Facebook Posts (and Quora?)

I’m Bob Frankston on Facebook. Note that I usually post publicly, so there isn’t a strong need to friend me. So, I apologize in advance for my backlog of requests I haven’t responded to. Typically, nothing personal – just one more thing to think about.

Note that I list more polished posts and my columns as “Further Reading”.

It’s easier to post simple thoughts on Facebook than to create a formal posting. Eventually, I hope to consolidate these thoughts into formal essays. In the meantime, I’m providing a list of Facebook posts that might be of interest to others. Please forgive the typos and consider them mulls-in-progress.

Facebook does have the advantage of providing an opportunity for a conversation – something I haven’t implemented on my site.

I’ve done very little posting on Quora but plan to list any new postings here.

I’ll attempt to list these in reverse chronological order, and, at times, any summary may be longer than the original post. I’m going to try to use * or † for posts I do want to follow up on in a longer essay or a column.

Direct pointers to Gripes, Fails

(Note some of these links aren’t getting properly converted – at some point I’ll figure out the bug)

Featured Posts

⇒ Failing by doing everything right. Trying to figure out why my closet light wasn’t turning on. †
⇒ ATT #FailureFirst device. †
⇒ The Authoritarians.
⇒ Terms and Conditions to use a stove.
⇒ In praise of the command line!

Notes to Self

⇒ Write about first system effect and NodeJS
⇒ Geek out
  o Shelly and Habitat
  o Perimeter security – physical vs. virtual
  o One IP network – many quirky Zigbees
  o Discovered cloud dependencies with loose wire
⇒ Write about data and linking
  o Everything in JSON
  o Semantic web??
⇒ JavaScript ecosystem.

Miscellaneous Posts

No promises about getting this organized but I’ll try.

⇒ The Oligarch problem.
⇒ Buffer Bloat and Beyond.
⇒ Rosenthal Bitcoin.
⇒ Trump vs. Protecting Elections.
⇒ What is a Terrorist in a headline?
⇒ T-Mobile vs 5G.
⇒ Discreet Online?
⇒ Virtual Window.
⇒ Third Wave Experiment.
⇒ Air maps in flight.
⇒ Just in Mice.
⇒ NYC Special Network and the GPS excuse.
⇒ Covering 5G et al.
⇒ I am a Robot.
⇒ Google reminding me they own me.
⇒ 5G vs. VR.
⇒ Extra History – Cuban Missile Crisis.
⇒ Extra history – Triangle Fire.
⇒ Response to EW market survey.
⇒ Structure messages.
⇒ Citing via the DNS.
⇒ Sheep and airlines.
⇒ The Boston Globe on Facebook danger.
⇒ Telecom – like being limited by the gold standard.
⇒ Quote people not papers.
⇒ Extra History Money.
⇒ Extra History – How Republics Fall.
⇒ RCA TV Eye from 1953.
⇒ Roger McNamee Podcast.
⇒ CHM Origin and Impact of VisiCalc.
⇒ Abramson on Trump/Barr.
⇒ MAGA hats and a micro-aggression lesson.
⇒ Largest “cities” over time.
⇒ Keyless entry vs. tracking.
⇒ Loop tiling – programming performance.
⇒ The MIT quadruped robot and lessons in 5G
⇒ Payday loans and clueless Trumpocrats.
⇒ Problems with HER (Andy Oram).
⇒ Airplane Movie parody.
⇒ Trump’s craziest day on Twitter (CNN).
⇒ Smart Cities 1939 (via Lynn Wheeler).
⇒ Internet as English (via Robin Bradbeer).
⇒ Freeze away fat.
⇒ Mozilla and TV remotes.
⇒ Zipcar outage.
⇒ Eat Dirt – the risks of cleanliness.
Hiawatha on Covington.
Outlook buries alerts.
IoT Device Identity.
Ignore glowing reviews, (see mention of meta review sites https://reviewmeta.com/ and https://www.fakespot.com).
Kids and their Clouds.
Are Trump supporters stupid [Vixie].
Trump doesn’t understand negotiation.
China to boycott foreign brands.
Brands living on Motorola, GE.
Silicon Labs – Zigbee etc.
PM2 Problems.
Warning against wall environment cost.
CES 2019 has left the room.
British Sarcasm.
Portuguese decriminalization.
Border Wall cut through.
With Larry Magid at Redrock Canyon.
Foxconn owns Belkin.
International Dateline – Why.
Social web, Sesame and worse.
Tech that died in 2018.
Chase limits downloads to 5 months.
MIT Alum cascading failures.
Cambridge Monorail.
Samsung Foldables.
Trying to sign up for Fortunate Wings Club (Hainan).
AMA on Trump’s latest abortion.
CNN: Trump Lies.
Germany 1934 Football ban.
Trump to pardon D’Souza.
HP Printer – so close yet so far. ↑
NPM audit.
Exploring “Identity”.
All turns to dreck.
Above the fold unraveling.
Grammarly annoyance.
Xiaomi Mijia Lamp
Threading a needle.
Judge Invalidates ACA – a GOP Cancer in ur legal system.
The Corruption of the Republican Party.
Iranians beat two-factor authentication.
Springmaid Fabric Calendar 1950.
Another lesson in car rental UX.
Lessons in bitrot – Dropbox growth.
UX Fail – blocked app.
Lack of a comment field for deposits.
Smartphone as amulet.
5G BS from The Hill.
Maureen Dowd on Bush 41.
The Hypocrisy of Hanukkah.
Facebook Posts

