

The Untold Benefits of Ethical Design

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Build a “Better” Product

Put User Interests First

Challenge Status Quo

Ethics at the Core

Ethical Design

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ethics *plural in form but singular or plural in construction* : the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation

2

a : a set of moral principles : a theory or system of moral values the present-day materialistic *ethic* an old-fashioned work *ethic* —often used in plural but singular or plural in construction an elaborate *ethics* Christian *ethics*

b **ethics** *plural in form but singular or plural in construction* : the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group professional *ethics*

c : a guiding philosophy

d : a consciousness of moral importance forge a conservation *ethic*

3

ethics *plural* : a set of moral issues or aspects (such as rightness) debated the *ethics* of human cloning

A Guiding Philosophy

The discipline of dealing with
what is **good and bad** and with
moral duty and obligation

Ethical Design:

Design created with the
intent to do good.

Design with good intent
can still go wrong.



**We spend a lot of time thinking about tools,
technologies and frameworks.**

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How much time do you spend thinking about the impact of what you're building?





Surveillance Capitalism

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GCHQ data collection regime violated human rights, court rules

Surveillance system revealed by Snowden breached right to privacy, Strasbourg judges say



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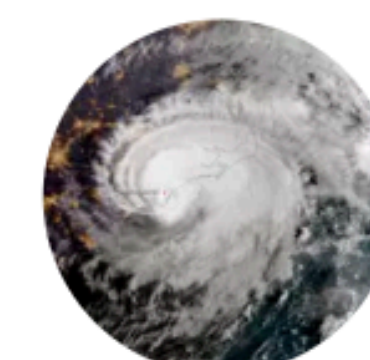
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Comedian Mark Lamarr
charged with assault and
imprisonment



Springboks hold on to int
shock home defeat on the
Blacks



This is how the world end
will we soon see category
hurricanes?

Data against People

“Systems that make decisions about people based on their data produce substantial adverse effects that can massively limit their choices, opportunities, and life-chances”.

Dark Patterns

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do things that you didn't mean to.**

Dark Patterns pressure users into making a decision.

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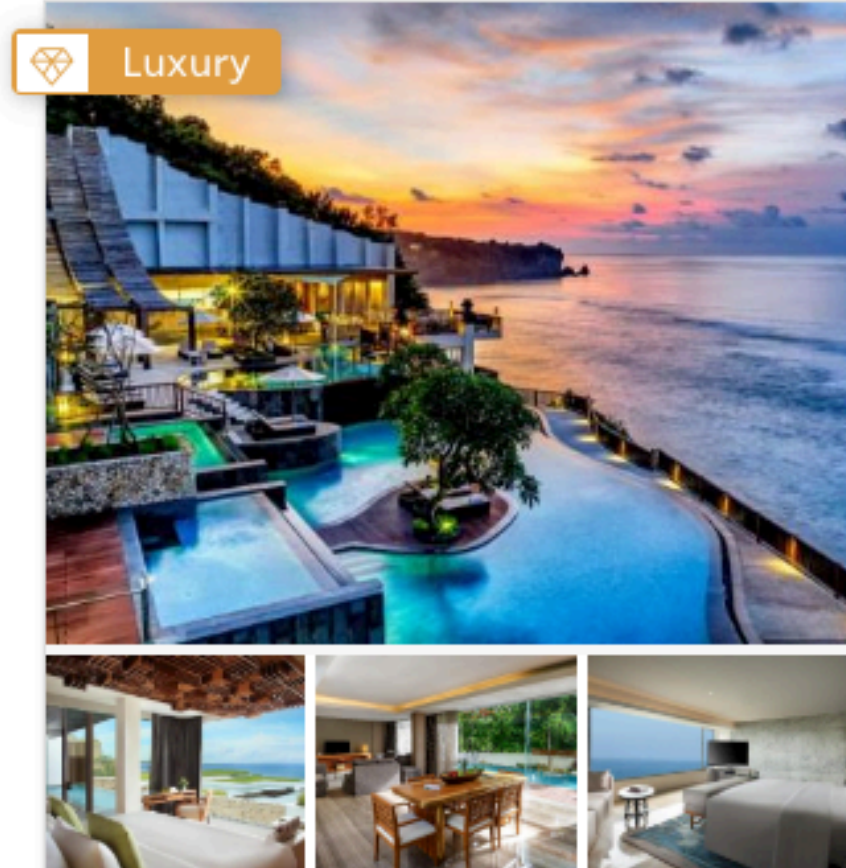
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Loss Aversion
Anxiety



