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Open Data, Grey Data, and Stewardship: Universities at the Privacy Frontier

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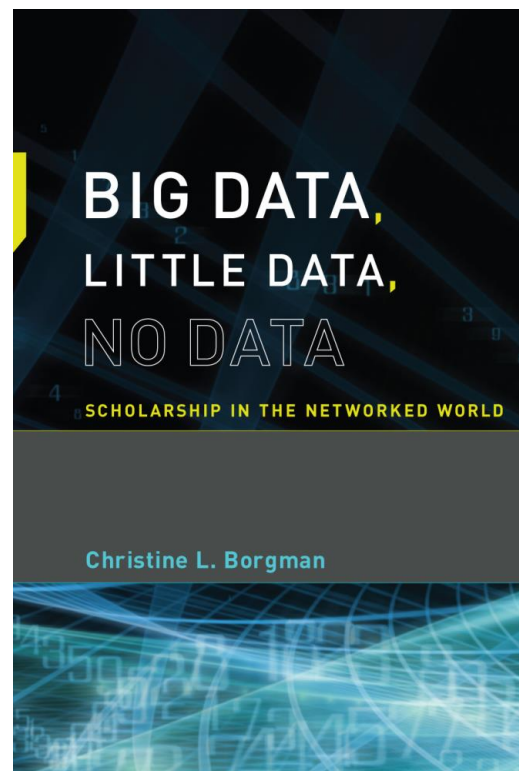
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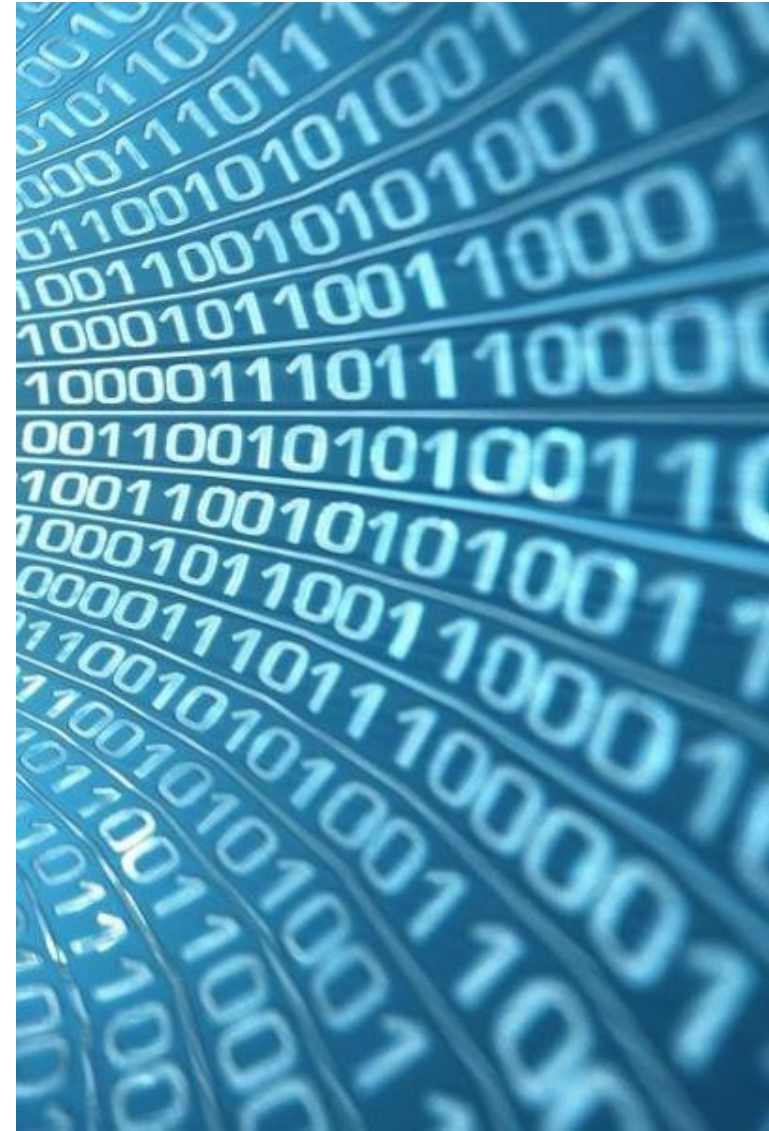
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Universities in a Data-Rich World

