CONTEXTUAL PRIVACY – REDEFINING PRIVACY FOR THE PERPETUALLY CONNECTED WORLD

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Will M @Zenbyo #ifihadglass there would be no more cheating on my food log to It would also make it a lot easier to record weight loss efforts.

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Privacy violations abound



Invasion of something, comes with a nice list of bars to never go to!



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Why do these problems occur?

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Other factors

It's difficult for companies to know what to do

- Regulations are complex & they change frequently
- With mobile, more personal information is at stake
 - The possibility for abuse and misuse is high
- Consumer, Marketers, IT, and privacy advocates have different notions of "privacy"
 - > Who is right?





So how do we realistically tackle this problem?



Privacy is deeply contextual

Privacy should be assessed under a certain context

- Information shared under one context should not be treated the same under a different one
- Example:
 - I shared my "location" info with an airline app on travel days, but not otherwise.

Context is everything







What is "context"

Temporal

- This activity will end at <time>
- Spatial
 - I am currently at <location>
- Application/usage
 - I use this service for <purpose>
- Functional/identity
 - I engage in this activity as <role>
 - I interact with this <business>
- Social

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I undertake this activity with < entity>





An example

A traveler may consent to share his location info on the day of the travel with a hotel app

- But he would like to withhold that information from the app otherwise
- Temporal & application context
- How to implement this?
 - A calendar app on the phone shares location with the hotel app only for the day of travel





An example in the physical world

A guy walks into a bar

- What information does he minimally disclose?
 - He is over the legal drinking age (18 in Singapore)
 - He is at this location at this time
 - His gender

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Continue this example

Minimal context – Answer the question

- "Are you over the legal drinking age?"
- Consider this you walk into a bar
 - A camera takes your picture and sends to a cloud service
 - The service responds with "Yes" or "No"
 - The picture is erased immediately
- This achieves the highest privacy





What about marketers?

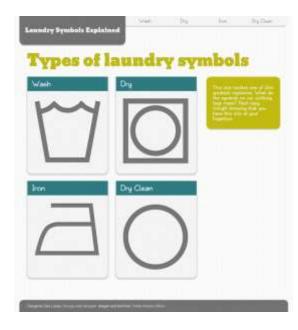
Marketers may want more:

- Your contact info send your promotions
- Age/gender assess promotional efforts
- Location info track your likes and dislikes





What if we have a convention?



Symbol	Meaning
	Minimal context, nothing else.
	We collect <u>contact</u> <u>info</u>
	We collect <u>demographic info</u>
	We collect <u>location</u> <u>info</u>









What about this model?







Why is this good?

- No complicated privacy policies
- Minimal context option is there
- Transparency
- Consumer desire & organizational requirements need not be at odds with each other
 - Consumers are given the choice to reveal minimal context
 - Or decide to share more

Hypothesis – Consumers will share more with this model





Let's see a real use case

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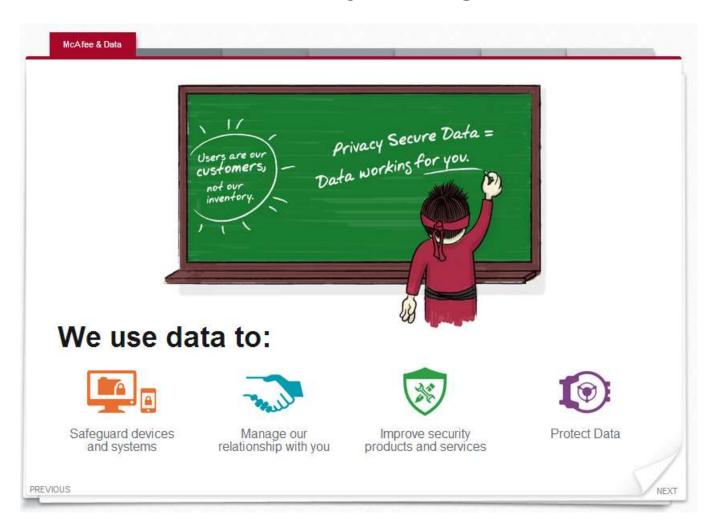


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A more general data framework

Derived data (Credit score, Propensity score, Etc.) Identity data (name, SSN, Driver license, Credit card, Address, etc.)

The individual

Self-identified data (purchase intent, User generated Content,)

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Behavioral data (location, purchases, Travel booking)



Adding application context

<Research my next vacation>

- Make info from my last 5 trips available for the travel agent app
- Beyond my trip, data is no longer shared

<Navigation>

- Share my location info only
- No marketing, no data mining, no third party sharing