- Click and you’re a terrorist.
- What is “intelligence” in an Octopus?
- Want “Referred by” for FB articles.
- Why is Norway so wealthy and influential.
- Globe – Part warning headline vs traffic jam headline.
- Downloading a OneDrive File NOT.
- Cashless societies and more …
- Procrustean speed limits.
- Crow or Cat?
- Scanning Business Cards vs. OneNote.
- Switch phones and loss settings.
- CP1252 and more.
- Mobile Schmobile
- Heisenberg – reviewing changes the reviewed.
- Visiting the Eiffel Tower.
- Lufthansa, Aeromobile and preying on passengers.
- Using FB to post after Paris.
- Why so many wooden buildings in US.
- Flight number madness UA913.
- Facebook et al and semi-connectivity.
- Sloppy signatures and voter suppression.
- With Larry Magid at IGF.
- New Yorkers and the “worse” subway map.
- Adam Ruins Immigration
- Progressive reading of the Constitution.
- Why Senate sucks – 40 million reasons.
- Why are the elections so close?
- Beta for President?
- Business cards vs art.
- Secret Customer Score.
- Amazon Fire TV Cube HDMI exploit.
- Lazowska – AI and Ethics.
- Amazon Fire cast.
- Mongolian.
- 5G The Opiate Of Telecom.
- IBM/Red Hat via Dean.
- Stamp.com vs Wireless Dymo … again
- Fatal Font.
- Warren on corporations and externalities
- Myth of Whiteness in Classical Sculpture.
- Stable Cryptocurrencies?
- HVAC Lack of monitoring.
- Transgender Denialism.
- Birth control pills are about more than sex.
- Whither Microsoft as it focuses on the Enterprise.
- Schulmeisters on the EC and 2nd Amendment and the Civil War.
- Verizon 5G is FiOS.
- Weaponizing anti-abortion.
- Kavanaugh vs Women (re Godwin).
- Identity and personae across realms.
- Rich Privilege…
- Delayed Investigation (New Yorker)