- Exploit data for missions
 - Research
 - Teaching
 - Services
- Sustain trust of community
 - Privacy
 - Academic freedom
 - Stewardship and governance



Privacy Frontier

Open Data



Open access to data

- Research Councils of the UK
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- Australian Research Council
- U.S. Federal research policy
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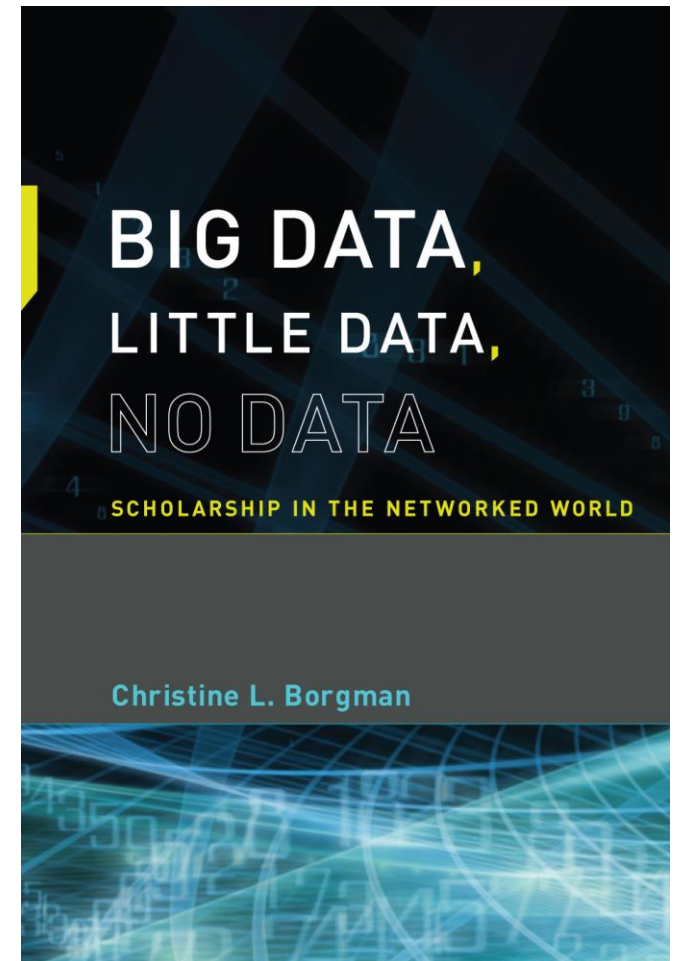
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Policy RECommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe



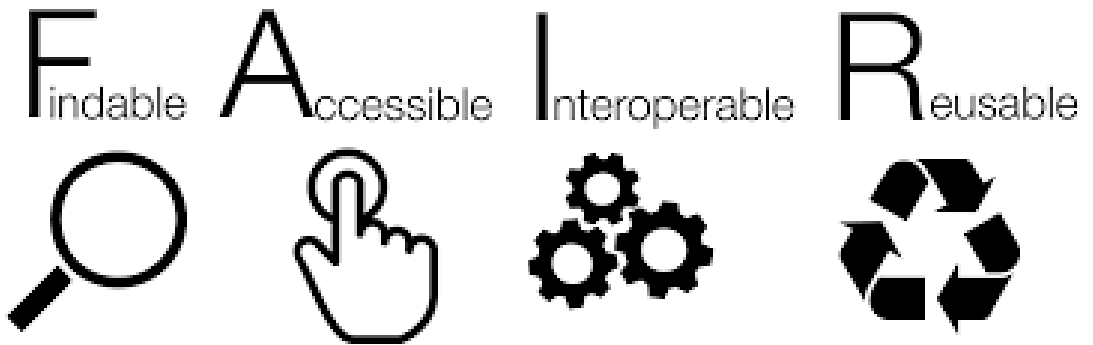
Why Open Access to Research Data?

