



## Personal data ecosystem

# How is the handling of personal user data on the internet going to change?

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#### Personal data ecosystem

Research and experts discussion group Personal Data vs. Economy (September 2011)

- Participants
  - IT Security / Privacy (private sector)
  - IT Security / Privacy (public sector)
  - Corporate representatives
  - Research institutions
  - Critics and alternative opinion leaders
  - Digital Natives

#### **Initial questions**

## Who has the overall view and the sovereignty on the users' data?

"What are the social expectations on the security of privacy on the internet?"

"What do the basic principles in a culture of trust need to be like regarding the usage of user data on the internet?"

(following Henning Kagermann, President acatech, www.digital-zeitschrift.de, September 2011)

"Personal data is the new oil of the Internet and the new currency of the digital world."

(Meglena Kuneva, European Consumer Commissioner, March 2009, webciety.de)

#### "Personal Data"

- Originally: barter economy, in which data is traded for services (e.g. stayfriends).
- Companies have understood how to earn money with data.
   (e.g. google, facebook: value based on user action and data)
- High asymmetry in power relations: Customers are not aware of the value of their data, instead they give it away willingly.
- Trend: "Data enlightenment" (enlightenment of the user): "Why do we give data to services for free?"

## "Personal Data" – "Big Data"

- Volunteered data
  - created and explicitly shared by individuals, e.g., social network profiles.
- Observed data
  - captured by recording the actions of individuals, e.g. location data when using cell phones.
- Inferred data
  - data about individuals based on analysis of volunteered or observed information, e.g., credit scores.

## Inferred Data: Current Example – Smart Metering

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**DRadio Wissen** 

DATENSCHUTZ

#### Strommessgeräte dokumentieren Fernsehkonsum 🐠

Gespräch mit Jürgen Kuri, stellvertretender Chefredakteur der Computerzeitschrift c't



Smart Meter: Intelligenter Stromzähler (EVB Energie AG / wikipedia-co-by-sa)

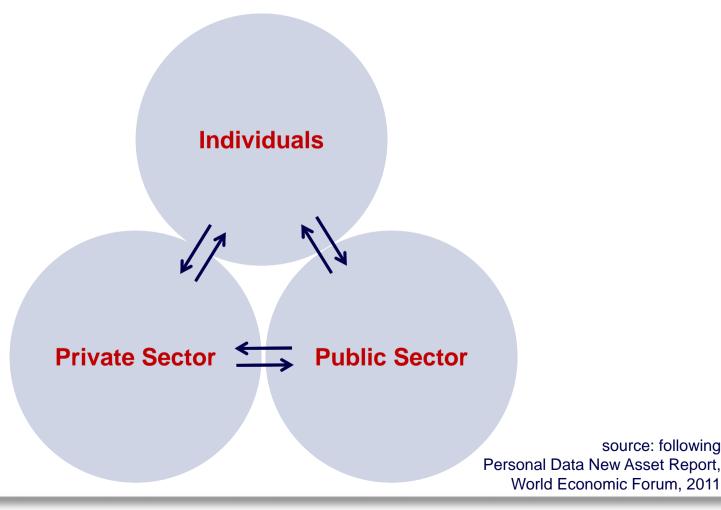
"...the analysis of the household's electricity usage profile [...] does reveal what content was displayed on a CRT, a Plasma display TV or a LCD television set [...]

two 5 minutes-chunks of consecutive viewing [...] is sufficient to identify the content (e. g. DVD movie)."

sources: its.fh-muenster.de / daprim.de / dradio.de

## The ,Personal Data Ecosystem'

Key Stakeholders



## Model Approach: The ,Personal Data Ecosystem'

Key Stakeholders

**Individuals** 

Generate about 70% of digital data

Different attitudes towards personal data

Become increasingly aware that they have no control over their data.