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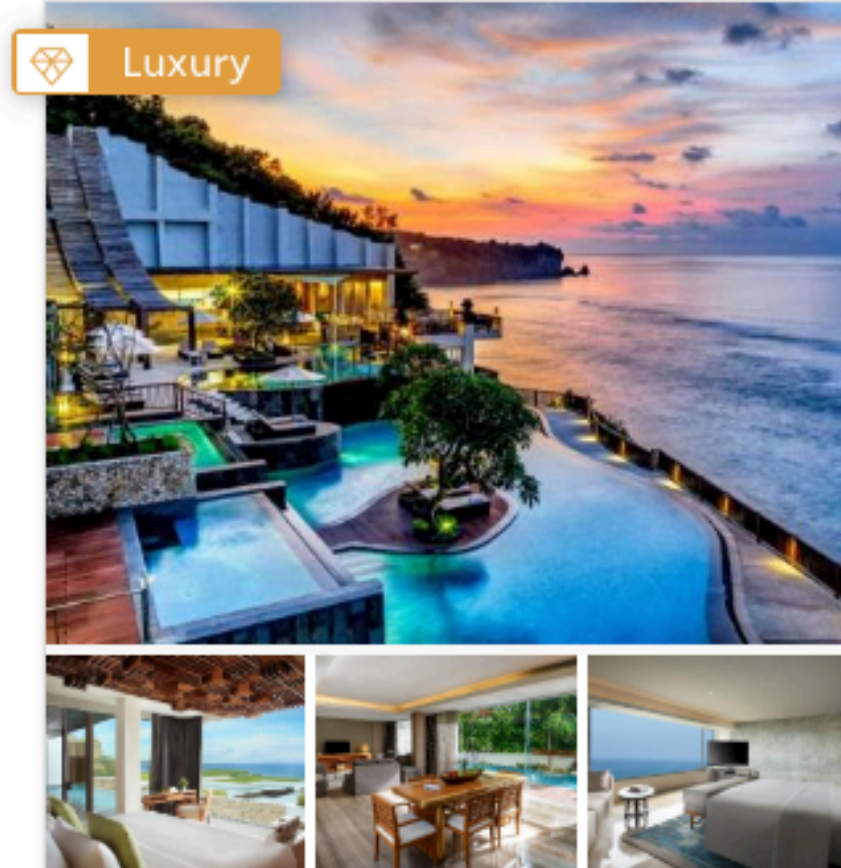
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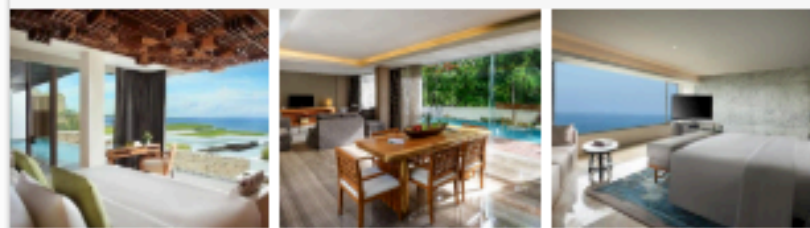
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Stressed, anyone?

Human Centered Design

What's really good for our users?