- Nuanced on Kavanaugh from Quora.
- Rachel Maddow on Ford/Kavanaugh.
- Browser as TV controller.
- Your algorithm may work but be wrong.
- Brother update nonsense.
- Radio/Connectivity Policy.
- 20,000 Nazis in NYC.
- From Yuval Harari and the Myth of Freedom
- Nothing fixed (Lynn Wheeler)
- Collapse Feature in Word.
- A myriad of special purpose cables.
- ATT and the loan I can never pay off.
- McConnell keeps Senate open in October.
- Obama Resistance.
- Companies failing to make transitions to the NBT.
- Beware off-brand Androids.
- Uconnect Follies.
- Java vs JavaScript (Quora)
- Learn to Program in 3 Months (Quora)
- Dymo nonsupport?
- On operating systems and IBM’s FS.
- Kavanaugh Parkland.
- Social nonsupport.
- Warren Ethnicity not a factor.
- In praise of free-range childhood.
- Don’t use email accounts from providers.
- Waze through Newton Corner.
- Uconnect fail.
- Jade Helm: Russian fueled.
- Blaming McCain for being discourteous.
- Questioning native American about being here illegally.
- Debate Trolls Not.
- Lime Bike Newton (now electric).
- Manafort and the Warlocks.
- Door Lock: Please try again at another time.
- State site requires IE.
- Bunnie Huang on tariffs.
- Russian trolls and vaxxers.
- Electricity is a terrible metaphor for rural broadband [sic]
- Anti-Vaxxers kill.
- James Mickens on ML and security and worse! †
- Friends?
- Warren on Seth Meyer’s.
- Saudi Beheads Activist.
- Energy Cost of Bitcoin.
- Boston’s Stygian River.
- How American Jews learned to be Liberal.
- IBM succumbs to curing cancer.
- More on corporations and limited liability.
- The problem of Bimbo Videos
- Stamps.com nonsupport. Resolved … Not
- National Review piece on Warren and business.
↓ Web Assembly – the promise and the risk. †
↓ Schlage and product registration †
↓ Trump calls for Russia to rejoin G7.
↓ Credit card companies should offer subscription management.
↓ Why did think Vehicle should be spell-checked in French?
↓ CSS Variables.
↓ Schlage API?
↓ Glacial legacy in NYC.
↓ Hubs API Outage.
↓ Supreme Court on no gay cakeds.
   o Andy Oram explanation.
↓ Zittrain on IoT.
↓ Tulsa race riot.
↓ Paying per device.
↓ Worries about stealing WiFi.
↓ Car dealers vs. computer tracking etc.
↓ 1177 BC: The Year Civilization Collapsed (Eric Cline, Ph.D.)
↓ JavaScript Vulnerabilities.
↓ Everyday Racism NBC.
↓ Visiting ER gets you inundated by ads!
↓ Christian Project Blitz.
↓ A tale of two pings (windows/bash)
↓ What the MeWe? (https://mewe.com)
↓ Alex oversharing.
↓ How Geely saved Volvo.
↓ Responding to Brownsberger and Network Neutrality.
↓ GDPR and UX
↓ Microsoft Word spell check broken.
↓ Republican attempt to subvert the FBI.
↓ Infected routers. Russia?
↓ child
↓ Crooked Trump’s insecure phone.
↓ Whitehouse.gov has gone feral
↓ Slate on Collusion – Cohen et al.
↓ Interpreting Xi Jing Ping Era.
   https://goo.gl/xynkbe Chinese Philosophy: Jiang Shigong on ‘Philosophy and History: Interpreting the “Xi Jinping Era” through Xi’s Report to the Nineteenth National Congress of the CCP’
↓ Got ES6 to work for home control!
↓ But sometimes … LED traffic lights
↓ NN vs. Hiawatha
↓ Warlock hunt
↓ Boston-ready driverless cars.
↓ The 9.9%
↓ HoweyCoin
↓ Cohen missing files.
↓ Windows Graphic failures.
↓ WhatsApp and the Indian Elections
↓ European #Webfi.
↓ Windows Connection sharing now standard. (Hot Spot in setup)
↓ How cheap is too cheap? Shipping and logistics
↓ Expressive programming (via Quora).
↓ URLs for shipping notifications.
↓ Framework reluctance.
↓ Oculus Standalone.
↓ LinkedIn tracking glances
↓ NY Subway crisis and the power of active illustrations.
↓ Trump always makes the wrong choice – Iran edition.
↓ Real Estate and Volcanoes and global warming?
↓ Index.php and Browser caching
↓ My April Moments! No !
↓ Alexa spam. Cinco de Mayo
↓ Google Timeline reminder.
↓ Spaces after the dot and kerning.
↓ Boston Globe: Ripping off prisoners with phone charges.
↓ Microsoft camera belch message.
↓ New Coke lessons.
↓ Free thought caucus.
↓ TechAlter on why Europe has lost its tech companies.
↓ Jeff Bezos interview.
↓ TSA prudishness.
↓ Hotel temperature controls. (Hilton Edition)
↓ Hotel 6.6 vs TM 91/31 speeds.
↓ American Duma Russian Collusion Coverup.
↓ Hertz lack of WiFi at SFO.
↓ Zelle and open loop signaling.
↓ Maintaining WiFi connectivity in Android.
↓ Globe on paper checks.
↓ Greenbacks and godless currency.
↓ Samsung S3 features.
↓ Globe – Economists like Free-Trade but Politicians don’t.
↓ Facebook Messenger teensy window.
↓ Microcenter squanders it’s advantage.
↓ Comments on coding vs. Software. Also.
↓ We have a Unicorn problem
↓ NatGeo user QR for activation.
↓ Elon University quoting me on the Internet.
↓ NY Times atmospheric Viruses.
↓ Contrynam watch: Forge.
↓ In praise of YDI (You-Do-It Electronics).
↓ Why are we still using wired logic?
↓ Internet Privacy (with Doc Searls)
↓ DJT vs USPS.
↓ Apologies to 620, 510 area codes.
↓ NY Time fact check Zuckerberg
Trump’s Caravan story.
Tasteless Big3 Ad?
DJT Defies his Generals.
MadTwitterer rolls markets.
Competition was once considered good.
Christie says Trump can’t help but lie.
Trump Economy as a Drunkard’s Walk.
Realignment in Politics.
Evangelicals and Trump (WP)
It’s tax time. And the numbers are inaccessible.
Adobe tracking services.
On Cambridge Analytica.
Andy Clark in the New Yorker. (FB)
The city of the future – 1930’s Robert Moses style.
Prisoner of Linear TV waiting for 60 minutes.
SFO/AMW Visit.
The London Garrotting Panic. Fake news is not new.
Paying for infrastructure by harvesting our data isn’t confined to Facebook. It’s at the heart of smart cities and so much more…
Cloud Act. Pro and Con
T-Mobile Foibles.
Pretty backyard.
Eversource Scam.
Family Values. Banning child marriage in America: An uphill fight against evangelical pressure
Is LinkedIn sneaky in making it too easy to accept?
The rise of the #Stupidocracy. Why smart people lose, and stupid people rule.
The conspiracy to manufacture conspiracy theories.
Why can’t I get a URL to a TV show?
Thinking of giving in and using Google Photos.
Cloud storage for web page app. Looking for suggestions
Arming teachers. A thread on how bad the idea is.
The brain is not a computer. Why are we having such a pointless debate?
Taking responsibility for climate change. A sarcastic take on the idea that we have to solve our problems without government’s help.
Pence as President? Uh-oh.
Notifications. They’ve gone from feature to plague! *
FB copies. This means you can track down and correct shares, among other problems.
Recovering my PC. Trick to getting windows to clean itself is using media creation tool to reinstall the existing version.
Conservatives vs. Reality. The conflict with an inherent truth mindset and a complex/ Ambiguous world

