# Lecture 3: Privacy

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https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/external/readwrite web/2010/01/10/10readwriteweb-facebooks-zuckerberg-saysthe-age-of-privac-82963.html



https://www.forbes.com/sites/jacobmorgan/2014/08/19/privacy-iscompletely-and-utterly-dead-and-we-killed-it/

"You have zero privacy anyway. Get over it."

Scott McNealy, Former CEO of Sun Microsystems (1999)

https://www.wired.com/1999/01/sun-on-privacy-get-over-it/

"If you have something that you don't want anyone to know, maybe you shouldn't be doing it in the first place, but if you really need that kind of privacy, the reality is that search engines including Google do retain this information for some time... that information could be made available to the authorities."

Eric Schmidt, Former CEO of Google (2009)

https://www.pcworld.com/article/515472/googles\_schmidt\_roaste d\_for\_privacy\_comments.html

#### Privacy

"Some might say 'I don't care if they violate my privacy; I've got nothing to hide.' Help them understand that they are misunderstanding the fundamental nature of human rights. Nobody needs to justify why they 'need' a right: the burden of justification falls on the one seeking to infringe upon the right."

"Arguing that you don't care about the right to privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different than saying you don't care about free speech because you have nothing to say."

Edward Snowden, Whistleblower (2015)

https://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/comments/36ru89/just\_days\_left\_to\_kill \_mass\_surveillance\_under/crglgh2/

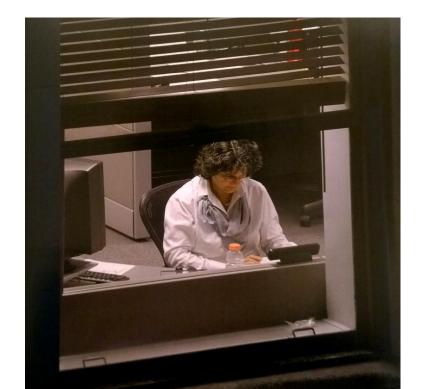
#### Privacy is Hard to Define

"Privacy is a value so complex, so entangled in competing and contradictory dimensions, so engorged with various and distinct meanings, that I sometimes despair whether it can be usefully addressed at all."

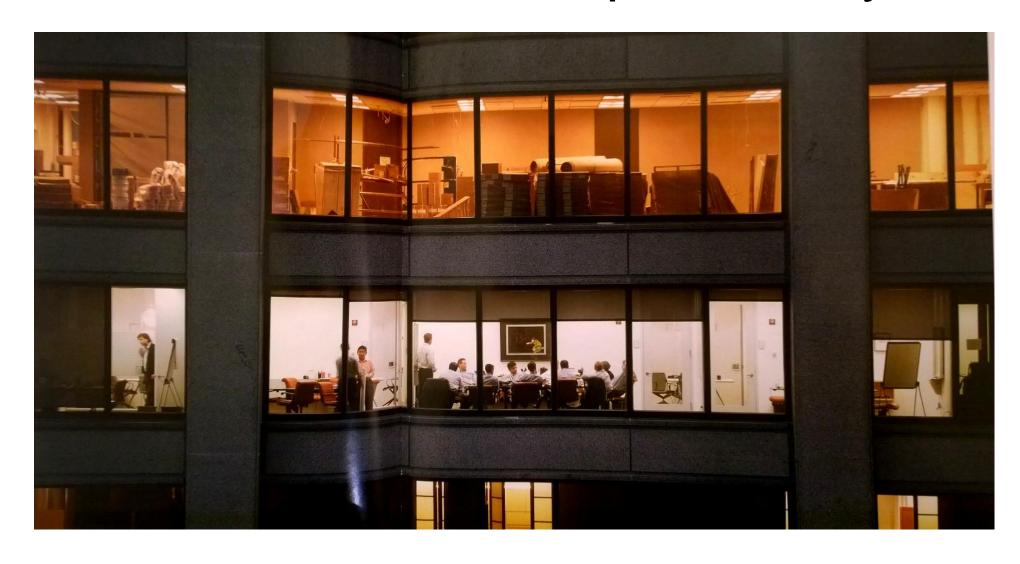
Robert C. Post, Three Concepts of Privacy, 89 Geo. L.J. 2087 (2001).







"Chicago has recently undergone a surge of new construction...In early 2007, the Museum of Contemporary Photography...invited Michael Wolf as an artist-in-residence....Wolf chose to photograph the central downtown area, focusing on issues of voyeurism and the contemporary urban landscape....his details are fragments of life—digitally distorted and hyper-enlarged—snatched surreptitiously via telephoto lenses http://aperture.org/shop/the-transparent-city/











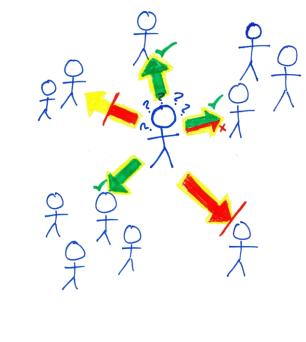








# Conceptualizing Privacy

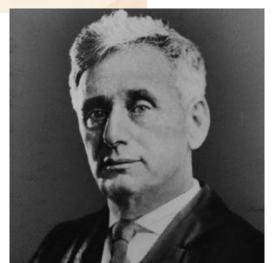






#### Warren and Brandeis (1890)





### HARVARD

#### LAW REVIEW.

VOL. IV.

DECEMBER 15, 1890.

No. 5.

#### THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY.

"It could be done only on principles of private justice, moral fitness, and public convenience, which, when applied to a new subject, make common law without a precedent; much more when received and approved by usage."

WILLES, J., in Millar v. Taylor, 4 Burr. 2303, 2312.

THAT the individual shall have full protection in person and in property is a principle as old as the common law; but it has been found necessary from time to time to define anew the exact nature and extent of such protection. Political, social, and economic changes entail the recognition of new rights, and the common law, in its eternal youth, grows to meet the demands of society. Thus, in very early times, the law gave a remedy only

#### Warren and Brandeis's Inspiration



"Have you seen the Kodak fiend? Well, he has seen you. He caught your expression yesterday while you were recently talking at the Post Office. He has taken you at a disadvantage and transfixed your uncouth position and passed it on to be laughed at by friend and foe alike. His click is heard on every hand. He is merciless and omnipresent."

The Hawaiian Gazette, 1890

https://wirewheel.io/privacy-is-dead/

#### Warren and Brandeis's Argument

- "The individual shall have full protection in person and in property"
- The legal basis for fear
  - Battery → assault
  - Tangible property → intangible property
- Gossip pages about high society

#### Warren and Brandeis's Argument

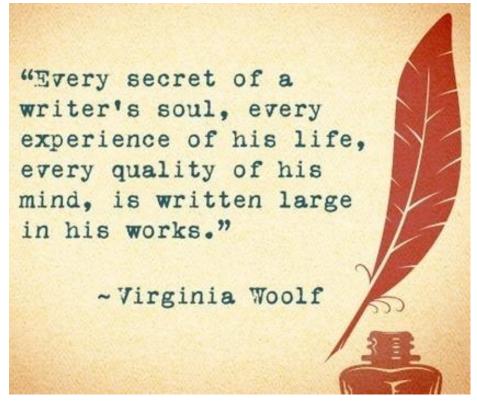
- Libel and slander are insufficient in considering only damage to reputation
- Considers property rights
- The right to <u>prevent</u>, rather than profit from, publication
- "The right to be let alone"
- Excludes topics of general interest

#### Photography Laws

Consent required for action related to a picture of a person in a public place (by country)			
Country	Take a picture	Publish a picture	Commercially 1 use a published picture
Afghanistan	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
Argentina	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
Australia	No (with exceptions)	No (with exceptions)	Yes
Austria	No	No (with exceptions)	Yes
Belgium	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes
Brazil	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	No	No	Yes
Canada	Depends on province	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes
China	No	No	Yes
Czech Republic	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
Denmark	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
Ethiopia	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes
Finland	No	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
France	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions) <sup>[3]</sup>	Yes
Germany	No (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
Greece	No	No	Yes (with exceptions)
Hong Kong	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances
Hungary	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)	Yes (with exceptions)
United Kingdom	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances
United States	No	No	Usually (although laws differ by state)

 $https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons: Photographs\_of\_identifiable\_people \#The\_right\_of\_publicity$ 

#### Is Being "Let Alone" Sufficient?



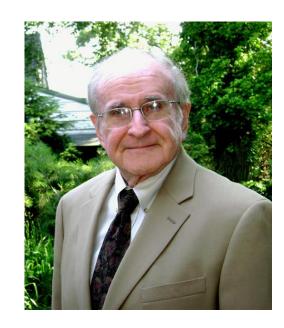


#### Privacy as Control / Secrecy (1967)

"Privacy is the claim of individuals, groups or institutions to determine for themselves when, how, and to what extent information about them is communicated to others."

"...each individual is continually engaged in a personal adjustment process in which he balances the desire for privacy with the desire for disclosure and communication...."