User Experience

Inclusivity

Copy Writing

Accessibility

User Flows

Internationalisation

Legibility

User Experience

Performance

Security

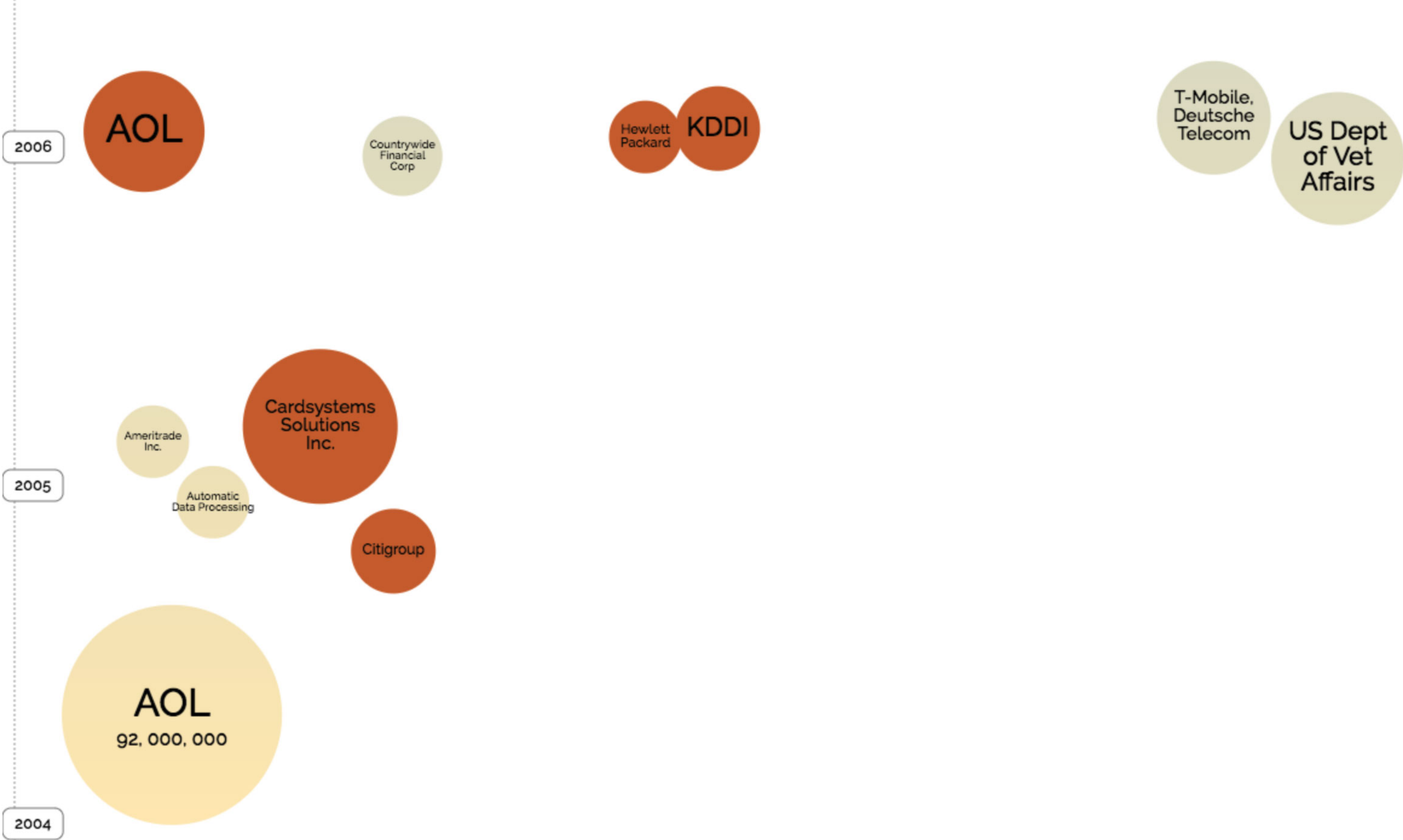
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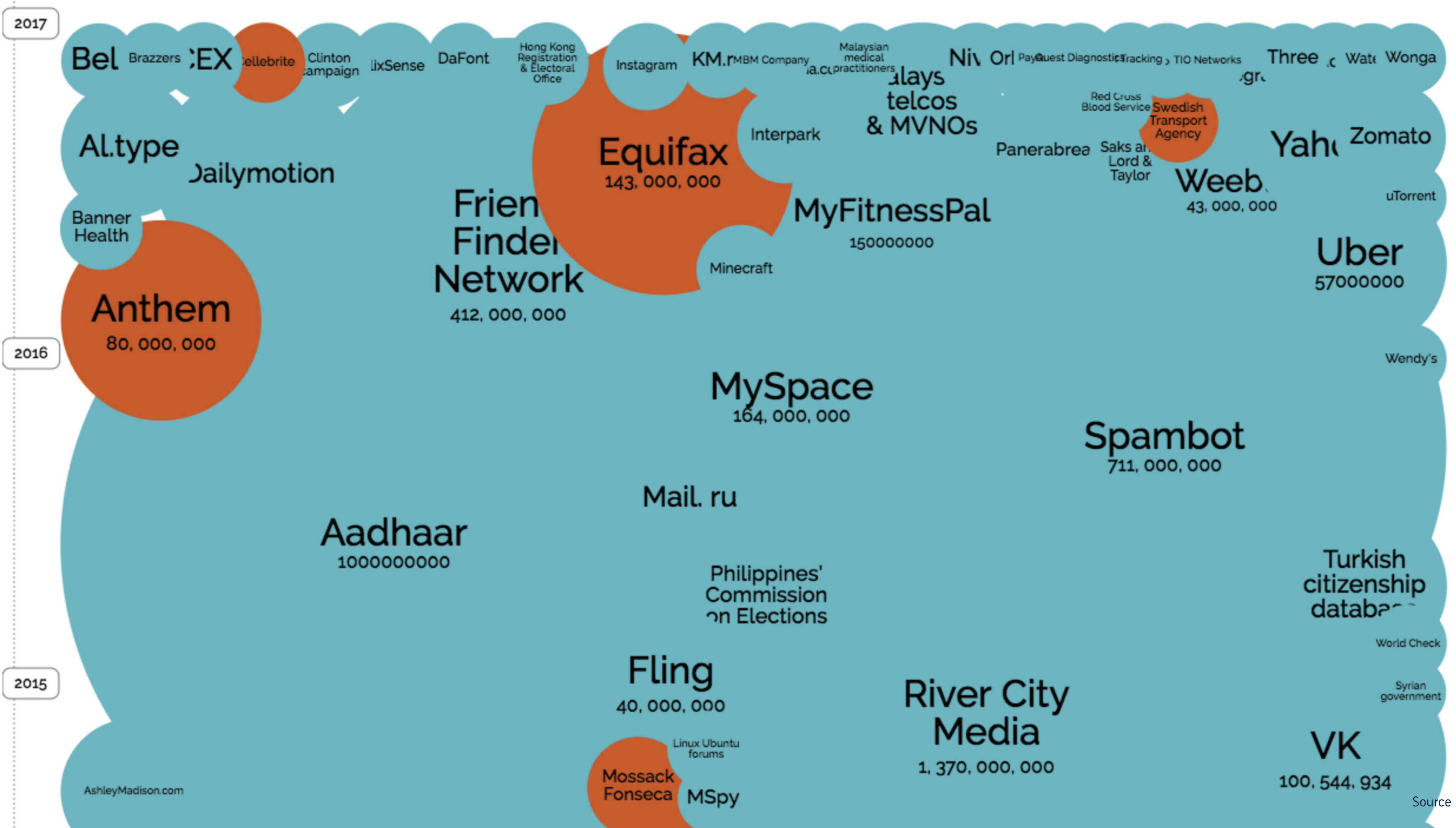
Respect

