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Trusted content & privacy throughout life





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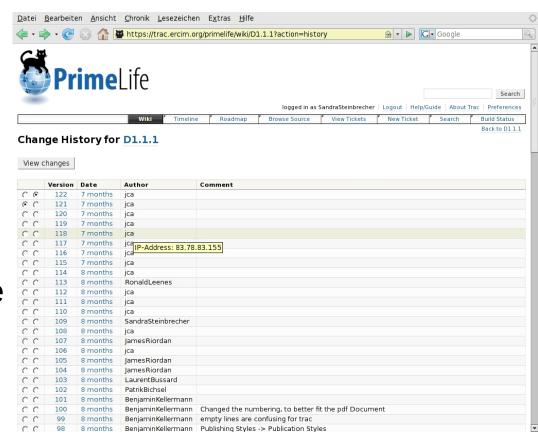




How to trust in digital content

- changing quickly
- many authors
- large amount of information

What computational support is realistic/feasible for helping humans to assess trustworthiness?



resulting scope: trustworthiness as a multilayered concern (integrity, binding, context, accuracy) only some of these layers allow automation



Solutions to problems

Humans typically assess

- secondary information about the (primary) information
- who has provided this information

resulting goal: software tool with concise/relevant/reliable metadata

- certification of authors with knowledge in a certain field by designated authorities (e.g. academic degrees by universities)
- giving readers the possibility to rate authors and content
- calculating reputation of authors and content

hierarchic



grassroot

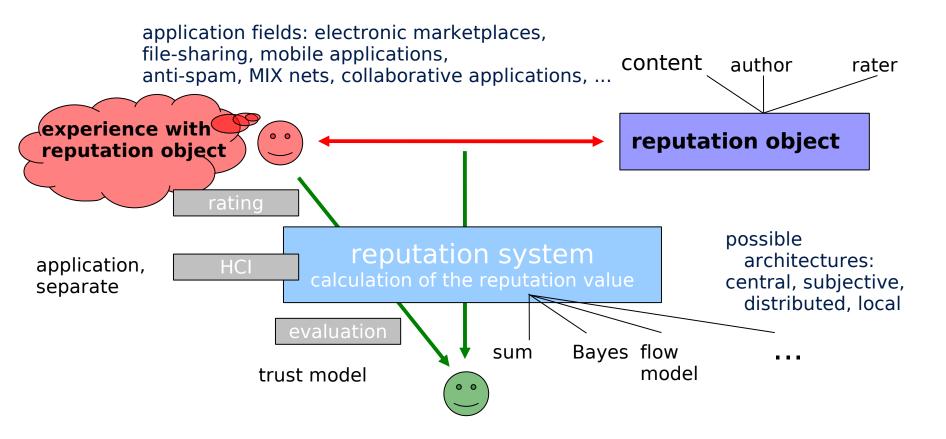


Reputation systems

- + can collect estimation of content by certain raters at a certain point in time (that hopefully will predict future estimation).
- + can reach effects of social networks: control (by raters) and learning (by future readers).
- do not prevent any reader from making bad experiences.
- do not make technical measures that help to reach accountability (certification and PKI) obsolete.