Discussion about use/abuse increasingly confuses consumers



**Public Sector** 

source: following Personal Data New Asset Report, World Economic Forum, 2011

#### **Example: Health Care**



Individuals

Private Sector Public Sector

E.g. Digital Care Support - TP Berlin

Mobile Technologies for the health & care-market: Support from people suffering from dementia

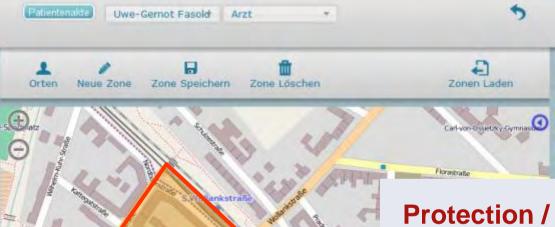
The particular location of a dementia patient can be determined precisely.

In the case of loss of orientation a readily understandable navigation home will be activated.

source: TP Berlin

## **Example: Health Care**







Protection / Orientation with "Geofencing" – Definition of geografic areas.

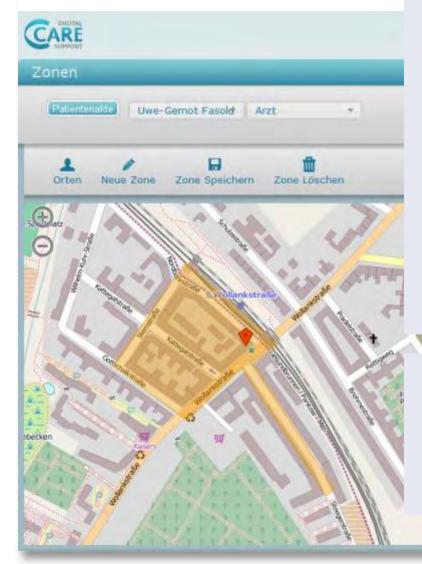
Warning signal, when patients leave the perimeter; to the patients themselves or to the assisting nurses.

source: TP Berlin

Individuals

#### **Example: Health Care**





#### **Opportunities**

- E.g. dementia patients: a high degree of mobility and independence for a longer time
- Reduction of costs, increase of well-being
- Sustainable reduction of stress for nursing relatives

#### **Risks**

- Discussion "electronic leash"
- Ethical Discussion

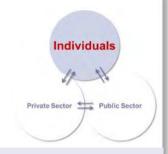
source: TP Berlin

## Facebook: How safe is my data?



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www.Lovely-Faces.com



"Face to Facebook" – Action artists stole 1 million facebook profiles, and used the information to start an online dating website.

Goal of this action: to show what you can do with these virtual indentities because of their low security levels.

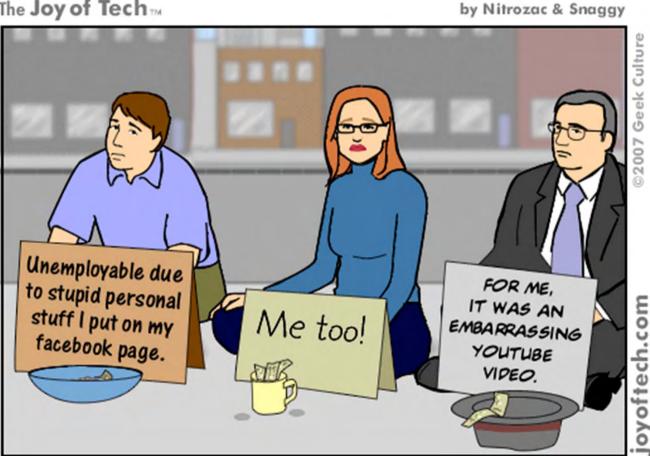
**Awarded with the Prix Ars Electronica 2011** 

source: prix2011.aec.at

#### "The Internet will not forget."

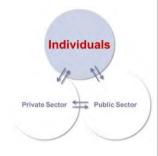


#### The Joy of Tech



Signs of the social networking times.