Alan Westin, Privacy and Freedom, 1967



#### Is Limiting Access Sufficient?

- Individuals sometimes prefer to be let alone, yet sometimes want to be social
  - Privacy was traditionally "social withdrawal"

#### Privacy Regulation Theory (1975)

- Irwin Altman (social psychology)
  - Preceded by Altman and Taylor's Social Penetration Theory (1973) about intimacy in relationships
- Dialectic and dynamic process of boundary regulation
  - Continuous movement on a continuum
- Goal: optimum balance of privacy and social interaction



#### CPM Theory (1991)

- Sandra Petronio (communications)
  - Communication Privacy Management Theory
- Regulate boundaries based on perceived costs and benefits
  - Movement on a continuum
- Expect rule-based management
- Boundary turbulence related to clashing expectations



#### Purpose Matters



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The Washington Post

Local

## Patients trusted Johns Hopkins gynecologist who allegedly videotaped them

By Brigid Schulte and Peter Hermann February 19, 2013 Email the author

For more than two decades, women came to see Johns Hopkins gynecologist Nikita Levy and trusted him with not only the most private parts of their bodies but also with their innermost secrets. Listening to problems with husbands and boyfriends, the joys and frustrations of motherhood, Levy was a caring confidant, said patients and co-workers.

On Tuesday, they were reeling from the news that their doctor had committed suicide after being accused of surreptitiously videotaping and photographing many of his patients. Police said they have removed nearly 10 image-filled computer hard drives from Levy's home in Towson, Md.

#### (Details)

• "For 25 years, Dr. Nikita Levy ran an obstetrics and gynecology practice out of the East Baltimore Medical Center, a community clinic run by the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System. Last February, Johns Hopkins authorities discovered that Levy had been secretly filming his patients in the examination room, using cameras embedded into pens that he wore around his neck and key fobs he carried in his pockets. At his home, police found hard drives and servers stocked with thousands of videos and photographs of his patient's naked bodies, snapped under the auspices of performing routine pelvic examinations."

#### Privacy as Contextual Integrity (2004)

- Helen Nissenbaum (philosophy)
- "Contextual integrity ties adequate protection for privacy to norms of specific contexts, demanding that information gathering and dissemination be appropriate to that context."



#### Privacy as Contextual Integrity (2004)

- Appropriate flows of information
- Appropriate flows conform to contextual information norms
- Norms refer to the data subject, sender, recipient, information type, and transmission principle
- Conceptions of privacy evolve over time and are grounded in ethics

#### Dan Solove's Pluralistic Conceptions

- Some data isn't "sensitive," but its collection and use impact privacy
  - Impact power relationships
  - Kafka-esque
- Solove's privacy taxonomy
  - Information collection
  - Information processing
  - Information dissemination
  - Invasion



# Privacy Law and Regulation

#### How Privacy is Protected

- Laws, self regulation, technology
  - Notice and access
  - Control over collection, use, deletion, sharing
  - Collection limitation
  - Use limitation
  - Security and accountability

#### OECD Fair Information Principles

- Collection limitation
- Data quality
- Purpose specification
- Use limitation
- Security safeguards
- Openness
- Individual participation
- Accountability
- http://www.privacyrights.org/ar/fairinfo.htm

US FTC's Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs)

- Notice / Awareness
- Choice / Consent
- Access / Participation
- Integrity / Security
- Enforcement / Redress
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FTC\_Fair\_Information\_Practice



#### Privacy on the Books / on the Ground

- Data Protection Directive (1995, since superseded by GDPR) -EU countries must adopt similar comprehensive laws, recognize privacy as fundamental human right
  - Privacy commissions in each country
- US has sector-specific laws, minimal protections, "patchwork quilt"
  - No explicit constitutional right to privacy or general privacy law
  - Some privacy rights inferred from constitution
  - Narrow regulations for health (HIPAA 1996), credit (FCRA 1970), education (FERPA 1974), video rental records (VPPA 1998), children (COPPA 1998)
  - FTC investigates unfair & deceptive practices
  - FCC regulates telecommunications
  - Some state and local laws
- See Bamberger and Mulligan, "Privacy on the Books and on the Ground," <a href="https://www.jstor.org/stable/41105400">https://www.jstor.org/stable/41105400</a>

#### General Data Protection Regulation (2016)

- GDPR came into effect May 25, 2018 and applies to the EU
- Distinguishes between data subjects, controllers (people who direct analysis), and processors (those who do the analysis)
- Data controller informs the 'data subject in a concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language'
- Right of access for data subjects
- Right of erasure (with some exceptions)
- Right to object to processing for some purposes
- Privacy by design (Article 25)

#### General Data Protection Regulation (2016)

- Pseudonymization required for stored personal data
- Data breach notification to authorities within 72 hours
- Possible fines of up to 4% of worldwide turnover
- Can only process data based on six lawful bases:
  - Consent
  - Contract
  - Public task
  - Vital interest
  - Legitimate interest
  - Legal requirement

#### California Consumer Privacy Act (2018)

- CCPA went into effect January 1, 2020
- Residents of California have rights to:
  - Know what personal data is collected
  - Know whether that data is sold
  - Refuse the sale of personal data
  - Access their data
  - Request erasure of their personal data
  - Not be discriminated against for exercising these privacy rights
- Fine of \$7,500 for intentional and \$2,500 for unintentional violations

#### Virginia Consumer Data Protection Act (2021)



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- Slated to go into effect January 1, 2023
- "The bill applies to all persons that conduct business in the Commonwealth and either (i) control or process personal data of at least 100,000 consumers or (ii) derive over 50 percent of gross revenue from the sale of personal data and control or process personal data of at least 25,000 consumers."
- "The bill grants consumer rights to access, correct, delete, and obtain a copy of personal data and to opt out of the processing of personal data for purposes of targeted advertising, the sale of personal data, or profiling of the consumer."

#### Tools of the FTC in the US

- Unfair practices
  - Injure consumer
  - Violate established policy
  - Unethical
- Deceptive practices
  - Mislead consumer
  - Differ from reasonable consumer expectations





## Privacy Issues

#### Privacy Issues

- <u>Can</u> conflict with free speech / security
- A lack of privacy can cause chilling effects (discouragement of exercising a legitimate right)
- How do we provide transparency?
- Distortion: false or misleading information
- Value of data mining → future activities?
  - Limiting data collection can limit future the data's future value
- Oversight and accountability

#### Measuring Privacy

- Why is privacy hard to measure?
- Why are attitudes about privacy hard to measure?
- Why is the cost of privacy invasion hard to measure?
- How do we quantify privacy harms?

#### The Privacy Paradox

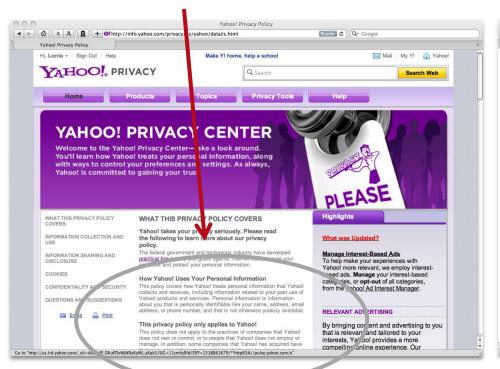
- When asked, we say we want privacy
- However, our behaviors make it seem like we don't care about privacy

# Communicating About Privacy

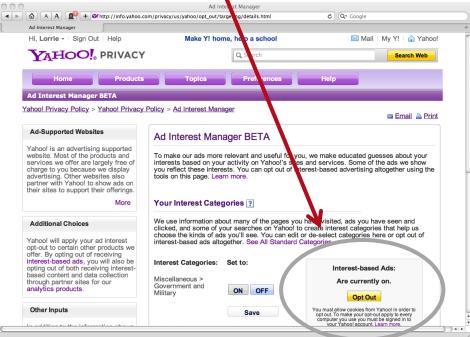
#### **Notice and Choice**

Protect privacy by giving people control over their information

**Notice** about data collection and use



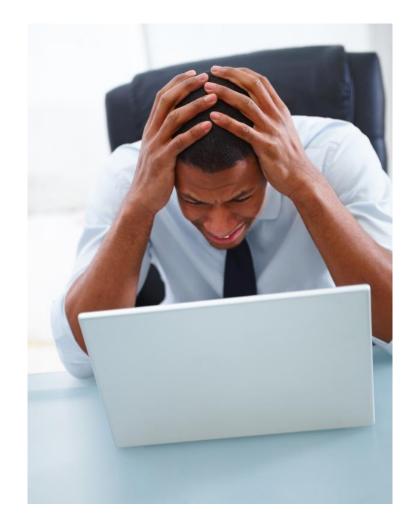
Choices about allowing their data to be collected and used in that way



#### **Privacy Policies**

"the notice-and-choice model, as implemented, has led to long, incomprehensible privacy policies that consumers typically do not read, let alone understand"

 Protecting Consumer Privacy in an Era of Rapid Change. Preliminary FTC Staff Report.
 December 2010.



