# Internet Governance – Legal Aspects

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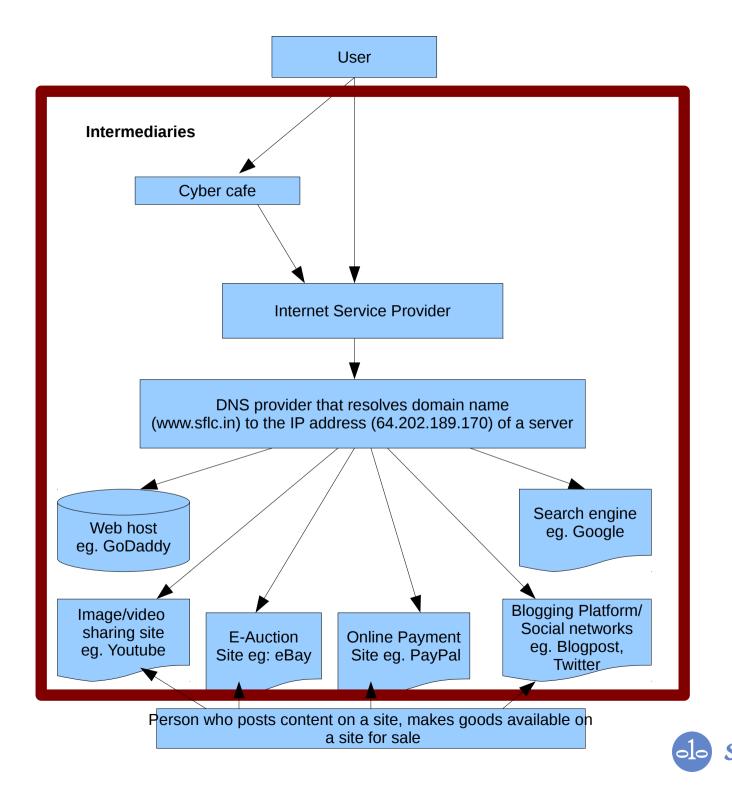




# Intermediary Liability

- Who is an Intermediary
  - Telecom Service Provider
  - Search Engines
  - Web Host
  - E-commerce Sites
  - DNS Provider
  - Social networking sites





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#### Issues

- Can Intermediary be held liable for content posted by a user?
- India Bazee.com case
- Safe Harbour Protection
- Content takedown
- IT Act Section 79
- Intermediaries Guidelines Rules
- Shreya Singhal Judgment



# Increasing Complexities?

- Cases before the Supreme Court
  - Sabu Mathew George v Uol
    - Pre-natal sex determination ads
  - Kamlesh Vaswani v Uol
    - Blocking pornographic sites
  - Re:Prajwala
    - Non-consensual sexual images/video



#### Right To Be Forgotten

- Google Spain case
  - Based on Data Protection Directive in EU
- GDPR Right to Erasure
- Cases in India



#### Manila Principles

- Intermediaries should be shielded by law from liability for third-party content.
- Content must not be required to be restricted without an order by a judicial authority.
- Requests for restrictions of content must be clear, be unambiguous, and follow due process.
- Laws and content restriction orders and practices must comply with the tests of necessity and proportionality.
- Laws and content restriction policies and practices must respect due process.
- Transparency and accountability must be built in to laws and content restriction policies and practices.



# Privacy

- Surveillance
  - Targeted v Mass
- Privacy
- International Law
  - UNDHR
  - ICCPR
- Right to Privacy Supreme Court



# Net Neutrality

- No discrimination
- No throttling/blocking
- No paid prioritization
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- Zero Rating



#### More issues

- Competition/ Anti-trust law issues
- Algorithmic transparency
- Internet shutdowns



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