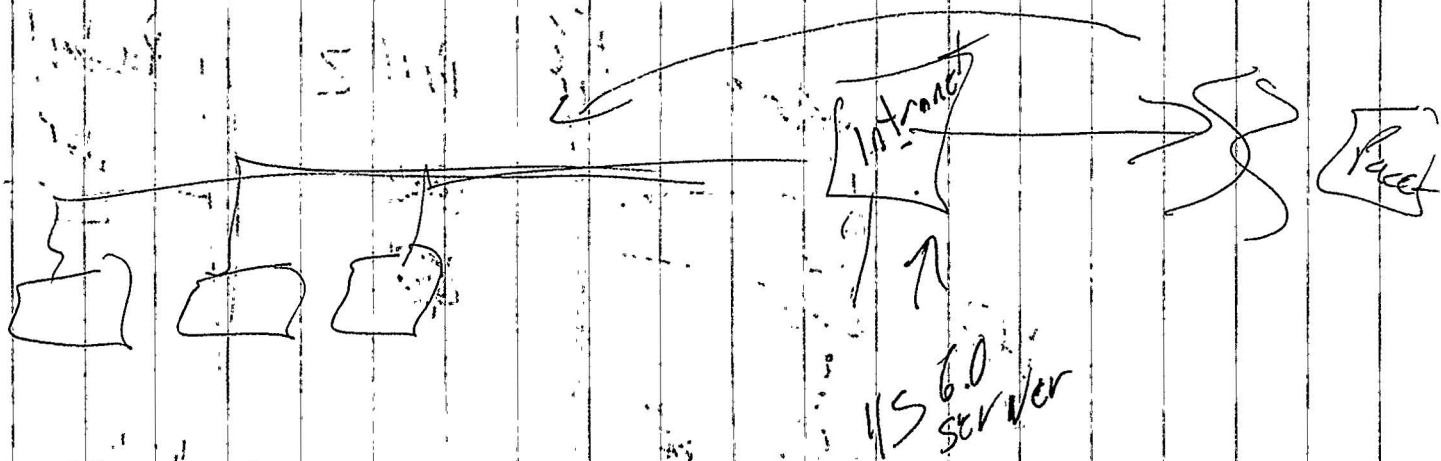
many partitions

F/W Watch card ~ version  
non x750e

still have incoming logs  
to IIS server

Script on IIS server machine  
different instance

main  
test  
intranet

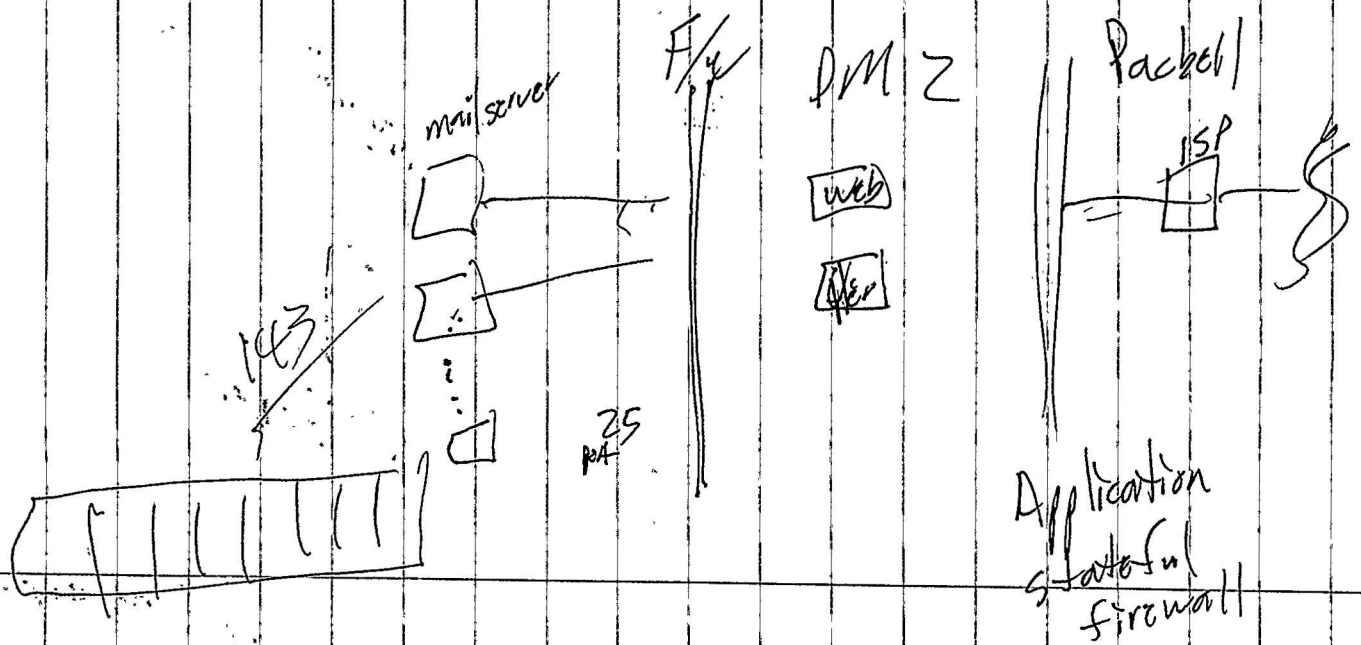


IS servers must be behind firewall

workstation

2 servers in DMS  
 Web server Horizon Information Portal server  
 library database

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no FTP

Sircwest circa Christmas 08  
 paypal - selling videos → SSL

no 443 in



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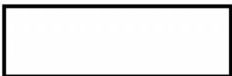
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I can't

tell you how Aaron  
did it.

I'm at former professor for  
MIT, I understand the security  
of PACER & can speak on that

I need an attorney?  
Told him we can't advise him  
of that but we are looking  
for info to get PACER back up  
& running

Do  
he asked if this is an investigation



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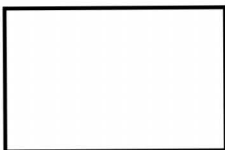
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# PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG

A Nonprofit Corporation



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SEBASTOPOL, CA 95472



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California



94-95, 95-96 - Rodita, CSPDO copyright  
2007 - appeals, 100% same file material 5/2008  