#### ... the solution?





## Google CEO Suggests You Change Your Name to Escape His Permanent Record

By Marshall Kirkpatrick / August 16, 2010 11:52 AM / 79 Comments



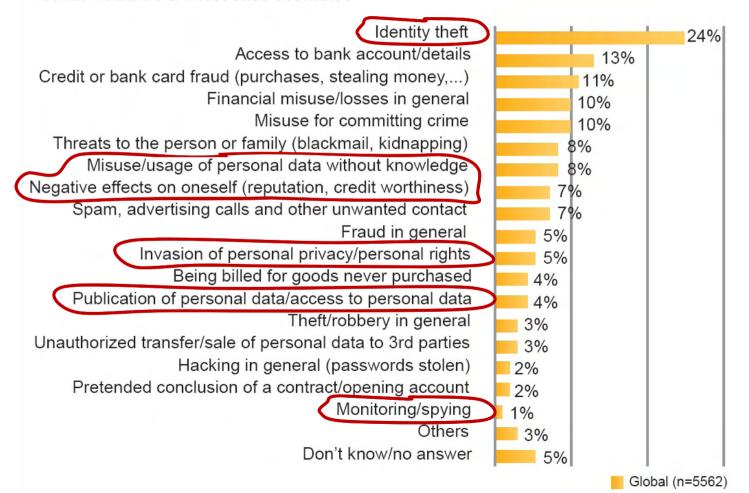


Google CEO Eric Schmidt has a great way of making public statements that are at once frank, unorthodox, thought provoking - and a little frightening. This weekend The Wall St. Journal ran an interview with Schmidt that offered tidbits like that on a wide range of topics. One statement in particular, that Schmidt thinks teenagers should be entitled to change their names upon reaching adulthood in order to separate themselves from the Google record of their youthful indiscretions, is

something worth stopping to take note of.

#### What are people most worried about?

What are your biggest concerns regarding misuse of your personal data? What would be a worst case scenario?

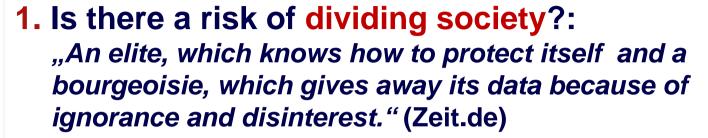


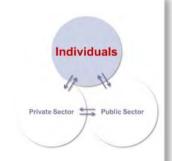


source: Nokia Siemens Networks Privacy survey 2009

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## **Individuals** (comsumers): Questions





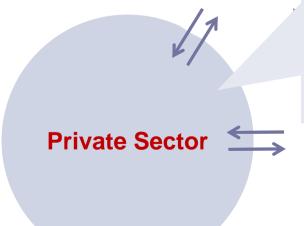
- 2. Does privacy not even exist anymore "Post-Privacy?": "Privacy was revoked by the internet and is no longer practicable. Now we have to see how we deal with it." (Spiegel.de)
- 3. Who does personal data belong to? Which rights do they possess?
- 4. Does it seem possible that comsumers self-organize and find non-commercial alternatives for handling data (e.g. wikipedia, linux, diaspora)?

## The ,Personal Data Ecosystem'

**Key Stakeholders** 



Individual



## Private companies use personal data

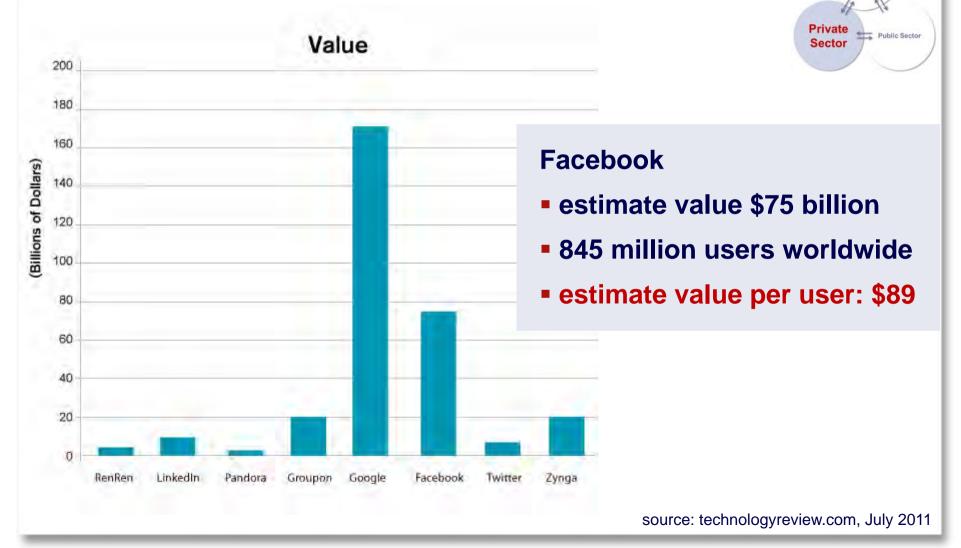
- to stimulate demand
- for additional profit
- to aim for new efficiencies