# About Our Privacy Policy

Whenever you do something like buy one of our products, watch a information is created. Because we know your privacy is important

to explain how we collect, use and protect that information. There's and the actual policy is written in an easy to understand "Freque (FAQ) format (/sites/privacy\_policy/terms). We want to simplify make informed choices about your privacy, and then spend the re

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products and services.

Effective July 24, 2015

Policy

Our privacy commitments

your personal information.

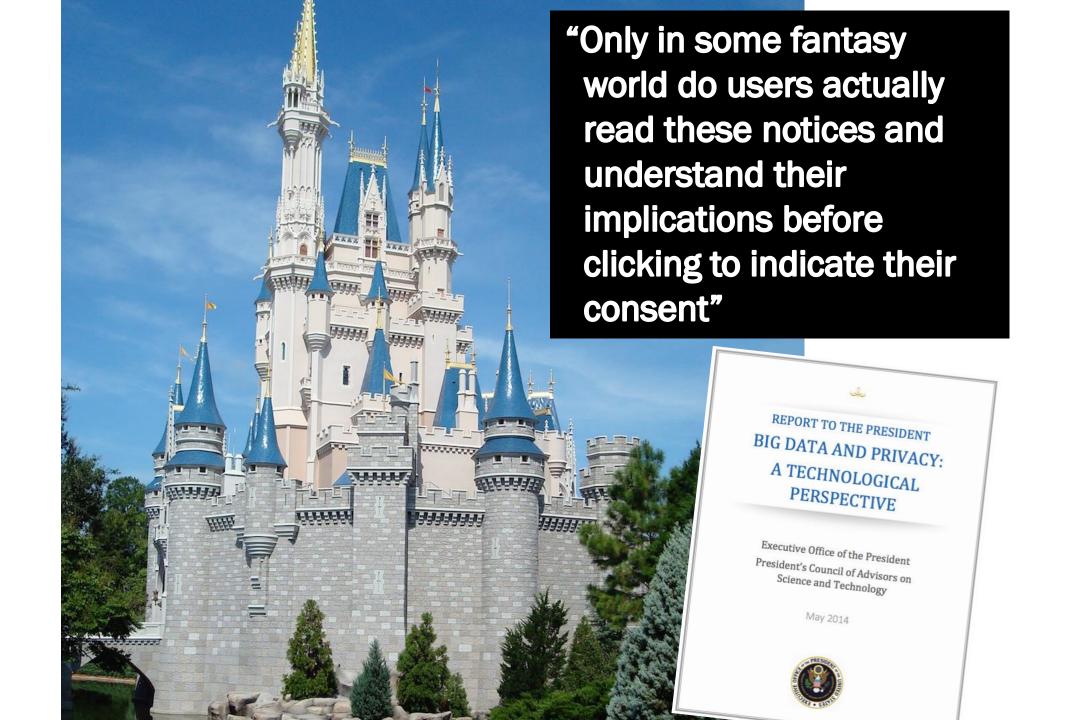
We don't sell your Personal Information to anyone for any purpose. Period.

A Quick Summary of Our

Our Privacy Policy applies to your use of all products, services and our AT&T affiliates, such as DIRECTV, unless they have a Because some apps, including some AT&T and DTV branded information, or use information in different ways, they may have and/or terms and conditions. These apps may also offer you a

We keep your Personal Information in our business records while you are a customer, or

until it is no longer needed for business, tax or legal purposes. We will keep your information safe using encryption or other appropriate security controls.



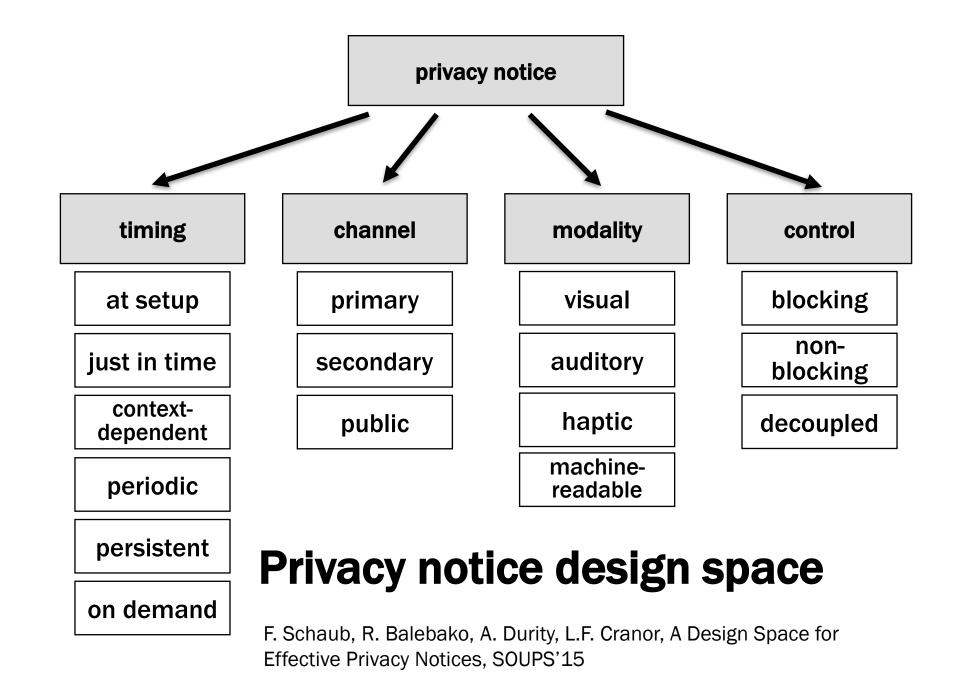
#### Cost of Reading Privacy Policies

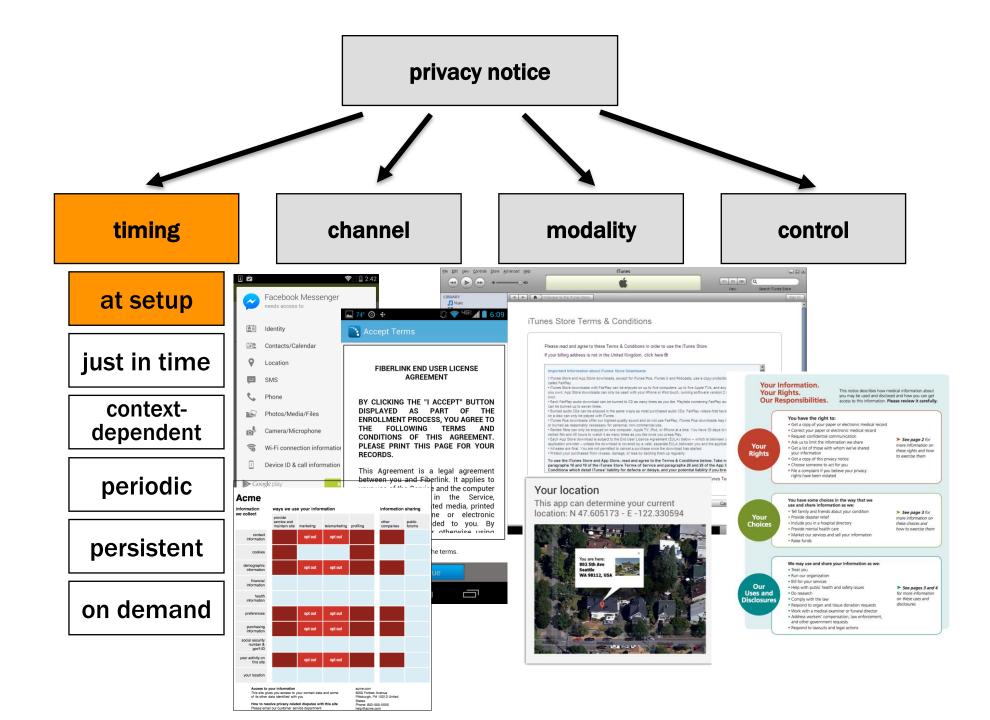
- What would happen if everyone read the privacy policy for each site they visited once per year?
- Time = 244/hours year
- Cost = \$3,534/year
- National opportunity cost for time to read policies: \$781 billion