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Hille, Schwartz, 77068 (002 page 55), 10/08  
Martin Hille, Winy, US, not to audit, told  
him all, accurate, (Winy), 10 yrs, name  
to upland the to per go, very, only 12-13,  
never paid, Oregon, proxy, derived money,  
multiple non-coded decs, more, paid it out  
the full amount

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SSN

DOB

4/15/09

501 C3 Non-profit - public.resource.org

- last 20 yrs. - putting govt. data online

- SEC. Edgar database 94-95

- got more info from Smithsonian online

- resp. for changing CSPAN's policies

- 2007 - primary legal materials needed attention

- 2008 - court of appeals info online (50 yrs worth)

- people writing saying SSN was posted online,  
got SSN's removed using LexisNexis

- Judge Rosenblatt - sent her audit that listed SSN's  
online & presented series of recommendations  
(provided copies)

- mid-08

public.resource.org

- site meant to get some policy aims across

- get PACER docs uploaded for anyone to view

- list of 17 FAQ's

- [ ] doesn't like PACER system, clear in FAQ's

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- Thumb Drive Corp - suggests people go to 17  
libraries & download PACER docs.

- 1 volunteer contacted him that he had  
(Aaron Swartz) 770 gigabytes of PACER data

- [ ] looked at it, was satisfied that

it was clean. Started looking for SSN's,  
found large # of SSN's in that PACER data

- found 1700 bad docs. In 20% of PACER they had docs.