Risik: Crossing the boarder of "fair use"

**Public Sector** 

source: following Personal Data New Asset Report, World Economic Forum, 2011

## Social Networks: Can the value per user be calculated?



Individuals

#### **Private Sector: Questions**

1. Does personal data become a primary currency of the digital economy?



- 2. Will its use as a means to create competitive advantage increase?
- 3. Will businesses engage in a "race to the bottom" to capture personal data?
- 4. What happens, if little regard is paid to the needs of other stakeholders?

## The ,Personal Data Ecosystem'

Key Stakeholders



On the one hand, privacy and security, on the other hand, the promotion of the private sector

Use of personal data for their own purposes: e.g. health, education, law enforcement



Private Sector Public Sector

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#### **Public Sector**

## Proposed EU data protection rules include right to be forgotten





The European Commission wants companies that fail to comply with the proposed rules to pay signficant fines

#### By Jennifer Baker

January 25, 2012 07:29 AM ET





IDG News Service - A proposed new data-protection law for the European Union includes fines of up to 2% of global turnover for companies that breach the rules, E.U. Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding announced Wednesday.

Despite rumors that the figure would be 5%, Reding insisted the legislative proposals had not been watered down. "Five percent was not something in my pipeline," she said at a news conference to unveil the proposals.

Fines will be on a sliding scale: 0.5% of a company's global turnover for charging a user for a data request, 1% if a firm refused to hand over data or failed to correct bad information and 2% for more serious violations.

Under the proposals, companies with more than 250 employees will have to appoint a data-protection officer to be responsible for compliance with the new rules, which include the controversial "right to be forgotten", allowing people to have data held about them deleted if there are no legitimate grounds for retaining it.

Reding insisted that "personal data belongs to the person" and that individuals have the right to take any information about them held by a company and move it to another company. They also have the right to insist that personal data be deleted, and companies must comply unless they can show legitimate arounds for retaining the data.

The recently proposed new data-protection law for the European Union takes a step towards solving the issues of the personal digital space / safe spaces

(source: computerworld.com)

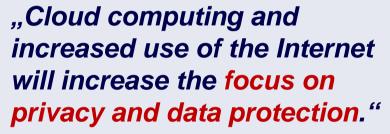
#### **Public Sector**

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#### **Privacy Matters**

How can firms make the most of the opportunities in online personal data while retaining individuals' right to privacy?



(Dirk Jan van den Berg, Delft University of Technology – source: wsj.com)





#### Posted at 04:42 PM ET. 06/28/2011

#### Consumers want privacy, do-not-track rules

By Cecilia Kang

The vast majority of Internet users want to be able to stop companies from tracking their online activity and feel <a href="mailto:the government">the government</a> should take a more active role in safeguarding their privacy, according to a poll by Consumers Union.

Consumers Union found that eight out of 10 respondents agreed they should be able to opt out of Internet tracking from a single location. That

Eight of 10 Internet users want the government to take a more active role in protecting their privacy online.

(source: washingtonpost.com)

#### **Public Sector: Questions**

What is the role of the government in the development of a balanced 'Personal Data Ecosystem'?