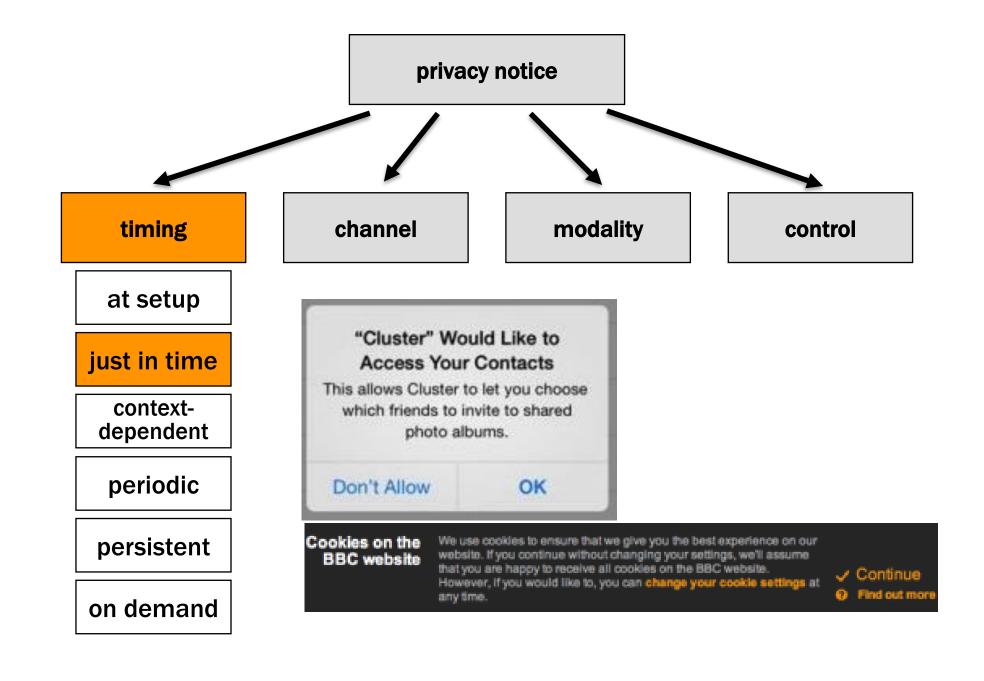


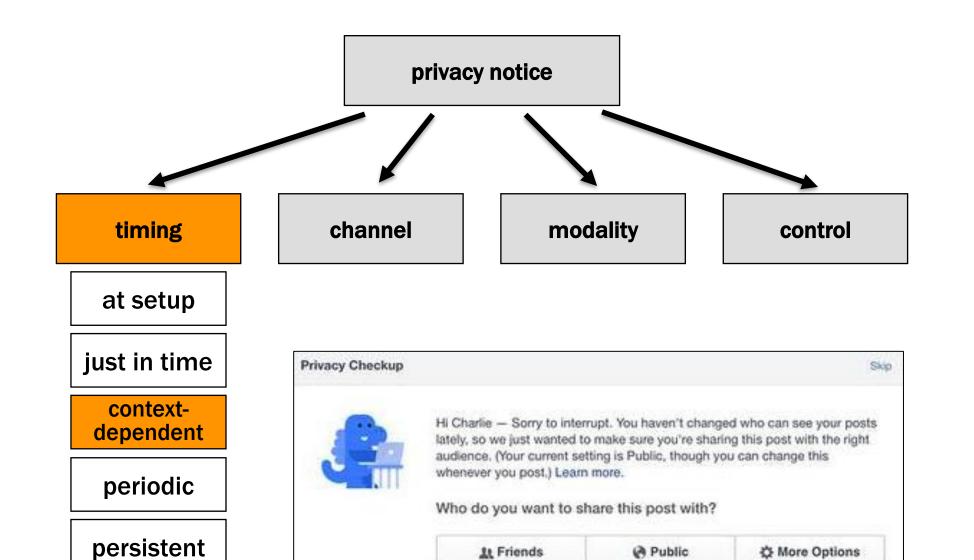
Aleecia McDonald and Lorrie Faith Cranor. The Cost of Reading Privacy Policies. I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society. 2008 Privacy Year in Review Issue.

### Privacy Notice Design Space

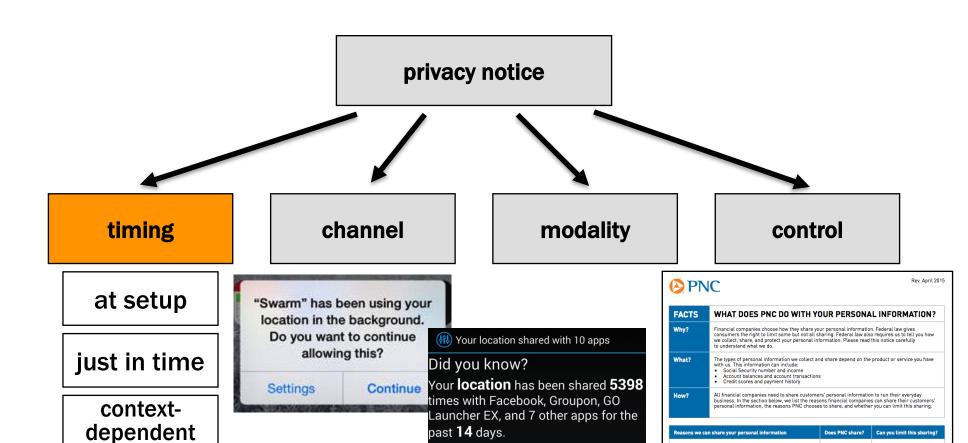








on demand



Let me change my settings

Show me more before I make changes

Keep sharing my location

Notification provided by AppOps.

periodic

persistent

on demand

For our everyday business purposes -

For our marketing purposes —

For our affiliates to market to you

For nonaffiliates to market to you

our sharing

such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to

For joint marketing with other financial companies

For our affiliates' everyday business purposes -

information about your transactions and experiences

For our affiliates' everyday business purposes —
information about your creditworthiness

Call 1-800-762-2118

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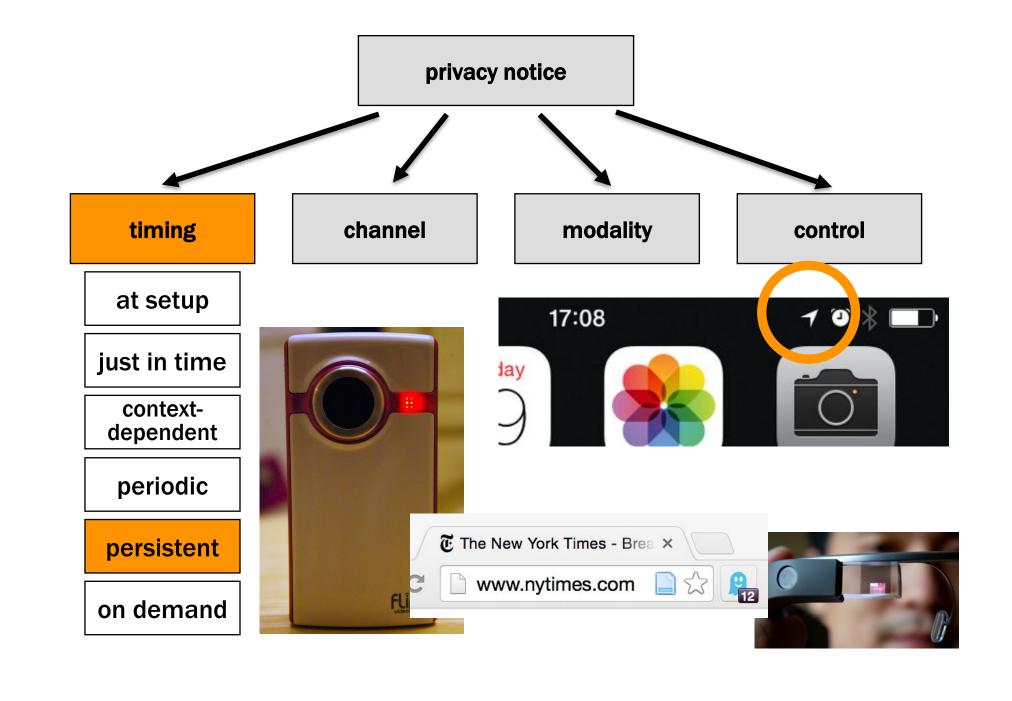
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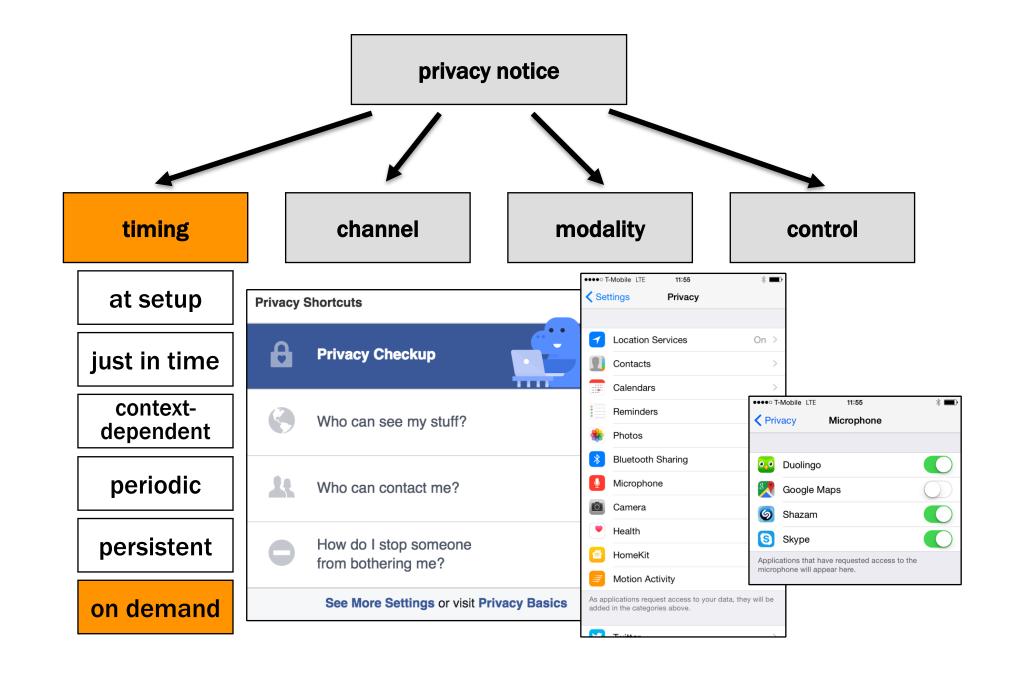
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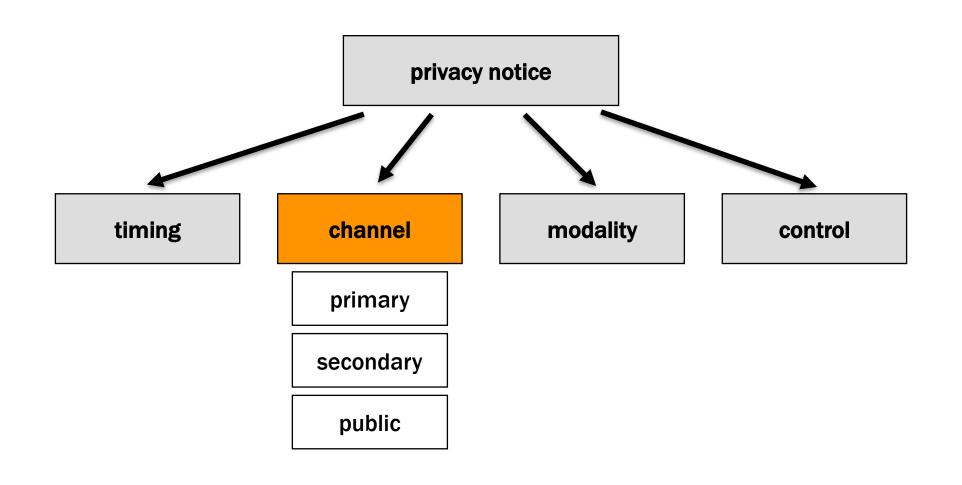
Call 1-800-762-2118 — our menu will prompt you through your choice(s) Visit us online: www.PNC.com/privacy (Online Banking customers only)

