

Privacy

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1 Administrivia

Announcements

Assignment

Read Chapter 6. Bring in a relevant online article and be ready to discuss.

Dates for presentations: March 23 and 30; April 6 and 13. E-mail preferences to me.

From Last Time

Ethics online.

Coming Up

Property rights in software.

2 Chapter Summary

1. Changes wrought by technology:

- (a) New *scale* of information gathering.
 - (b) New *kinds* of information available (transaction-generated information).
 - (c) New *scale* of information *distribution* and *exchange*.
 - (d) *Magnified effect* of erroneous information.
2. Balance between users of information and privacy.
 3. Privacy seen as an individual, not social, good. Uses of information seen as a social good.
 4. Government-individual relationships regulated. Business-individual relationships not regulated.
 5. How can we make privacy a social good?

Counterarguments:

- (a) Those who have done nothing wrong have nothing to fear.
 - (b) We have some ability to control our privacy.
6. Greater privacy rights in the EU.

What can we do as computer professionals?

3 Discussion Questions

Review articles.