

Social Networking and Privacy

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Communications and Relationships

- The Internet is not just about the transport of data or building a large encyclopedia
- The Internet is about relationships
- Technology exists for closed relationships
 - One to one: E-mail messages
- “open relationships” are very popular
 - One to few: IRC, Chat rooms
 - One to everyone: Blogs, UseNet, bulletin boards

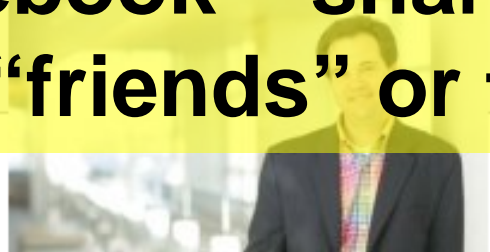
Social networking

- Successful social networking sites are about relationships and essentially, disclosure of information

- Most popular applications online are those designed to share personal information
- Even the most privacy aware among us may use these

Facebook – share your life with your “friends” or the whole world

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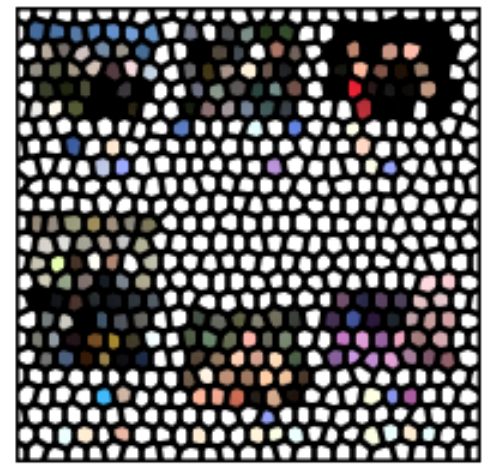
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I am online now.

Friends

207 friends. [See All](#)



My Pages

David is heading to the HGS poetry festival.

Networks: Halifax, NS
Dalhousie Faculty

Sex: Male

Relationship Status: Married to Betsy Hogan

Birthday: April 4

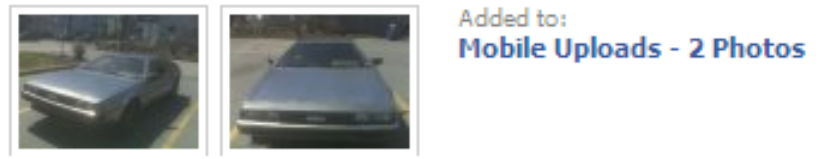
Hometown: Halifax, NS

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Today

David uploaded mobile photos to Mobile Uploads. [x](#)



David and are now friends. [x](#)

Yesterday

David imported a note. [x](#)

Consumer groups urge "do not track" registry

According to Reuters, a number of consumer groups are lobbying the US Federal Trade Commission to establish a "do not track" registry to prevent online advertisers from collecting information about consumers who opt out.

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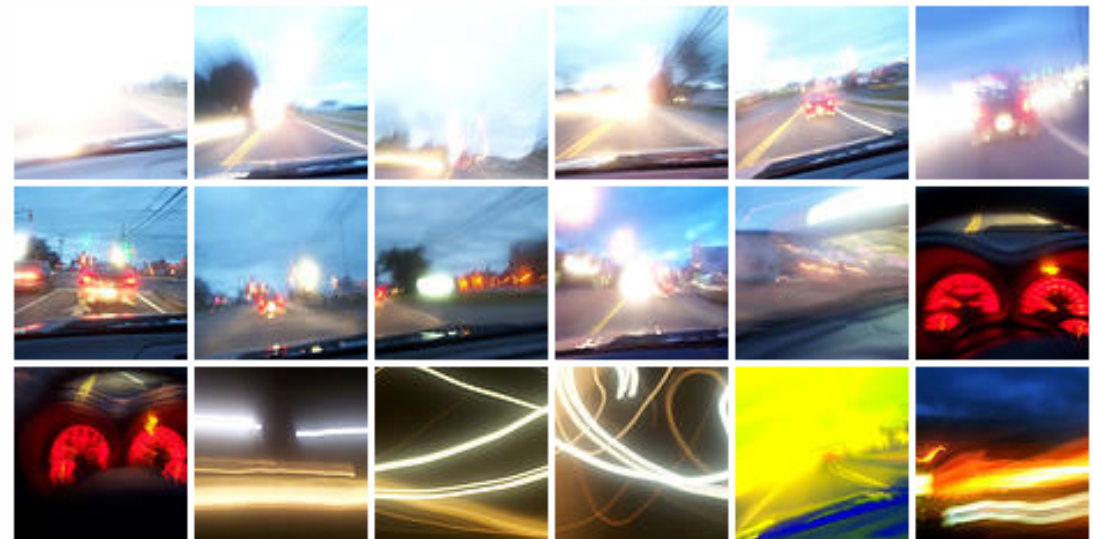
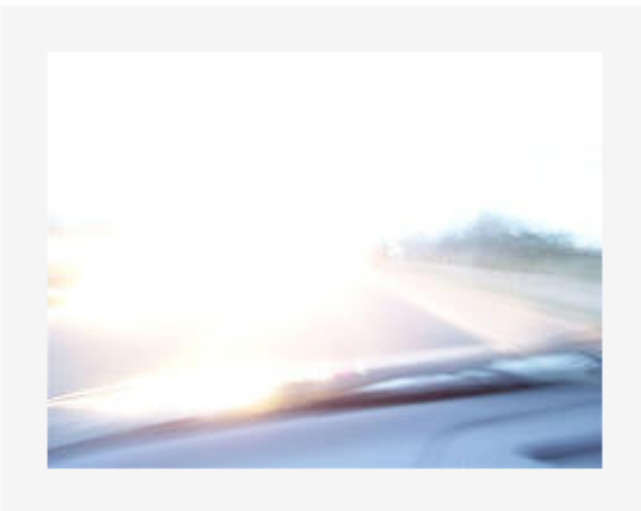
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Tuesday, April 15, 2008

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Australian Commissioner seeks comments on draft breach notification guidelines

The Australian Privacy Commissioner has issued [draft breach notification guidelines](#) and is seeking comments by June 16, 2008. See: [Voluntary Information Security Breach Notification Guide - Consultation Draft \(April 2008\)](#).

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Toronto Police Chief calls for DNA samples regardless of conviction

CityNews in Toronto is reporting that the city's chief of police is calling for forced DNA samples for a national database even before an individual is convicted, and the retention of those samples even if the individual is acquitted. See: [CityNews: Toronto Police Chief Calls For Forced DNA Samples](#).

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Twitter – “Microblogging”- tell anyone who cares what you’re doing

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Why?

How?

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Twitter is the first thing on the

Twitter is the telegraph system

Twitter is on its way to

What's the problem?

- The services are attractive to young people who may not be in a position to make responsible decisions about privacy
 - Are invulnerable
 - Who cares?
- Minimal privacy by default
- Collateral use
- Privacy practices of many sites and “apps” are not well defined or understood
- Information is persistent and may no longer be under the user's control

Persistence of information

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Howdy! GeoWorks pro comes with a "Nimbus Font Converter" and I am looking for new fonts to use. I know there are about ten archives of GeoWorks specific fonts at Simtel, but I am looking for more.

I looked for info in the FAQ, but to no avail. Any info? Suggestions? Ideas?

Thanks.

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