Responsibility

Impact

Peace of Mind





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about how to collect more and more data.**

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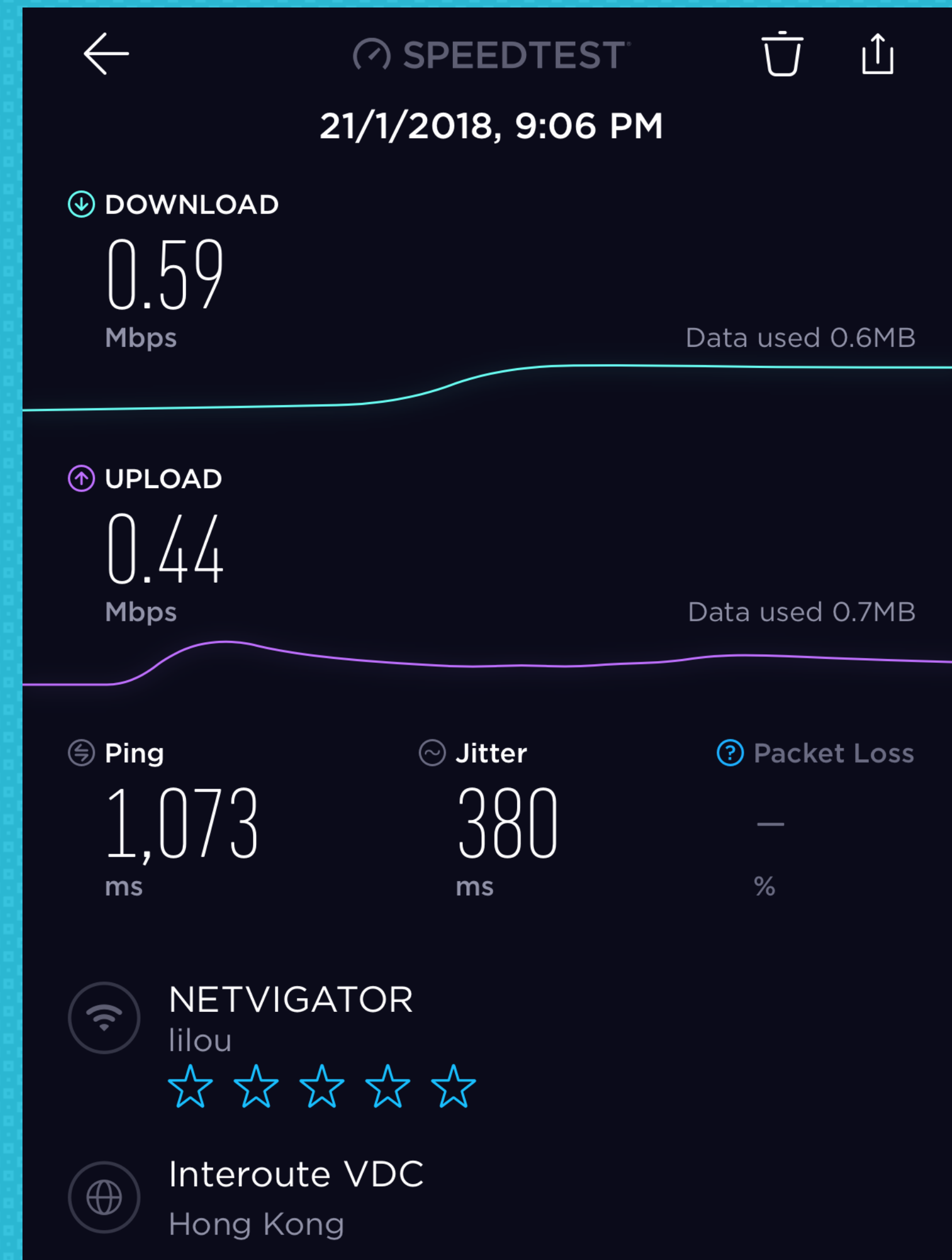
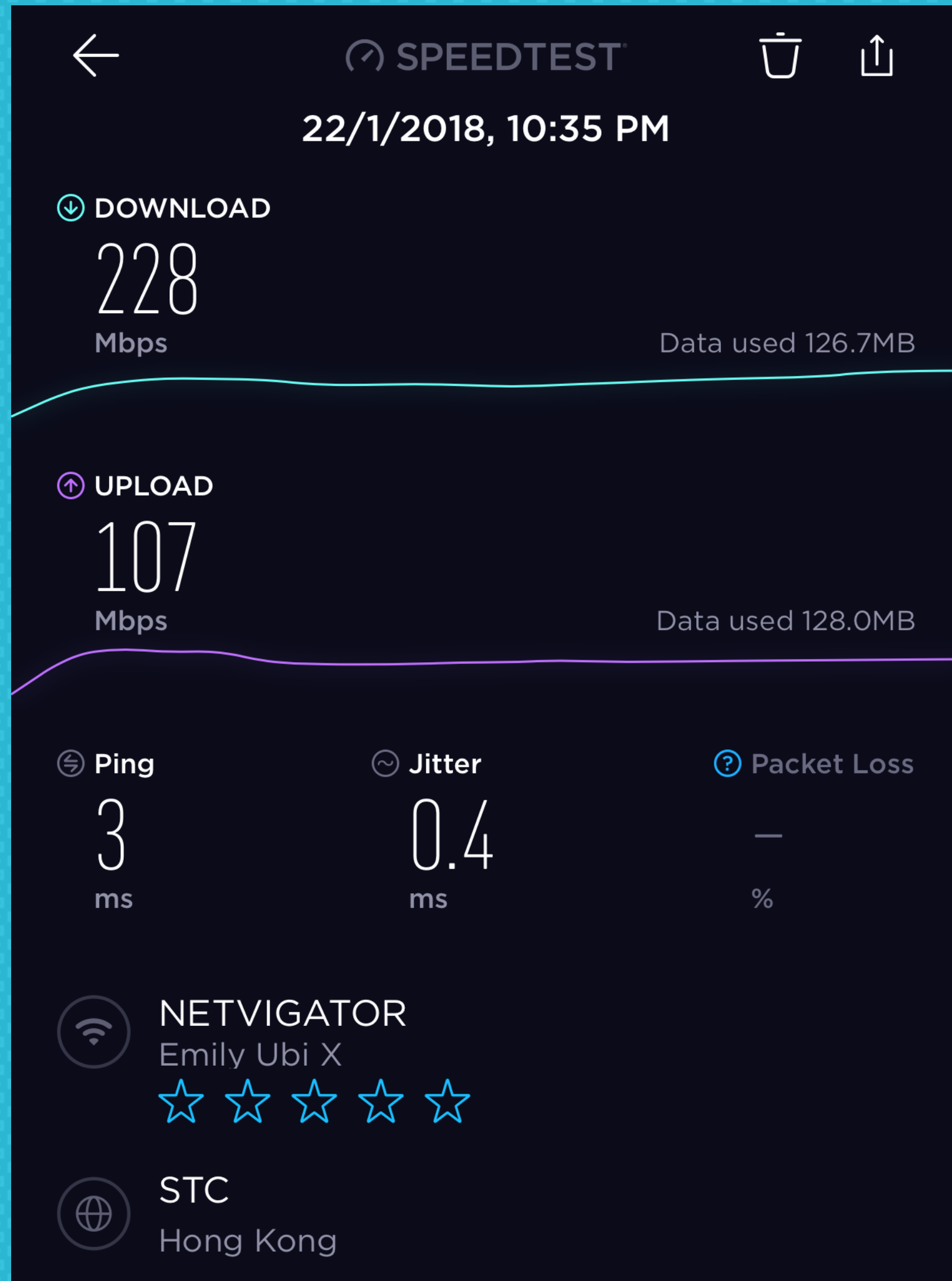
**How much time do you spend thinking
about how to secure that data?**