- 1. How do governments perceive empowered citizens?
- 2. How do governments react to accusations of 'Big Brother' control and manipulation?
- 3. Where can the state intervene at national and at a global level?
- 4. How are cultural differences to be treated?
- 5. At which point do legal frameworks stifle value creation by overregulating?
- 6. How can governments participate actively through their purchasing power, ongoing experiments of their own?

source: following Personal Data New Asset Report, World Economic Forum, 2011

## ,Personal Data Ecosystem': End User-Centricity

#### Vision for the future

"Data account" – Greater control over personal data, compensation for providing own data

**Individuals** 

Holistic approach to the issues of stability, security and privacy rights

Enhance trust by facilitating information exchange and increasing transparency

**Private Sector** 

**Public Sector** 

## ,Personal Data Ecosystem': End User-Centricity

,Privacy-Preserving Marketplaces'

**De-identification** of personal data?

Compensation for providing own data, if appropriate, reimbursement for economic losses?

**Individuals** 

Intermediary?

**Private Sector** 

**Public Sector** 

source: Latanya Sweeney, Carnegie Mellon University/ Data Privacy Lab

#### **Current Discussion**

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**Privacy Matters** 

How can firms make the most of the opportunities in online personal data while retaining

- Personal data stores which leave the ownership of personal data in the hands of the individual.
- Organizations and governments that need data can request information via API calls.
- The individual knows what information is being used and for what purposes.

#### Solution to the issue:

"On the one hand you need the ability to access information.
On the other, people expect information to be private."

#### "Personal Data Eco-System" – e.g. Mydex



Your data, your way

Mydex gives you back control over your p

Mydex – "a social enterprise that is designing a platform where people can manage all the data they share with others"

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#### What Personal Data Stores do

Personal Data Stores help individuals undertake a range of including:

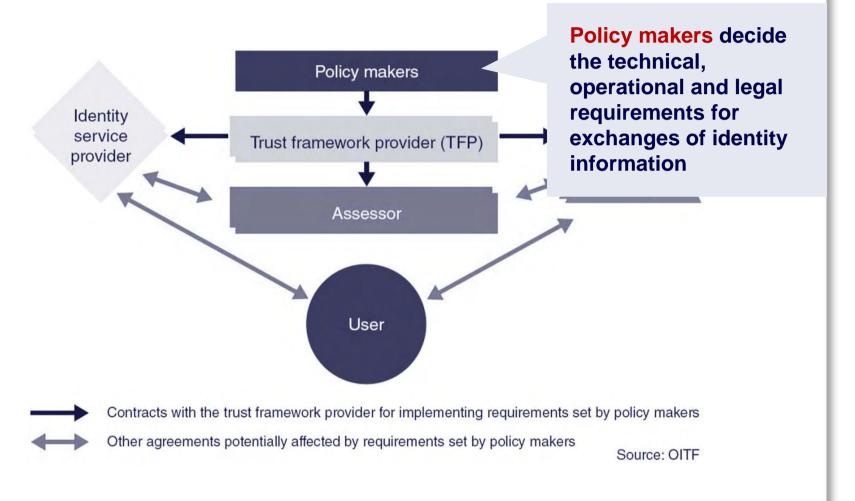
- Storing personal data
- Managing this data
- · Sharing it
- . Collecting and receiving data to build a personal data da
- · Verifying data
- · Idenitity assurance and fraud protection
- Privacy management
- · Managing preferences and permissions
- · Expressing interests and intentions
- Planning and implementing projects

