

# NSA Exposes Cloud Computing's Weakness

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Cloud computing was always a bad idea.

Not totally bad, mind you. It has it's place. I use Google Docs/Drive or whatever they're calling it this week sometimes so I can work on articles on the computer at my day job without leaving a mess behind on the bosses hard drive. But mostly cloud computing has always been a bad idea.

Ask Richard Stallman; he'll tell you. Or ask me.

We've learned a few things over these last few months, since the truth came out about the NSA. We've learned that while we've been busy wearing tinfoil hats to keep the government from picking our brains, they've been doing it anyway, through our computers, which very well may have been helping them if we've been running proprietary software. We've learned that if you run Windows you very well might be part of the NSA's botnet.

Here's what Paul Venezia who writes for the Data Center at InfoWorld had to say on Monday:

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