- told <sup>Admin office of the</sup> US Courts he would work w/ their technical

AUSA [redacted] → Staff, called DOJ & told them of SSN's printed, they said (Seattle) there was no investigation

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- Oct. 23, 2008 - sent info to US Courts again

- Professor [redacted] from Cornell Law School - [redacted] volunteered to help with their systems out Admin office

- Late Dec. 2008 - [redacted] from NY Times asked

for info, he gave [redacted] info, articles were printed,

[redacted] said articles were generally accurate & he has found no mistakes

- One request before Judge Lamberth for no fee for PACER info. that wouldn't let [redacted] redistribute info, [redacted] is asking for that to be waived

- [redacted] brief Senate judiciary committee, & 2 other comms., and see judge - why he's in town

FAQ - upload button to upload pdf documents

- [redacted] doesn't retrieve them b/c people are paying for these docs. So they could redistribute the docs.

- did he think people would steal data or upload what they bought?

- assumed people would get data by paying for it or going to 17 libraries for free PACER data

- doesn't think what Aaron did was illegitimate

- they are not hackers

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- you don't have to be physically in the library to access that info legitimately
  - data was downloaded over 6 weeks, no one ever stopped them
  - never saw anything that said that was for personal use in libraries, if he had he would not have released the info, would still have done the SSN audit known Aaron for a decade, long standing relationship
  - [ ] encouraged people to take docs. from PACER system & upload them to his page

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\* LexisNexis & West

- Notice on log-in page? saw that, this is not unauthorized access, the data was available for users to view, he studied that statement to determine if what he asked people to do was unauthorized
- been working on legal info since beginning of 2007
- interviews at White House
- doing govt. info. for 2 decades
- scanned 3 mil pages of congress hearings & made those available
- Chaired Internet Systems Consortium -
- gets free hosting in Bay area, unlimited bandwidth
- frustrated that US courts won't contact him & work w/ him

- did he have anyone else supplying PACER data?
  - no one else sending large amts, thousands uploaded
  - Small #'s of docs. - 80K pages uploaded thru resource.org?
- how can they fix system to go forward? [ ] thinks -
  - make cookie track IP address, so that if you use cookie on another computer, make them log-in again
- now, all you have to do is log-in, then use cookie on another computer & have access, only limit is cookie is good for one week
- [ ] looked at security language, announcement for release of PACER, didn't see anything that said a normal user couldn't do this
- AS was given an acct by [ ] he uploaded info to acct.
  - at public.resource.org
- [ ] paid 600K to purchase circuit <sup>court opinions</sup> ~~data~~ from vendor
  - has not paid for bulk data from PACER
- if you uploaded data, [ ] didn't pay you
- did not pay AS
- [ ] pays institutions, not people
- [ ] has his own PACER acct
- AS not employed by [ ] in any way
- at one pt, [ ] attempted to commission him to do audit, paid him, AS didn't do work, [ ] asked for \$ back - in 2008
- AS sent \$ back, check was never cashed, AS returned check



- only 2 [redacted] & AS were only one who had accts
- AS's acct terminated when they saw PACER was stopped
- [redacted] doesn't give accts to many people
- uploads are anonymous, [redacted] they don't even check pages until sometime later to see if they are PACER docs
- fix for Admin Office - track IP addresses for PACER users? would be one solution
- [redacted] would love to discuss issues w/ Admin Office, if they want libraries to be personal access or 3 page limit, he would help them achieve that
- 8¢ page - excessive charge, should be 2¢ not 8¢ at least based on letter sent by Senator
- data needs to be scrubbed first, properly sealed (unsealed docs that are improperly unsealed should be taken off internet)
- you can't search PACER - problem
  - need to be able to search for keywords

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# Aaron Swartz: contact information

## *cyberspace*

I really prefer email: [me@aaronsw.com](mailto:me@aaronsw.com).

If I don't respond to your message promptly, feel free to send it again and again until I do. Sometimes things get caught in spam folders or otherwise disappeared.

If you have to call, email me to get the number.

## *meatspace*

*permanent mailing address:*

Aaron Swartz  
349 Marshman  
Highland Park, IL 60035

*posted July 18, 2006*

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# Aaron Swartz

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Aaron Swartz** (born 1986) is a writer, web developer, and entrepreneur. At age 14, he was a co-author of the RSS 1.0 specification. Since then he has become a member of the W3C's RDF Core Working Group, co-designed the formatting language Markdown with John Gruber, and has been involved in many other projects.