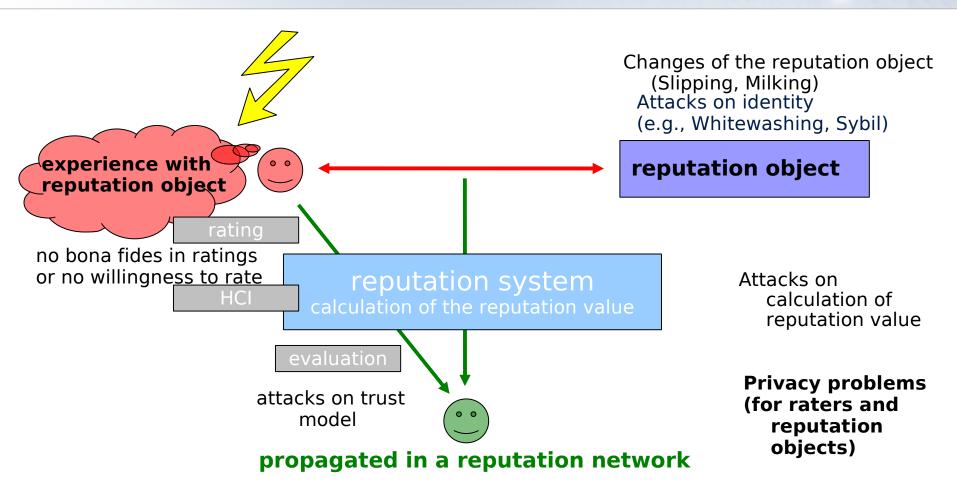
Design options



propagated in a reputation network



Threats to consider



What helps: instead of trial and error requirements analysis before system design



Design requirements and options

Initially:

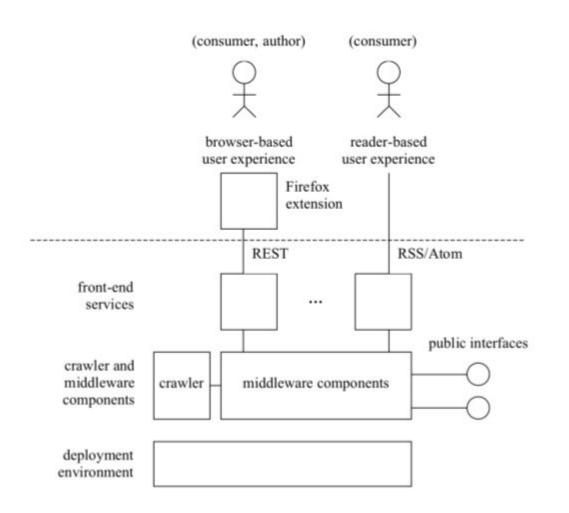
- how to calculate the reputation of content
- how to calculate the reputation of authors
- how to calculate the reputation of raters

Dynamic aspects:

- changing content
- changing authors
- changing reputation



1st Focal Prototype: Blog - High-level architecture



includes interfaces for alternative integrations: identity reputation ontologies secure binding repository trust valuation

(more details in D1.1.2 report)



1st Focal Prototype: Blog - User experience

- browser-based user experience (with Firefox extension)
 - specific new button indicates presence of annotations
 - provides access to further/summary information about them
- feed-reader-based user experience available as well





1st Focal Prototype: Blog - Some technical contributions

- BURLs (bound URLs)
 - versioning mechanism for referring to specific instance of URL-addressable content (URL including content digest and more)
- normalization
 - heuristic means e.g. to make sure that signers see exactly what they commit to (no hidden content)
- semantic signatures
 - digital signatures combined with ontology-based terms that tell their scope, resulting obligations, etc.
- privacy-friendly protocol designs
 - e.g. multiple inquiries to meta-data repository reveal no information about a user's browse path/history to server