The data you don't have stored,
can't be leaked, lost or stolen.

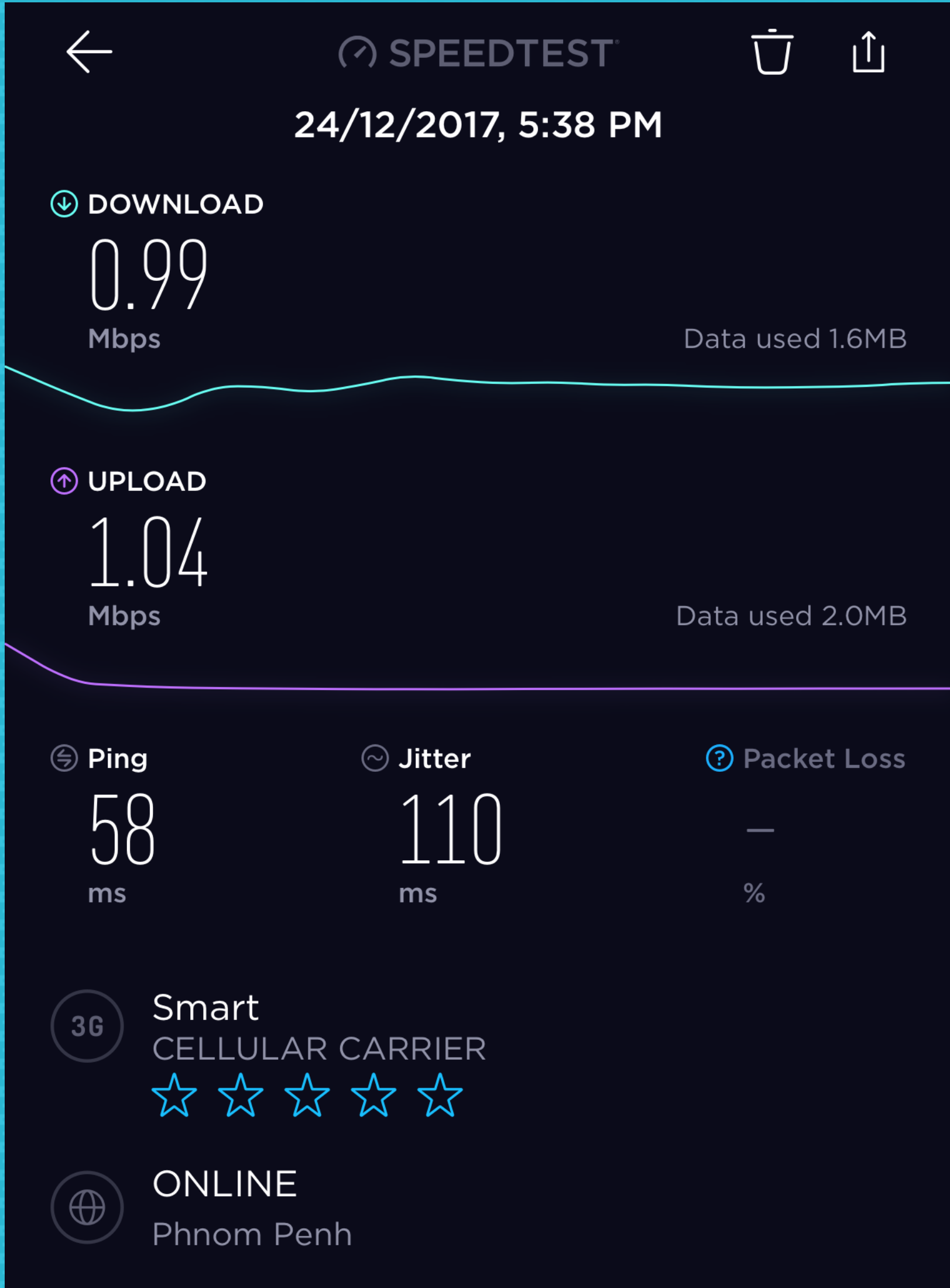
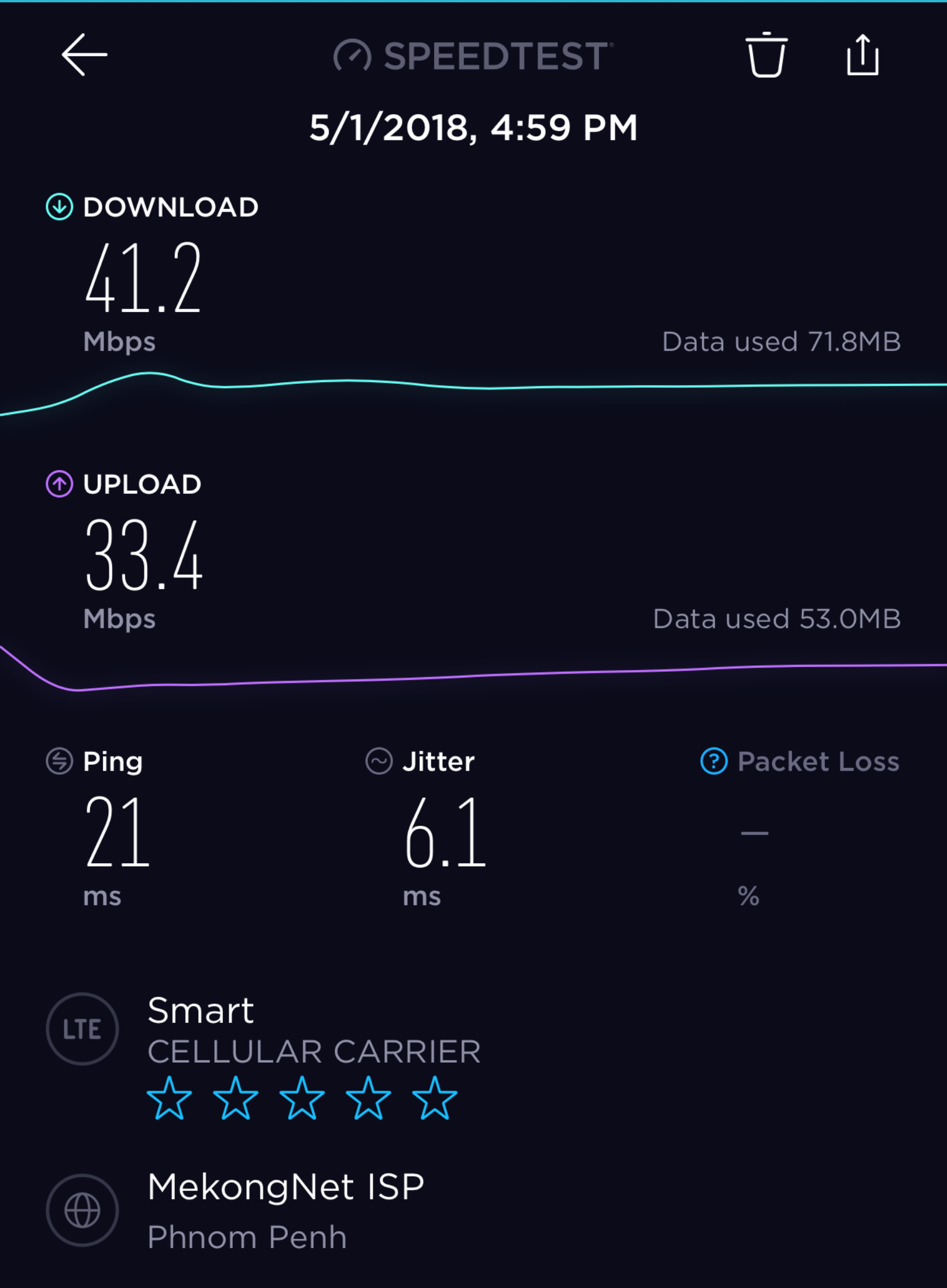
Web Performance