- To reproduce research
- To make public assets available to the public
- To leverage investments in research
- To advance research and innovation



Open Data Practices

- Deposit datasets in a data archive
- Link dataset to journal article or publication
- Publish data documentation
 - Research protocols
 - Codebooks
 - Software
 - Algorithms

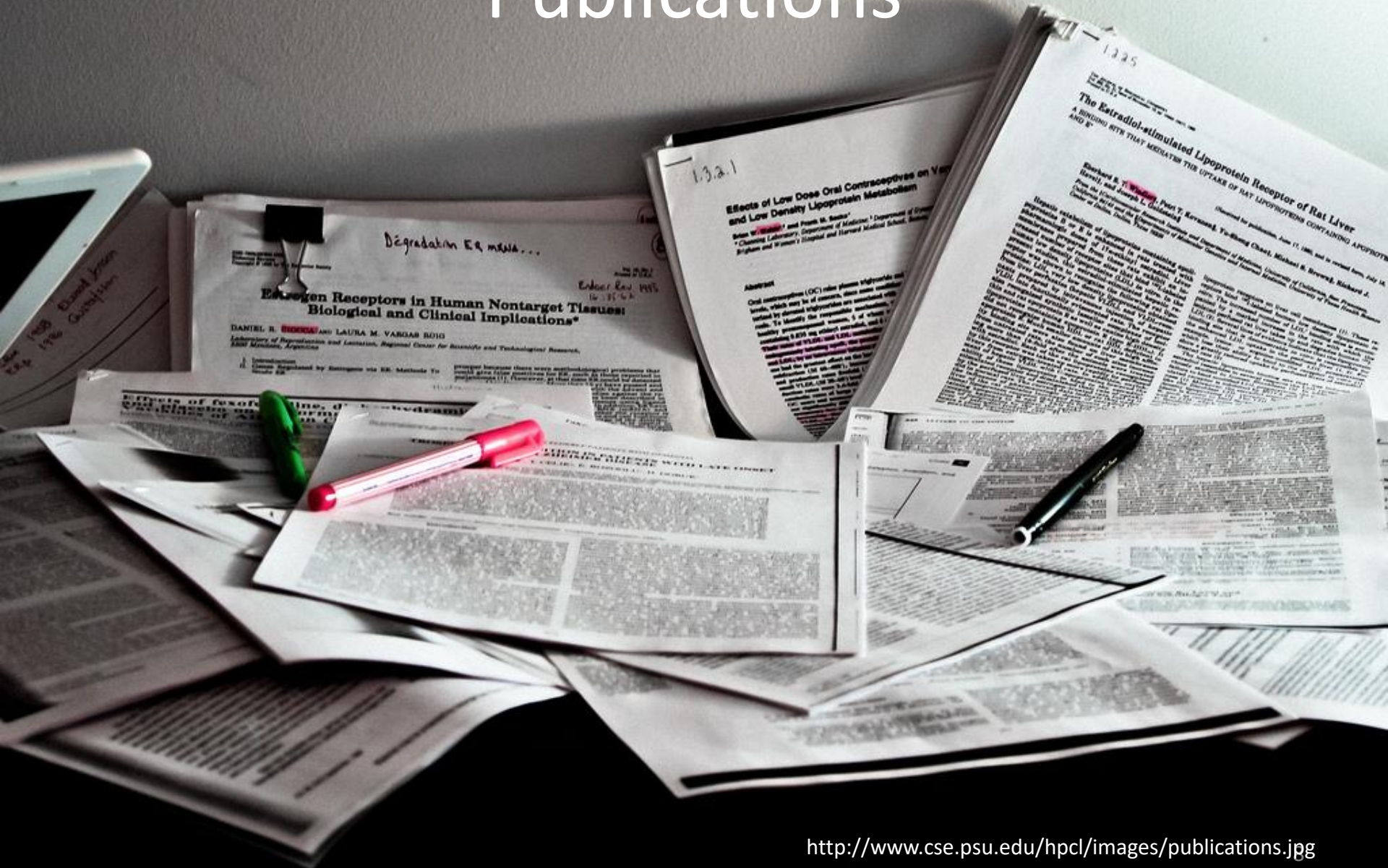




Data are representations of observations, objects, or other entities used as evidence of phenomena for the purposes of research or scholarship.