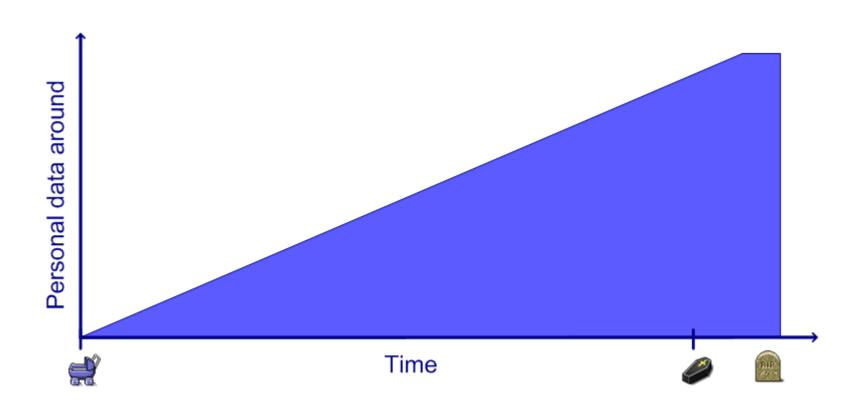


Prototypes - lessons learned and what to do next

- deployed on corporate intranet for several months
 - encouraging qualitative feedback (internal and external)
 - limited quantitative feedback (download of extension, use of tool)
- this and other evidence show for the next prototype (a wiki)
 - consider author, content and rater reputation
 - make a feedback loop and let the user decide
 - but do not bother users with all details
 - implement incentives to receive meaningful participation
 - monetary payments as incentives (e.g. anonymous e-cash)
 - other valuations as incentives (e.g. reputations)
 - side-effects as incentives (e.g. games with a purpose)
 - privacy protection as incentives (think: protect sources)
 - privacy as addressed by PrimeLife also highly relevant to several of these enabling categories

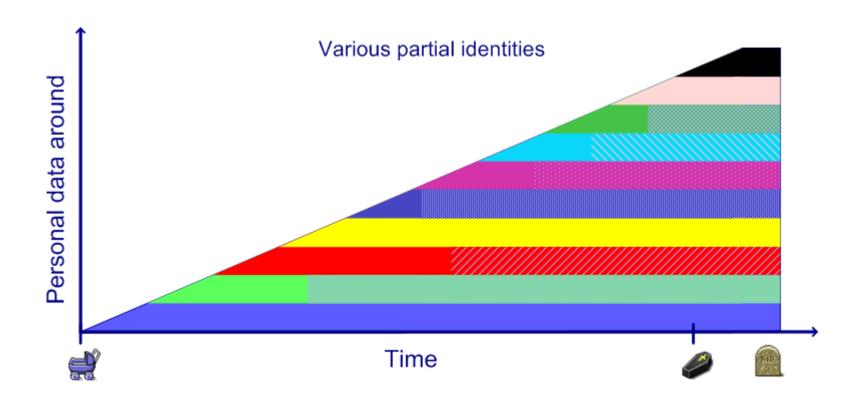


Extending trust and privacy throughout life - privacy (I)





Extending trust and privacy throughout life - privacy (II)





Extending trust and privacy throughout life

trust evolving over time vs. basic trust

IDM

- system trust vs. inter-personal trust
- trust vs. privacy
- short-term vs. long-term effects
- constant vs. changing abilities/behaviour of individuals
- context-specific vs. contextspanning

covering the full lifespan

covering all stages of life

covering all areas of life



IdM covering all areas of life

- formal areas (I have to participate in):
 - government
 - education
 - work
 - health care
 - _____
- informal areas (I might choose to participate in or others decide for me):
 - family
 - friends
 - shopping
 - sport
 - ____



Technological, social, legal, mechanisms

What we have:

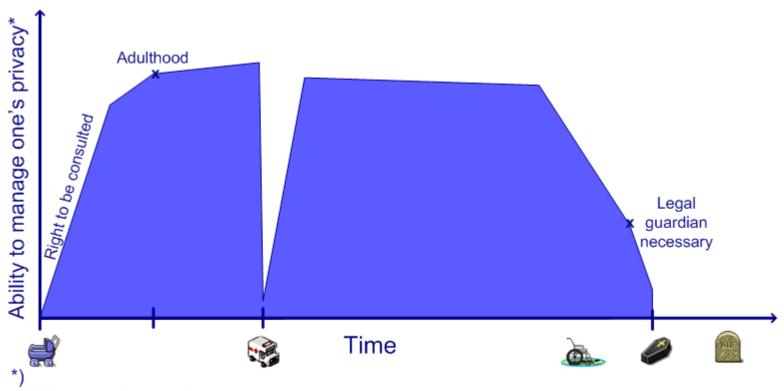
- technological mechanisms for user-controlled privacy
 - handling of partial identities
 - data minimisation
 - enforceable rules for data processing
 - transparency functionality

What we need to develop/adapt:

- mechanisms for covering all areas of life
- mechanisms for covering all stages of life
- mechanisms for covering the full lifespan