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Respecting Users





Uploading

Close



Retake

Use



Analyzing

Close



Retake

Use



Still Analyzing

Close



Retake

Use



Hang in there...

Close



Retake

Use



Got better things to do?
We'll keep working in the meantime

Close


Retake

Use

Respect your users' time.

Happy users will be much **more likely to forgive.**

Rethinking the Approach

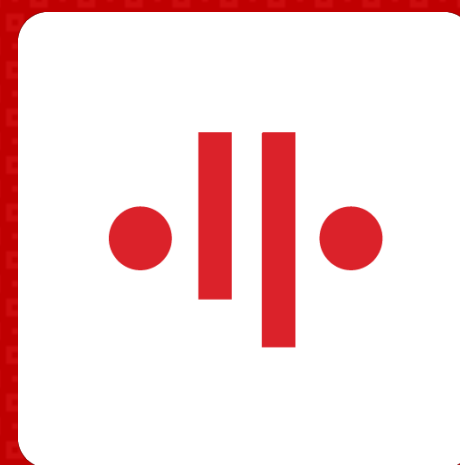
4 Pillars for a Better Web

Responsibility

Performance

Privacy

Security



Everybody wants to create better experiences.

How would you like to be treated?

What are you willing to do for it?

Accessibility

Inclusivity

Responsibility

Privacy

Web Performance


Security

Great! But...


*“Don’t ask how you’re going to pay
your rent working ethically.
Ask why you’re open to behaving
unethically in the first place.”*

—Mike Monteiro

We need to **get our values and ethics right**. Today.



By **thinking about the user**, how to treat and what to serve them, it's possible to **achieve better performance**, offer improved **privacy** and **security** and become **better at our craft**.



Design with the intent to
do good.

Design with the intent to do
~~good~~ better.

Do better **every** day.

Thank you.

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