10 Bizarre Things Americans Believe According to Studies
Last Post before TKR (Total Knew Replacement). [spoiler alert – I’m now back home and recovering]
  o Globe Story on TKR
Fossil Foolishness. The administration seeks to blacken our future because it can hide in darkness?
Using coins to pay for parking now seems strange.
Trying VR/MR on Windows.
Gigs vs Jobs in response to a discussion on Uber/Lyft vs Curb (which uses medallioned cabs).
Google’s Anticipatory Meltdown Moment. The effort to provide answers before I ask them is an annoying over-optimization.
Porting my number. Trying to move from a landline to using VoIP is a reminder of how antiquated the design point of our phone system is.
Watching Obama and Letterman. A reminder of a time when had adult supervision.
Smart-assed Cities. Smart cities are like smart networks providing limited solutions rather than creating opportunity.
Credit Card Harvesting. An example of what can be done by injecting code client-side.
Texas judge interrupts jury, says God told him defendant is not guilty.
Uber UI.
Fred Turner on Don’t Be Evil.
JetBlue Pod Experience
Windows Explorer Languishes. The folder metaphor is powerful, but it is underutilized.
Birkenstock Vs. Amazon.
USPS/Amazon Synergy.
Medicare site woes. Makes things worse as an excuse to make things worse. An anti-virtuous cycle.
Spooky Tracking. A reminder of how much Google knows.
明年在上海 (Next Year in Shanghai). Jewish Christmas.
Got API. Comments on https://rmf.vc/GotAPI.
Apps demanding location. Why do apps claim they need my location just to use Bluetooth?
Apple Besties. iTunes for Windows is more helpful than I want.
USB-C Woes. USB-C had such potential but…
Multi-homing at home. It’s close to transparent.
Fast Algorithm Overlords. Better isn’t necessarily better.
Cowering In Place.
RemoteApp

#Fails
I’m going to start to use the tag #Fail for some posts. Partially to avoid having too many marked #gripe but also to be about more specific encounters.

1. Lyft (and Uber) fail.
2. UA record splitting.
3. Uber stuck at SFO.
4. Tizen/Eclipse installation. (~vm{nl}c:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_161\bin)
5. Hulu and Netflix #fails on Roku.
6. Passwords on guest WiFi connectivity.
7. Canadian Rail tiny popup.
8. Printing tiled images should default to single-sided.
9. Bitrot as sites start to require security and other corporate practices.
10. Uconnect, Sirius and …
11. HVAC Unmonitored

Software, Programming and Disconnectivity
To a degree the concepts behind software pervade my writings so this isn’t a distinct category, but I’ll attempt to group some of the appropriate writings here.