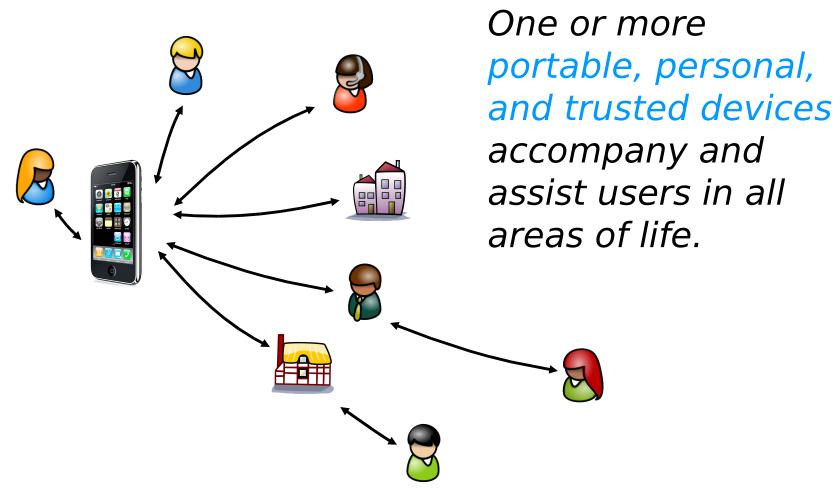
Ability to manage one's privacy



- Ability to understand
- Ability to act accordingly
- Ability to use required (technical) means



Trusted device as basis for mechanisms covering all areas of life



But does the trusted device as mechanism cover the full lifetime?

What happens if ...?

desired response

- the device is lost or stolen
 - "In the UK, one mobile phone is stolen every 12 seconds."

the device owner deceases

device not useful at all (except modest incentive to return)

heirs-at-law
should be able
to extract
selected
content

beneath: technology development



Mechanism - Conditional Recovery

Let users define "post-mortem" access rights

- for local objects and reference to remote resources (keychain)
- RQ: Find adequate trade-off between expressiveness and complexity
- RQ: Protection goals for those rights (and their enforceability)
- Consider integration in PE-IMS frameworks

Distributed backup with two recovery modes

- 1: Complete restoration if owner is unambiguously present, alive, and consents with the recovery
- 2: Distribution of "digital estate" according to the "post mortem" access rights



Trust in "digital estate"

Authenticity of "digital estate"

 digital signatures verifiable (long) after the signer's death

Integrity of division of "digital estate"

- integrity of the information about one's death (digital certificate of one's death)
- integrity of complete set of post mortem policies (if possible, while maintaining confidentiality of their contents)
- all-or-nothing (ideally: all) settlement despite possible unavailability of some heirs



Does an infrastructure exist for a full lifetime?

Straight technical solutions to the above problems exist, if the state takes a role as trusted third party. Can we do otherwise?

Community approach to "digital estate"

- secret sharing as a mechanism to ensure recovery
- integrate distribution of secrets in social networking systems
- RQ: Re-use mechanisms of trust computation
- RQ: Consistency or diversity between distribution of shares across multiple partial identities



But does the trusted device as mechanism cover all stages of life? (I)

Are current solutions still adequate for ...?

- very young people, especially children
- parents assisting children
- people with handicaps
- old people
- old people needing assistance
- people assisting others in interacting



But does the trusted device as mechanism cover all stages of life? (II)

Are current solutions still adequate if ...?

- some users own more than one device
 - Each device holds information belonging to various partial identities, possibly overlapping between devices.
- some devices belong to more than one user
 - Example: digital photo album shared in the family or among friends
- no personal trusted devices exist
 - Vision of ambient intelligence: devices deployed in the environment



Resulting questions

- Do we address the right areas of life?
- Would a demonstrator for digital heritage be the right one as the third year's focal prototype?
- Or do you have better ideas?
- How can people make the right decisions for their privacy?
- Is "consent" a sufficient mechanism?
- Which alternatives?



Thank You!