C.L. Borgman (2015). *Big Data, Little Data, No Data: Scholarship in the Networked World*. MIT Press

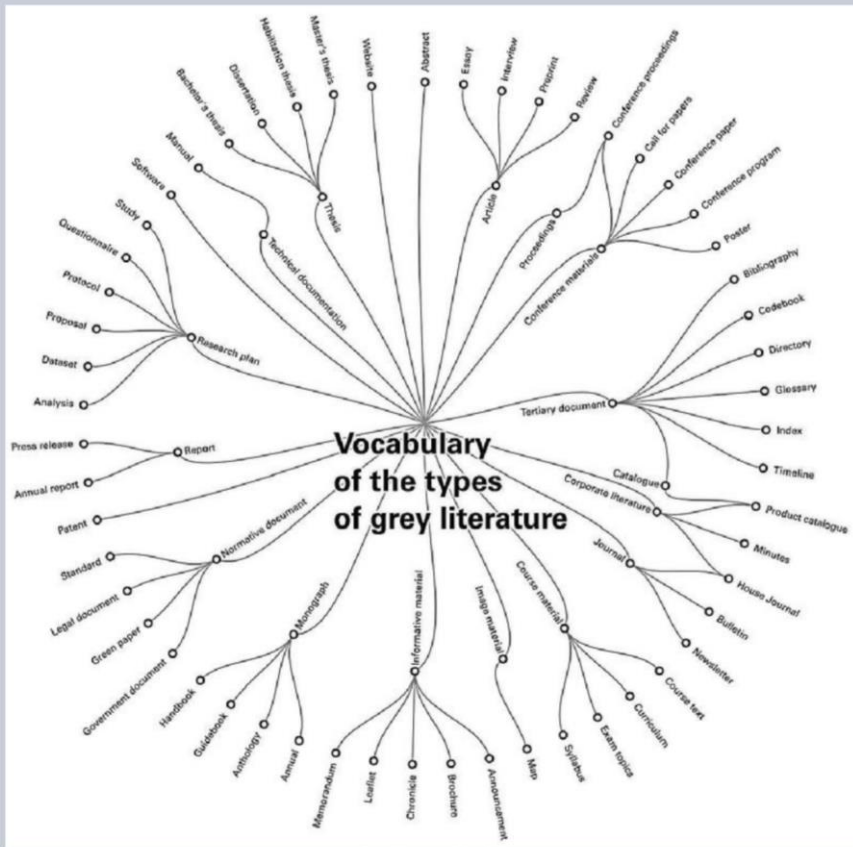
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Grey Literature

Grey Literature Typology

In 2011 an international working group developed a vocabulary of types of grey literature (henceforth GL Vocabulary). The typology of grey literature is an RDF (Resource Description Framework) vocabulary expressed in a SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organisation System) concept scheme. Each type is provided with a definition and most of them are accompanied by a prototypical example of a document for which it can be used. The GL Vocabulary is published as linked data. Each type is identified by a URI and the vocabulary is interlinked and mapped to other datasets. The GL Vocabulary is distributed as a controlled vocabulary in machine-readable format. More information can be found on the project web pages: <http://code.google.com/p/grey-literature-typology/> and in the GL13 Conference Proceedings "A linked-data vocabulary of grey literature document types: Version 1.0" <http://invenio.nu.nl/cz/record/81435?in=en>.