JerryScript – a very small JavaScript engine.
Connectivity as a Vital Consumer Service.
The risks of As a Service and cloud dependency.
Complexity of Firewalls! Etc.
IoT ET al are not ready for prime time.
Getting SQL server working with TCP. (w/LINQ pointer)

Expert History
Lessons from the lead up to WWI.
The South Sea Bubble.

The DNS (Domain Name System)
The DNS is a rent-seekers dream. Price rise in .net
DNS Price Jacking. Companies take unfair advantage of their ability to extract rent thanks a DNS (Domain Naming System) that holds your name and scared honor hostage.

Telecom Legacy
Another 5G BS show on BBC.
Telephone History Museum.
5G The super toll road
Trump administration is thinking about nationalizing 5G mobile network.

Home Control Resilience.
Welcome to the Theocracy.
Anyone Can Make it in America (and other lies told by the rich).
Takeover of the Judiciary.
Apostrophe in peril!
The disconnect between wealth and wisdom. Rich preppers. [2017-01-17]

Closed Groups
Mainly so I can find them

LucidCam
File Transfer

Pending
PODJT Thoughts on accidental winning.

Misc.
Defending Trump’s policies

Others
Brad’s Tesla link.

By Topic

Quora
Const in programs. (FB)

#Gripes
1. Long DHCP leases are evil.
2. WiFi discontinuity.
   a. Social media as an opiate.
   b. Community Forums are not a substitute for support.
5. Messages that don’t provide enough info. Like a hex address instead of a device description.

Gripes in progress
Windows File Explorer
So much potential
   o View by attributes (but only some)
   o Thumbnail manipulation
   o Illusion for Windows
Windows 95 compatibility
   o Hard to write managed extensions
Legacy of WinCE file transfer protocol
Lack of PaperPort capabilities
Vs. Internet Explorer
Failure to embrace the metaphor
   o OneDrive online
   o OneNote tcc.
Perhaps for file system extensions

Facebook Posts/Bob Frankston
The Dead Hand of 5G. Why a new infrastructure for each new technology.

Missed calls from my physician because T-Mobile labelled them Telemarketing.

Telcos and the Façade of Modernity. How do such things happen?

Programming and Software
- My new home server. Commodity platforms are increasingly inexpensive.

Home Control
- Connected my Nest Hello!
- The high price of Nest Aware.

CES 2018
- Disconcertingly real city backdrop at Ford at CES.
- Google Assistants. Or storm troopers or?
- Cox Lame Wifi at CES.

Politics
A lot is politics, so I may not always list here.

- Not Infrastructure. Trump proposal to swampify society
- House Republicans declare Trump above the law WRT to Russia.

Groups
Real History of Online
- Multics Emulator

Other’s posts
- David Reed:
  - Spectrum vs. Weather
  - The Surveillance Economy
- Steve Bellovin debunking security nostrums.
- Curt Schilling’s crazy on Q Anon.
- Black Scholes and other Formulas. Class match mixed with questionable models for finance and other modern attempts to assume an ordered world. [Thanks Lynn Wheeler and comments by Lisa Toinen Mullin]
- Karl Schulmeisters on Privacy and FB.
- GUI for connecting microservices.
- Gmail “.” Attack. (Karl Schulmeisters) Shared.
- Dave Berlind Discussion of printers and networks.
- Ruth Balser / Kunster event.
- Lynn Wheeler on FS et al.
- MagaPill. This is a batsite site touting T’s accomplishments. I’m tempted to respond at some point
- Frank Paynter on my Regulatorium.

Identity in the Economist.
- How to dial a phone. (Cheponis)
- Why can’t I have birth control (Richard Frankenstei)
- God Killing first-borns vs. abortion.
- O’Reilly on Blitz companies.

Others on Medium
- Eric Bedell on Satanic Monument.
- Michael Jordan on AI.
- Beating the odds at the track.
- Two spaces – Josh Bernoff
- Religion vs. Science via Enriquez.
- Reason why RNC is afraid of Russia.
- What Colour do you like your Objects? Pink or Blue?

Pretty: Pictures and the like

Figure 1A CES sewer spouts beauty

Figure 2 With Seth on Skywalk at Grand Canyon