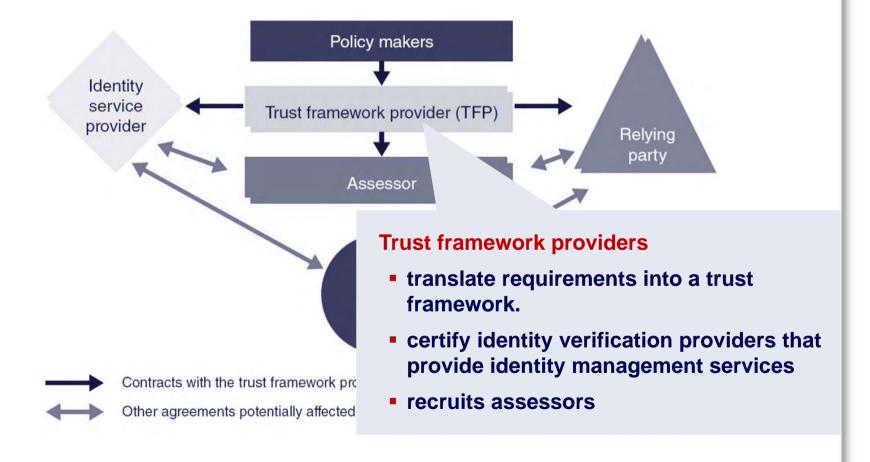
What Personal Data Stores do

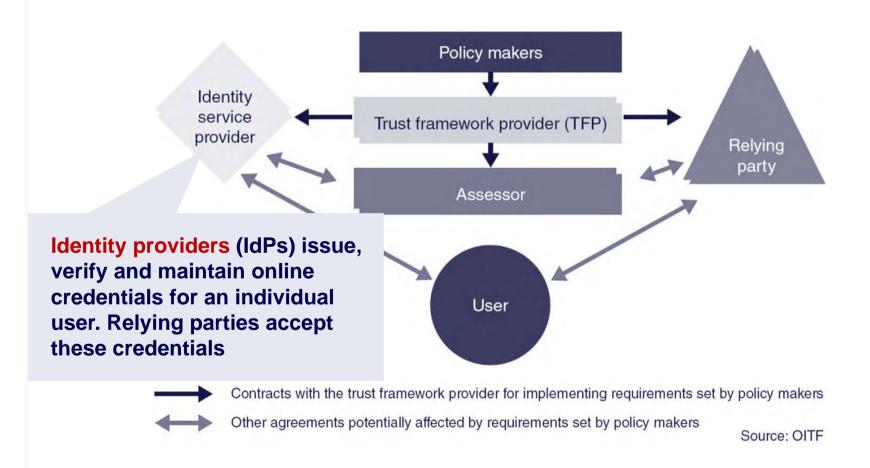
#### **David Alexander, director Mydex:**

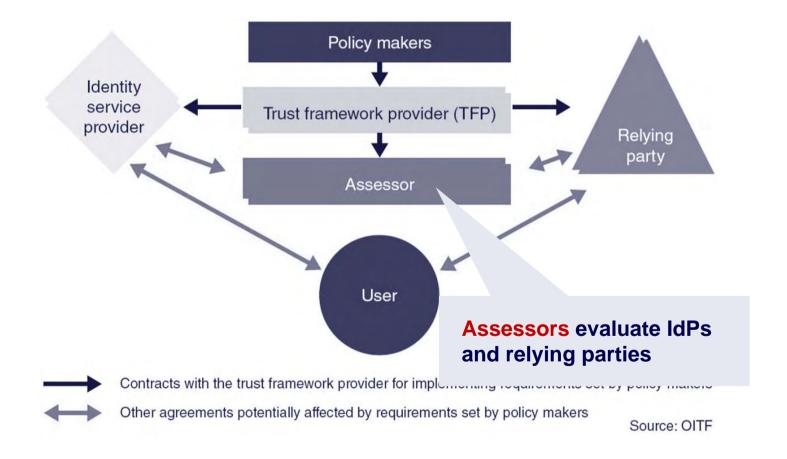
People need a "dashboard for their lives" – a "personal data eco-system" to allow people "to stand on an equal footing with government and big corporations", when it comes to data sharing.

source: mydex.org









## "Personal Data Eco-System": Questions/Discussion

Are new business models imaginable, which base themselves on the responsible handling of user data?

Does it seem useful to install a trust center / marketplace, which protects my data from abuse and simultaneously represents my needs and interests?

How would one of these trustees have to look like (which would be a counterbalance to e.g. google), to awaken interest and acceptance? "Turn trade into business"

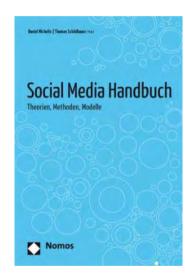
How reasonable would a user centered approach be with a focal point on transperency, trust, control and distribution of values?





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