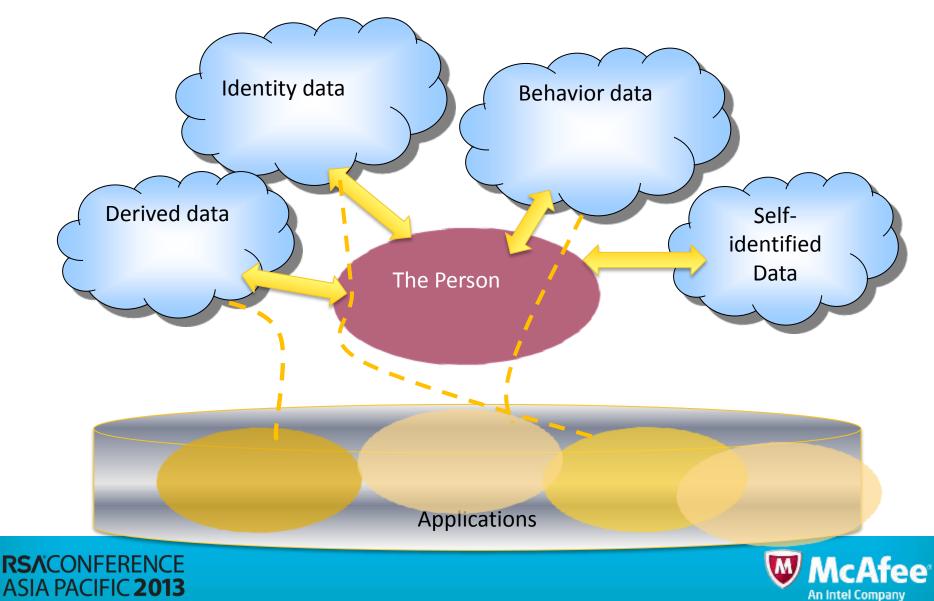




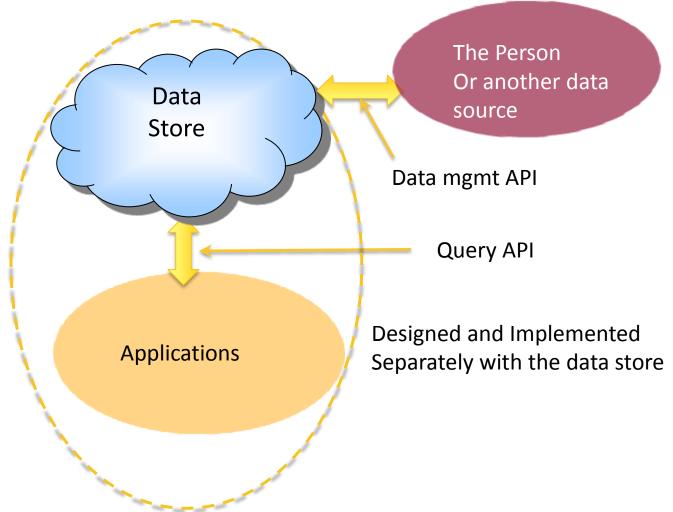
Now let's get to the hard part implementation



If we have a set of data stores

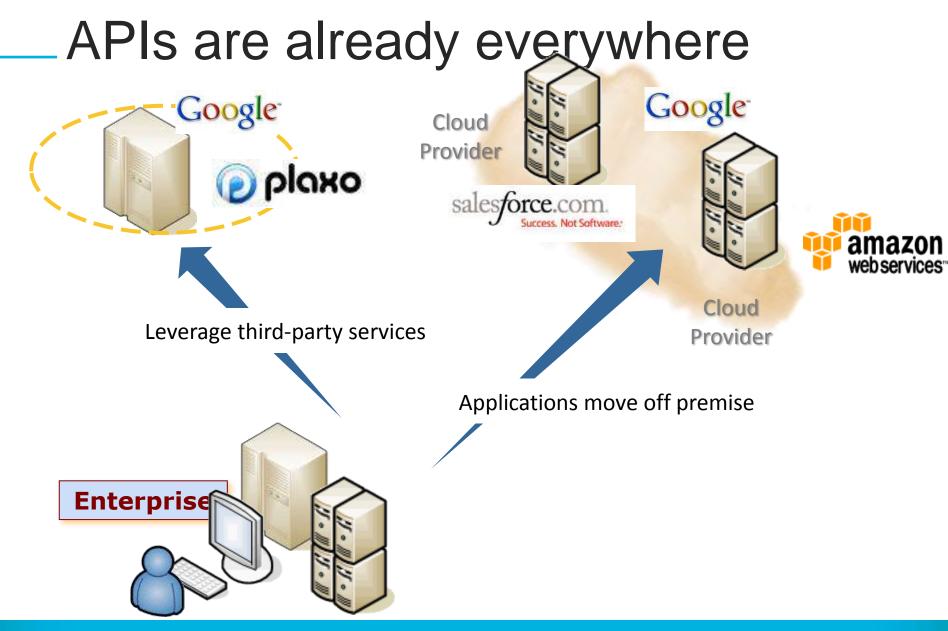


For each data store











Going back to an earlier example

- A guy walks into a bar
- Camera takes a picture of his face sends to an "age" service



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"is this person older than 18?"

- The camera identifies itself as a bar in a particular geo and queries an "age" cloud, which holds age information of individuals
- The cloud authenticates the camera, matches the picture with stored identity information, does a ">" query, and sends the answer back
- The camera destroys the picture
- No other info is disclosed or processed





Here is our request to the research community

Many questions need to be answered

- Where are the appropriate layers of data abstractions?
- What do the APIs look like?
- How do you specify the sharing policies?
- How do you rationalize this data economy?
- How do you characterize the risk of the data?





But the result can be transformational

- Better privacy
- More targeted information for marketer
- More transparency for consumers

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