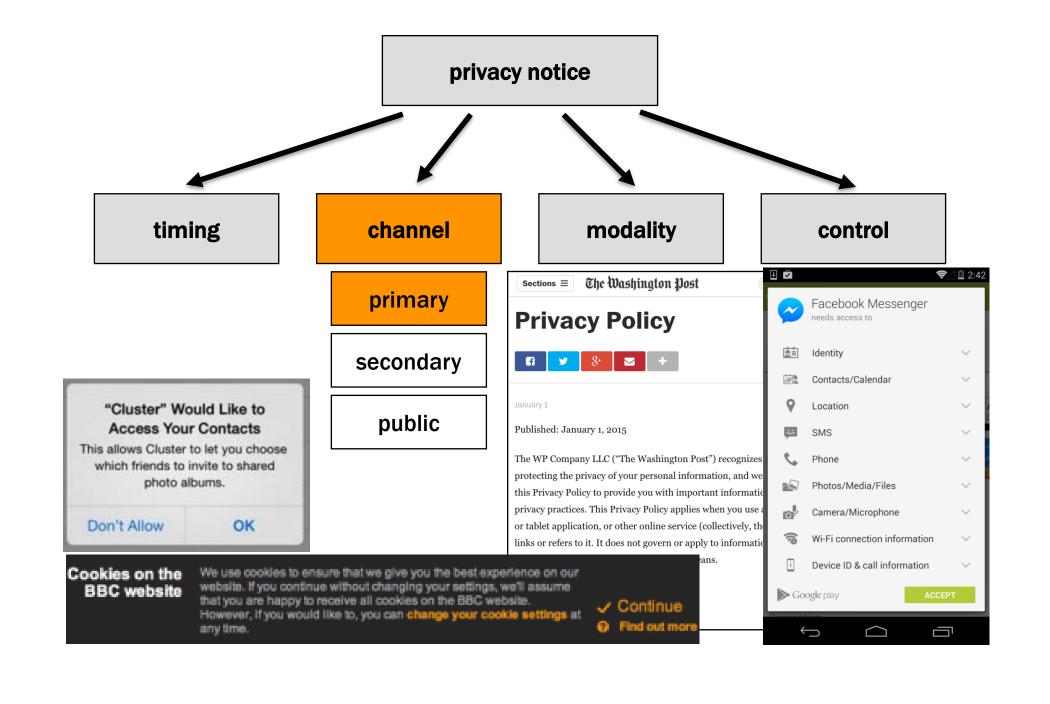
However, you can contact us at any time to limit our sharing.

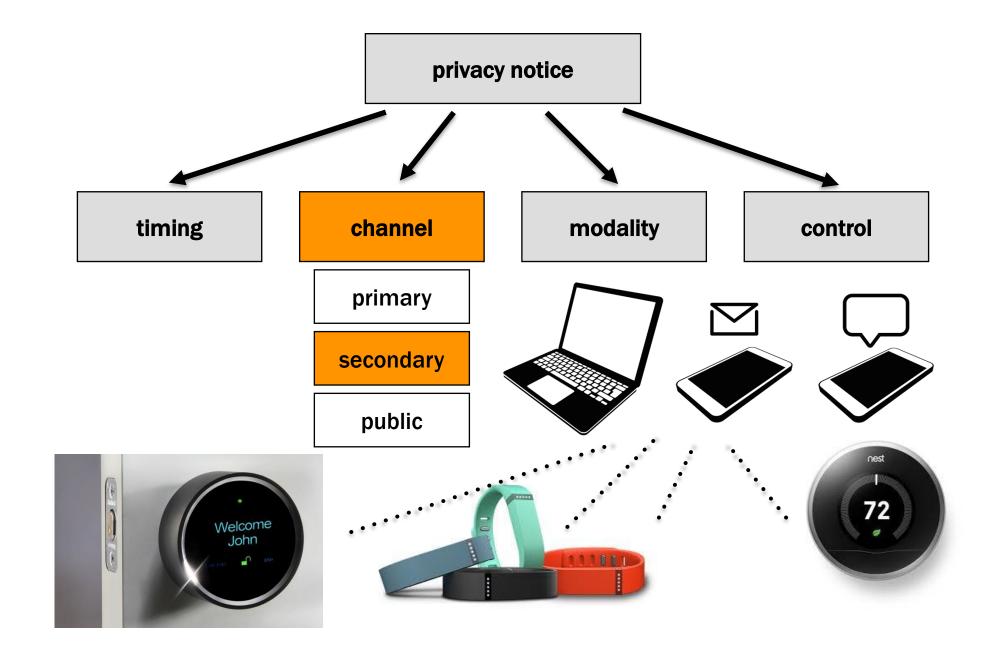
If you are a new customer, we can begin sharing your information 30 days from the date we sent this notice. When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