Grey Literature Typology

- Reports
- Working papers
- Conference papers
- Preprints
- Patents
- Datasets
- Audio
- Video
- Slides
- Posters
- Codebooks
- Course syllabi
- Proposals
- Memos

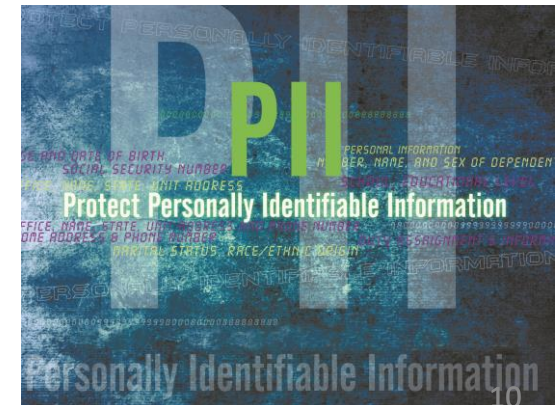


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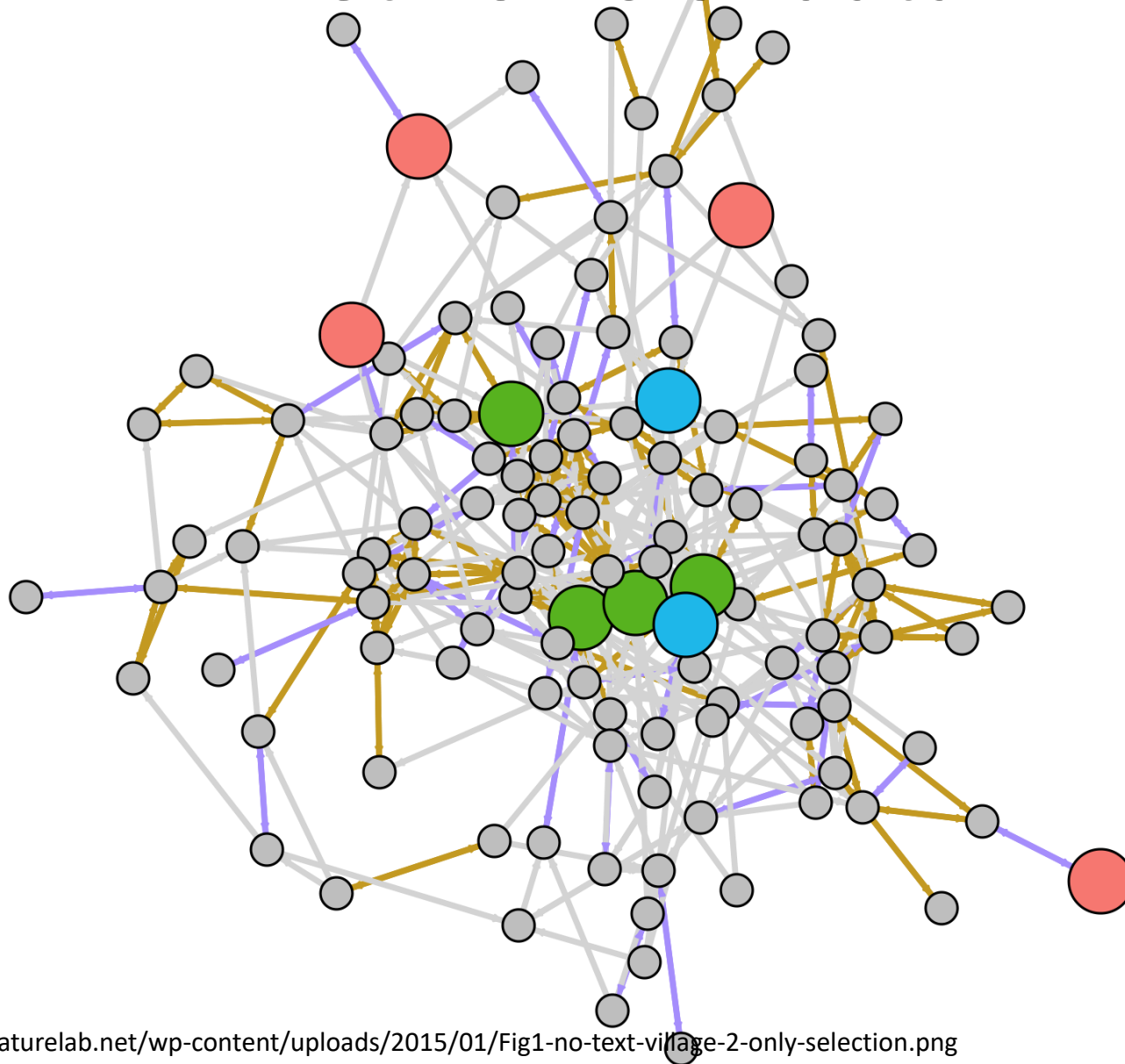
- Student applications
- Registrar records
- Learning management systems
- University ID cards: library, health, recreation, dorms, food service, transportation...
- Academic personnel dossiers
- Regulation and compliance data
- Staff surveys
- Sensor networks
- Security cameras
- Network traffic
- Street traffic...