Swartz was the founder of Infogami, a startup that was part of Y Combinator's first Summer Founders Program. Previously, he attended Stanford University for a year, leaving to work on his company full-time. Infogami merged with reddit to form not a bug but failed to take off.

In late 2006, reddit was sold to CondéNet (the online arm of Condé Nast Publications and the owners of *Wired*) and Swartz moved with his company to San Francisco. In January 2007, Swartz was asked to resign from his position at Wired Digital.<sup>[1]</sup>

In September 2007, Swartz, together with Simon Carstensen, launched Jottit, a website service quite similar to Infogami. Jottit was launched from bitbots.net, a project by Swartz and Carstensen. Swartz is also the creator of the web.py web application framework, based on the Python programming language, which is used by Jottit (and previously reddit).

Swartz is an active blogger and has written a number of widely read essays on his blog. Two of his more well-known pieces include "Who Writes Wikipedia", an article examining the contributions to Wikipedia articles written during his candidacy for the Wikimedia Foundation board election in 2006, and "HOWTO: Be More Productive", an article on personal productivity.

Swartz currently lives in Cambridge, Mass.

## Publications

- Swartz, Aaron. "MusicBrainz: A Semantic Web Service", *IEEE Intelligent Systems*, vol. 17, no. 1, pp. 76–77, Jan/Feb 2002.
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## References

1. ^ A Chat with Aaron Swartz

## External links

- Personal website
- Infogami.com and Infogami.org
- reddit
- web.py Web frameworks
- not a bug
- Jottit
- bitbots.net
- “Undergraduate Overachiever”, *Wired*, September 12, 2004
- Aaron Swartz at the Internet Movie Database
- Video interview by Will Wilkinson on Bloggingheads.tv

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# Aaron Swartz

That's me, Aaron Swartz -- the guy who runs this place. More information is at [my homepage](#). This URI identifies me, a resource.

Wesley Felter\* took [a picture](#) of me as one of the [Usual Suspects](#).

"This kid is scaring me..." - [John Mahoney](#), when told about my projects. This occurred as I met him and Studs Turkel\* while going to be interviewed for the show below.

On 2001-07-02\*, I was on the show Eight-Forty-Eight\* on WBEZ\* about the [Semantic Web](#). Listen to it: [RealAudio Archive](#), MP3 hopefully coming soon (@@).

I attended the local [DMCA Protest](#).

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TO:



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BEFORE GRAND JURY

SUBPOENA FOR:

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IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF:

18 U.S.C. § 1030

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

PLACE <b>UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA United States Courthouse Third &amp; Constitution, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530</b>	COURTROOM 3rd Floor GRAND JURY ROOMS
	DATE AND TIME Thursday Oct 16, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):\*

See Attached Description

COMPLIANCE MAY BE MADE BY MAILING THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS VIA REGULAR OR CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE UNDERSIGNED ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY AT THE ADDRESS BELOW, OR BY SUPPLYING THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS TO THE BEARER OF THIS SUBPOENA.

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This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE OR CLERK OF COURT NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON	DATE
(By) Deputy Clerk	USAO # Y-CCCC-SSS /eaw

This subpoena is issued upon application of the United States of America.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney

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On November 4, 2008, pursuant to the grand jury subpoena served on October 6, 2008, the following subpoena return was received from

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A search of SWARTZ's website, www.aaronsw.com, lists SWARTZ as an activist, writer and hacker. The website verifies

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SWARTZ's email address and mailing address as those listed above. A search in Wikipedia listed SWARTZ as co-author of the RSS 1.0 specification, a member of the W3C's RDF Core Working Group, co-designer of the formatting language Markdown, founder of Infogami, co-founder of Jottit, and creator of the web.py web application framework. SWARTZ has a webpage at [logicererror.com/AaronSW](http://logicererror.com/AaronSW).

A search [REDACTED] provided the following information:

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Copies of the webpages [REDACTED] are maintained in an FD-340.

A search in ACS for aaronsw.com was positive for case ID 315T-HO-C1475879-IP, serial 91. An email header associated with [REDACTED] account labeled Computer Science is undisputednexus@aaronsw.com.

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