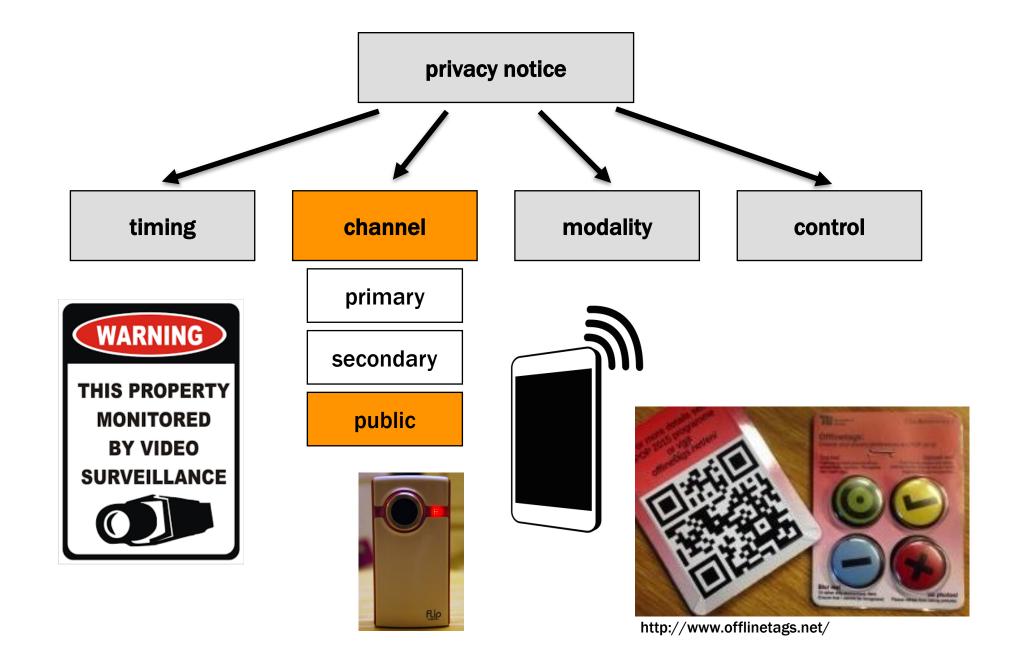


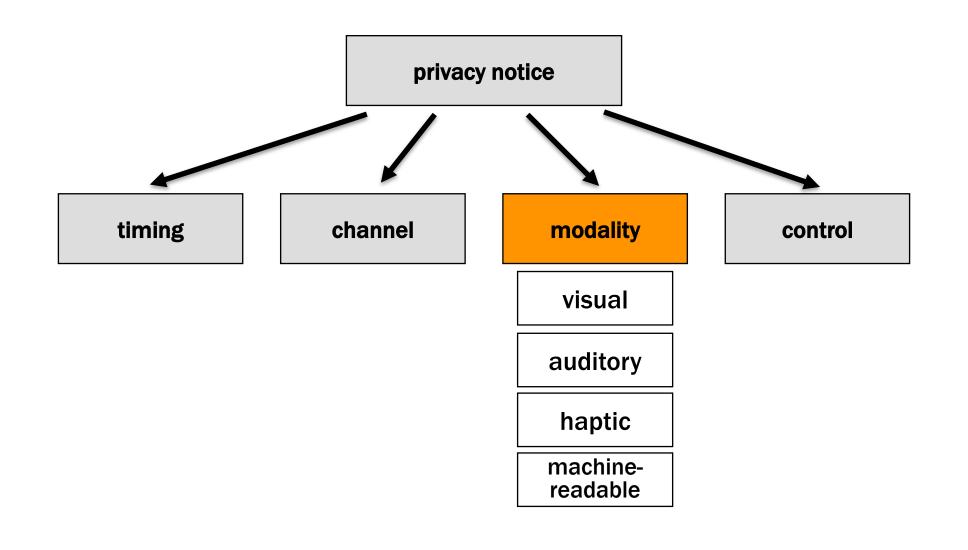


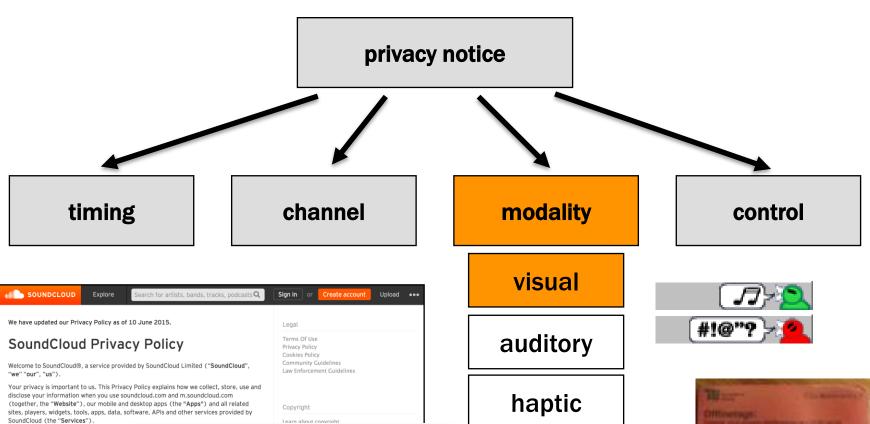












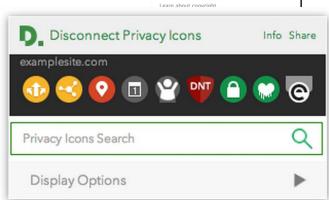
This Privacy Policy explains the followi

Our principles with respect to your in
 The information we collect about you

- How we use your information
- How we share your information
- How we use cookies and similar tech
- · Your choices with respect to your in
- How to contact us regarding privacy

By using the Website, the Apps or any SoundCloud® account, you are conser out in this Privacy Policy.

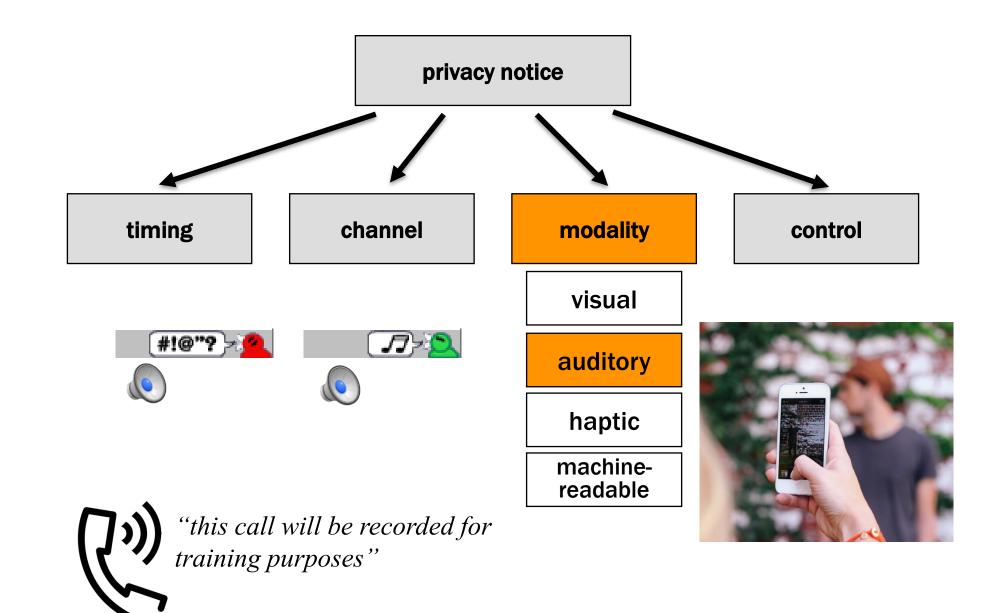
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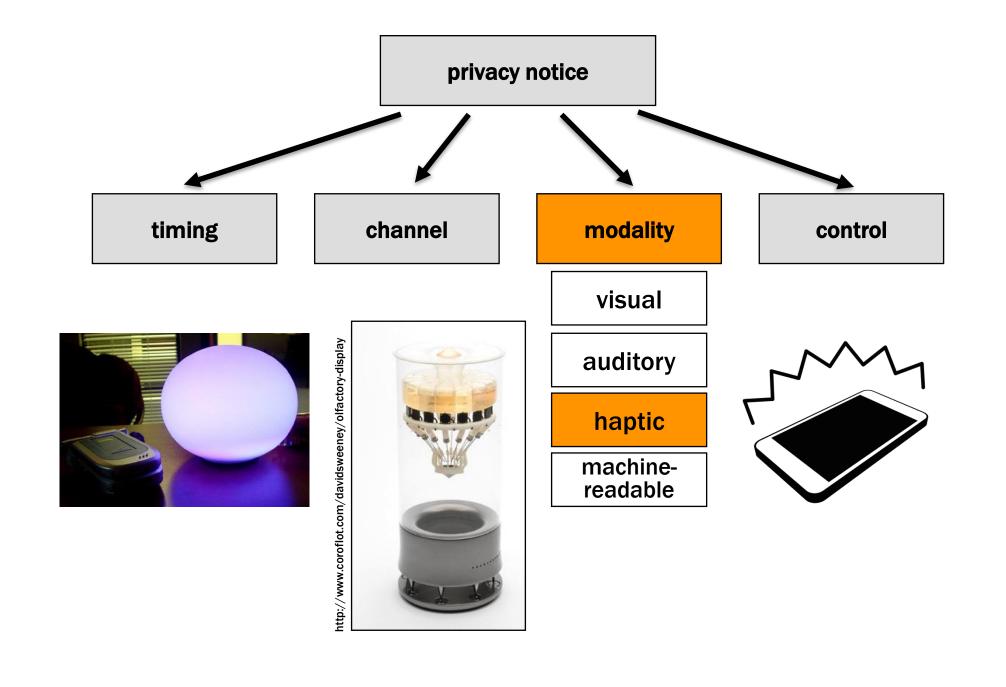


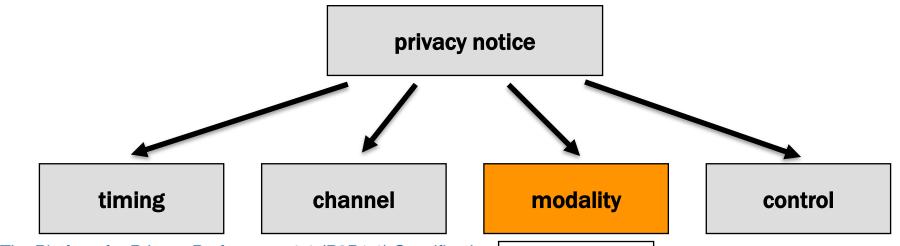
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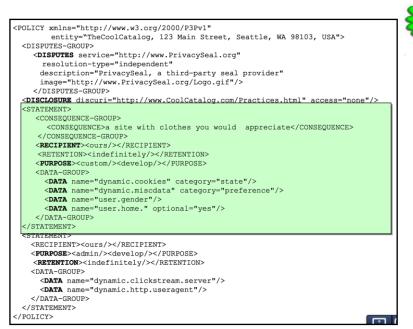






