

Google Home and Amazon Echo and Ring Doorbell and Police Surveillance Cameras

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Smart Stuff That Matters Unconference

This is how “Smart” Devices are in My Life

This is how I think about “Smart” Devices compared to Ton and Elmine.

Where We're From:

I'm from the City of Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island, Canada which has many surveillance cameras (do we live in the society depicted in George Orwell's book 1984?!). (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9ipRaLa4Jw>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBYqV2sK918>)

The City of Charlottetown has these cameras to surveil crime and deter crime.



Onto the Topic:

- Google Home:
- We have one at the office (Reinvented Inc.), two at home (the kitchen and my bedroom)
- Why do we have Google Home: to test new skills for my dad's clients and also listen to music at work, to listen to news while making breakfast in the kitchen, and sometimes to listen to music. I have one in my bedroom because my Sony Bluetooth speaker stopped working and now I listen to my music, podcasts, etc. through my Google Home.
- Google Home costs in Canada: \$179.00 Canadian dollars (Staples and Google Store) (which is equivalent to €118.17 Euros) and \$119.99 (Ebay) (which is equivalent to €79.22 Euros)
- to learn more about Google Home here's a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzdMXn1Deik>



Amazon Echo

1. We have one at home (living room) and one at the office (Reinvented Inc.)

- Why do we have Amazon Echo: to control the living room lights and the television and fan and listen to music in the living room and sometimes use Wikipedia in the living room. to test new Alexa skills.
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2. Amazon Echo in Canada costs: \$99.99 Canadian dollars (equivalent to €66.02 Euros) and the Echo Dot in Canada costs: \$49.99 (equivalent to €32.98 Euros) and the Echo Plus in Canada Costs: \$169.99 (equivalent to €112.12 Euros)

3. to learn more about the Amazon Echo here's a video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2P_jFN0Pr8



Ring Video Doorbell

1. We have one on our front door to our house in Charlottetown

Why do we have Ring Doorbell: to allow my dad to answer the door from his office across the street from our house, and to allow my mom to see who's calling from upstairs.

2. \$124 in Canada (which is equivalent to €82,10 in Europe)

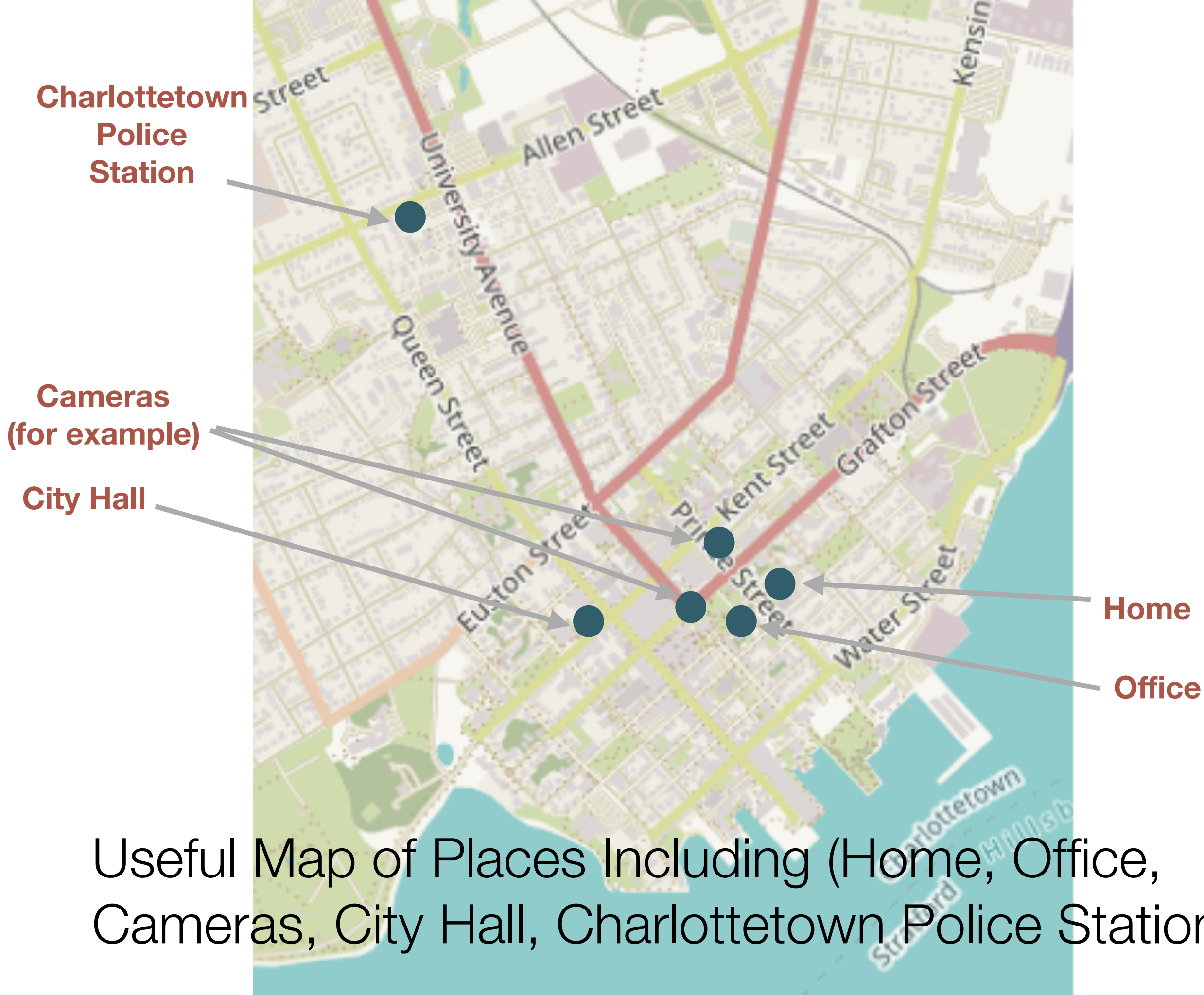
3. to learn more about the Ring Doorbell here's a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl8sZI5AH4g>



Why all these Devices and Systems are Connected?

All of these devices and systems use the internet to operate, to transfer and store information. This is useful but presents privacy and security issues within the City of Charlottetown and our home and office.





In Conclusion (Facts and Information):

- It's not cheap to buy a Google Home or a Amazon Echo or a Ring Doorbell or surveillance cameras even though people have them in their houses and their workplaces and their cities.
- The surveillance cameras that belongs to the city can't be disabled. The Ring Doorbell that is belonging to our household can only be enabled by touching the doorbell and stored on our personal devices but we can't disable that.
- There needs to be better ways to prevent privacy and security concerns on houses and workplaces and in our cities: wifi (Internet), smart home devices and systems, surveillance cameras, and other things that store our privacy and security.

Questions

- Do you have any questions for us to answer?