The Platform for Privacy Preferences 1.1 (P3P1.1) Specification

W3C Working Group Note 13 November 2006

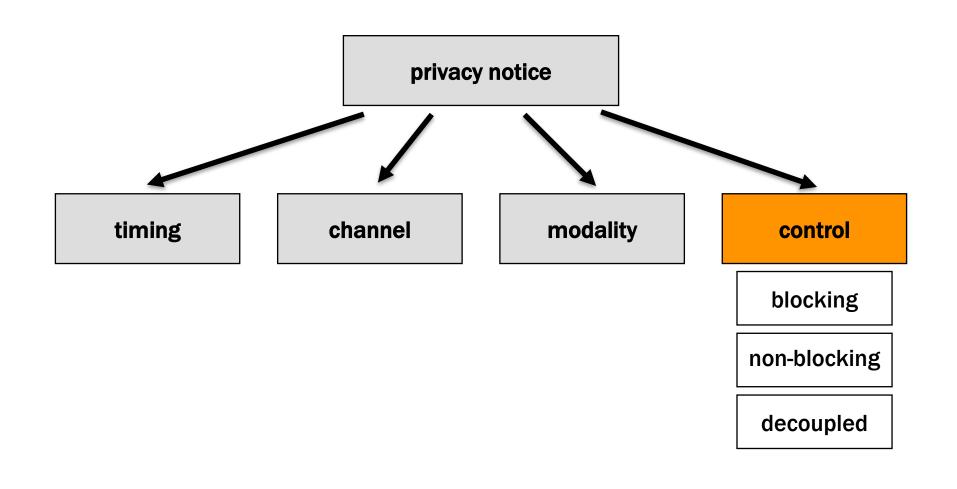


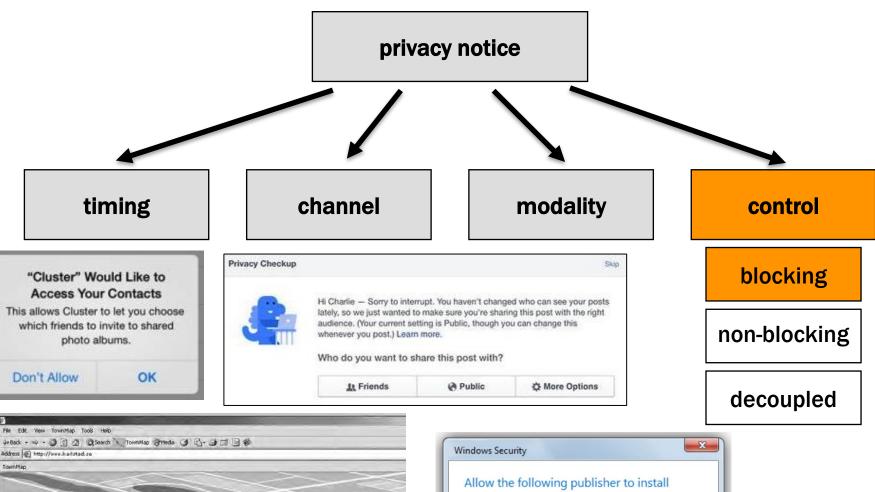
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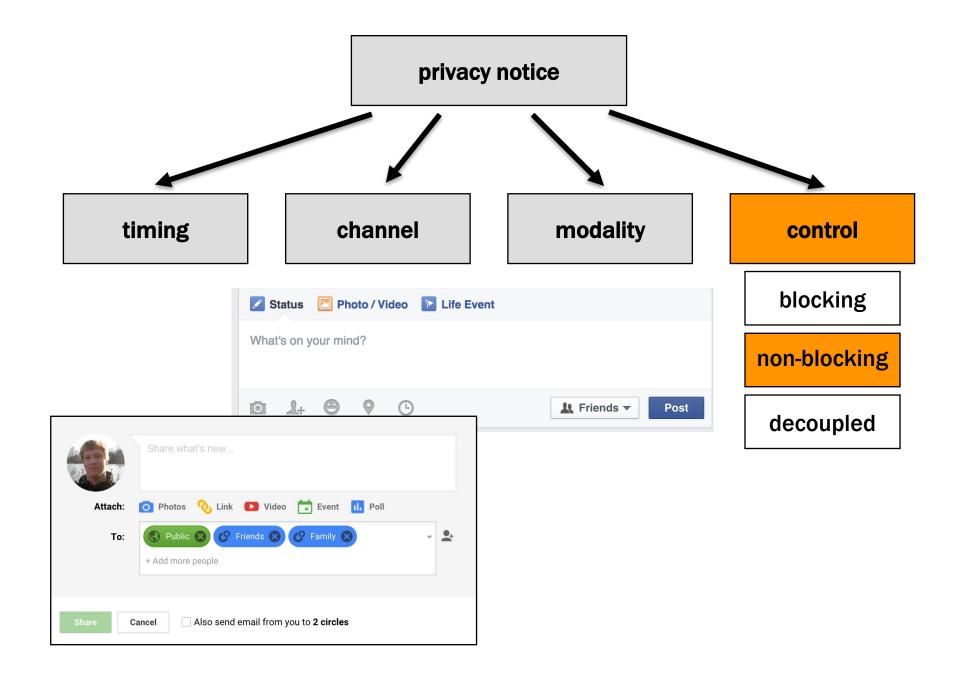
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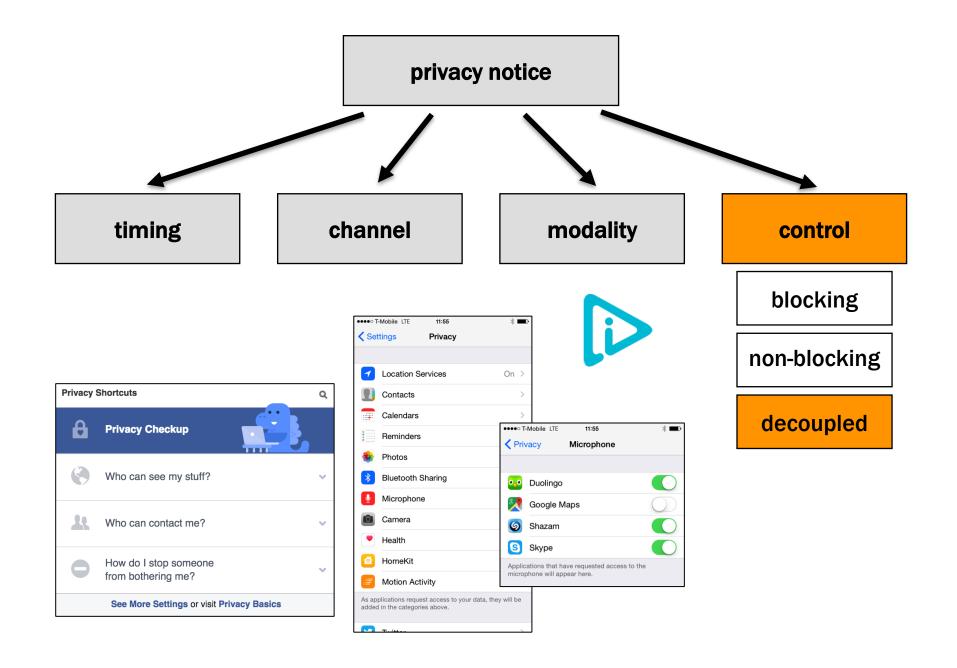








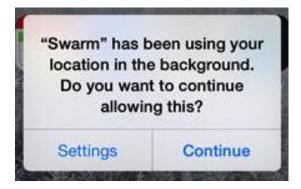




### Layered Examples (iOS)



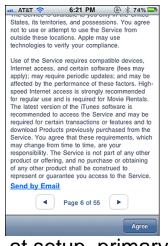
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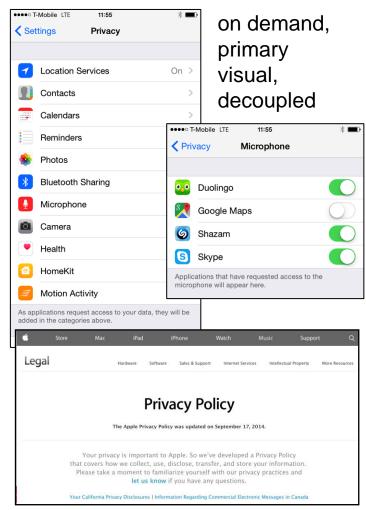
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persistent, primary visual, non-blocking



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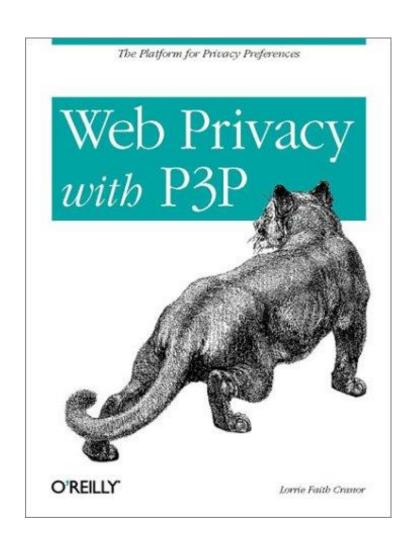


on demand, secondary visual, decoupled

# Attempts at improving notice & choice

# Attempt: Machine-readable privacy policies

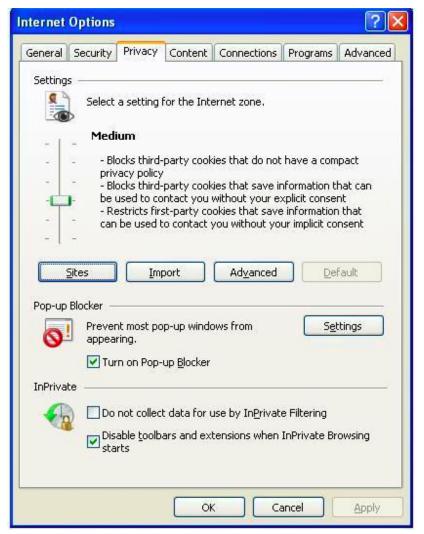
#### Let your computer read for you



- Platform for Privacy Preferences (P3P)
- W3C specification for XML privacy policies
  - Proposed 1996
  - Adopted 2002
- Optional P3P compact policy HTTP headers to accompany cookies
- Lacks incentives for adoption

#### P3P in Internet Explorer

- P3P implemented in IE 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ...
- Default privacy setting
  - Rejects third-party cookies without a CP
  - Rejects unsatisfactory thirdparty cookies



# Attempt: Make your own machine-readable privacy policies

#### Use NLP to read policies

- Usableprivacy.org
- It's a hard problem
- Annotated corpus → machine learning

### **Attempt: Crowdsourcing**

#### Terms of Service; Didn't Read





- Tou stay in control of your copyright
- Collected personal data used for limited purposes
- 6 weeks to review changes
- Indemnification from claims related to your content or your account
- Personal information can be disclosed in case of business transfer or insolvency
- More details





- Twitpic takes credit for your content
- Your content is for Twitpic and their partners
- Reduction of legal period for cause of action
- You indemnify Twitpic from any claim related to your content
- Deleted images are not really deleted
- More details





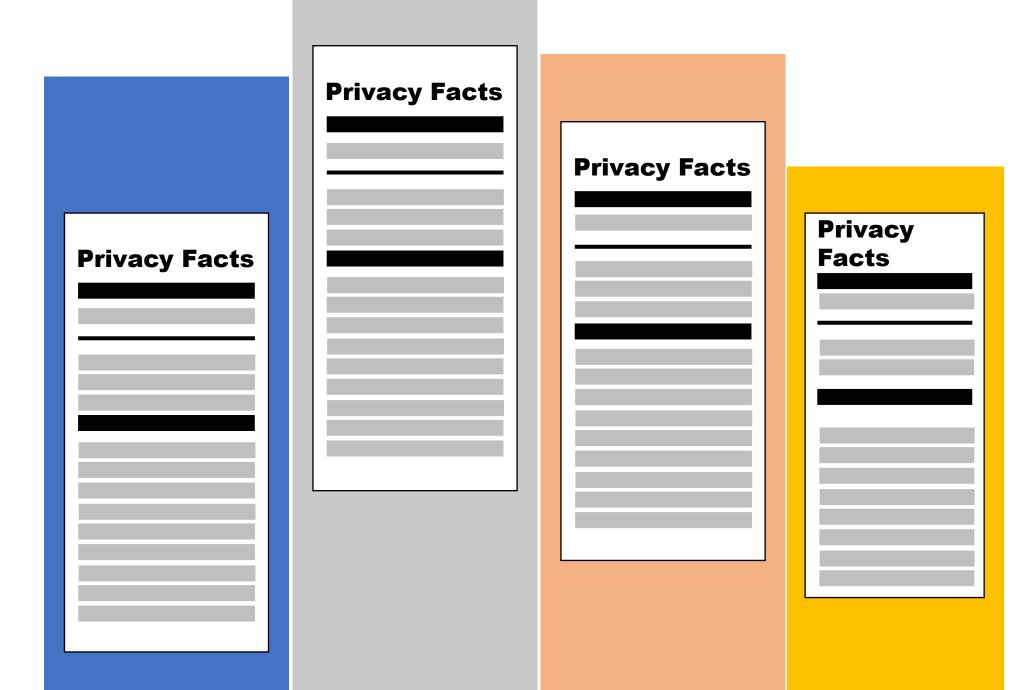
- You don't grant any copyright license to github
- Changes can happen any time, sometimes without notice
- You shall defend and indemnify GitHub
- Your personal information is used for limited purposes
- Your account can be suspended and your data deleted any time for any reason
- More details





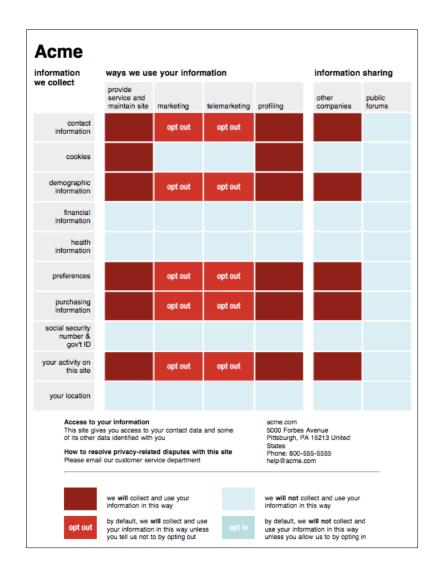
- Very broad copyright license on your content, includes right for Delicious to distribute through any media
- No Right to leave the service
- Only for personal and non-commercial use
- [bad] delicious new terms 5. third party services get access to personal information
- Your personal information are an asset for business transfers
- More details

# Attempt: Standardized notices



#### Privacy nutrition labels

- Series of studies
  - Focus groups
  - Lab studies
  - Online studies
- Metrics
  - Reading-comprehension (accuracy)
  - Time to find information
  - Ease of policy comparison
  - Subjective opinions, ease, fun, trust
- P.G. Kelley, J. Bresee, L.F. Cranor, and R.W. Reeder. A "Nutrition Label" for Privacy. SOUPS 2009.
- P.G. Kelley, L.J. Cesca, J. Bresee, and L.F. Cranor. Standardizing Privacy Notices: An Online Study of the Nutrition Label Approach. CHI 2010.



- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act mandated annual disclosures
- In 2009, regulators created a recommended form
  - High adoption because of safe harbor

Rev. [insert date]

FACTS	WHAT DOES [NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION] DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.
What?	The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:
	<ul> <li>Social Security number and [income]</li> <li>[account balances] and [payment history]</li> <li>[credit history] and [credit scores]</li> </ul>
	When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons [name of financial institution] chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does [name of financial institution] share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes – such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus		
For our marketing purposes – to offer our products and services to you		
For joint marketing with other financial companies		
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your transactions and experiences		
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness		
For our affiliates to market to you		
For nonaffiliates to market to you		

Who we are				
Who is providing this notice?	[insert]			
What we do				
How does [name of financial institution] protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.			
	[insert]			
How does [name of financial institution] collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information, for example, when you  [open an account] or [deposit money]  [pay your bills] or [apply for a loan]  [use your credit or debit card]			
	[We also collect your personal information from other companies.] OF [We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.]			
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit only  sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness  affiliates from using your information to market to you sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you  State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. [See below for more on your rights under state law.]			

Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  [affiliate information]
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	[nonaffiliate information]
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.
	■ [joint marketing information]
Other important informa	tion
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- Built a parser and built an online database
- Lets people compare practices
- https://cups.cs.cmu.edu/bankprivacy

### Attempt: Improve timing

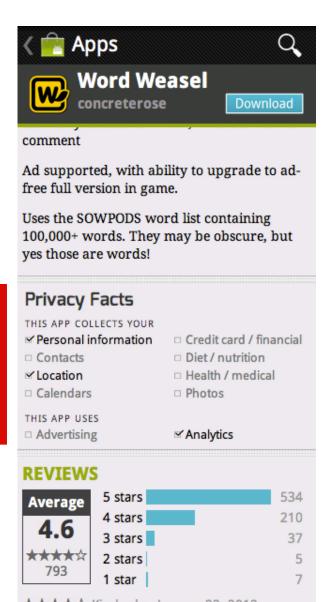
#### Privacy label for Android





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# Attempt: Personalized privacy assistants

### Personal privacy assistants



### Attempt: Icons





























## Attempt: Standardized disclosure icons