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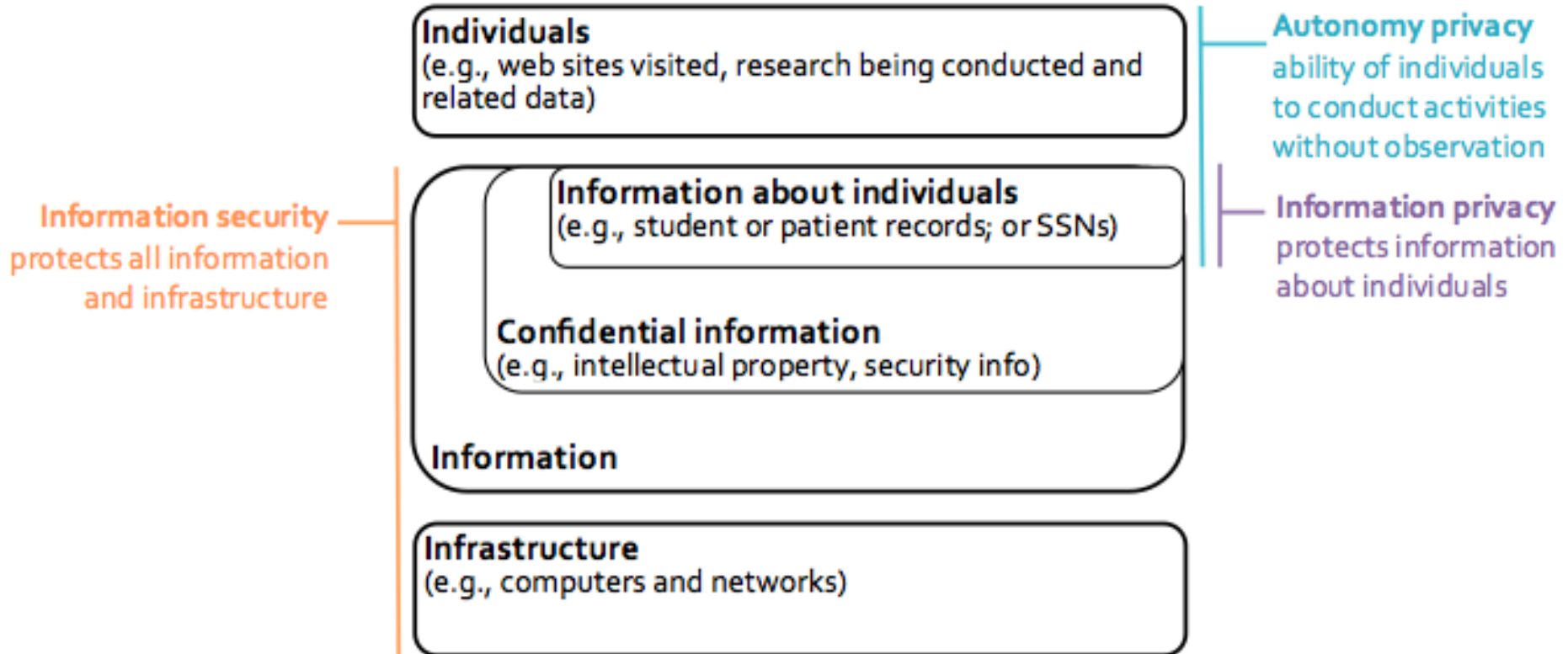
Networks of data



University Responsibilities for Data

- Privacy
- Academic and intellectual freedom
- Stewardship and governance

Information and Autonomy Privacy



UCOP Privacy and Information Security Initiative. (2013). <http://ucop.edu/privacy-initiative/>

Information Privacy

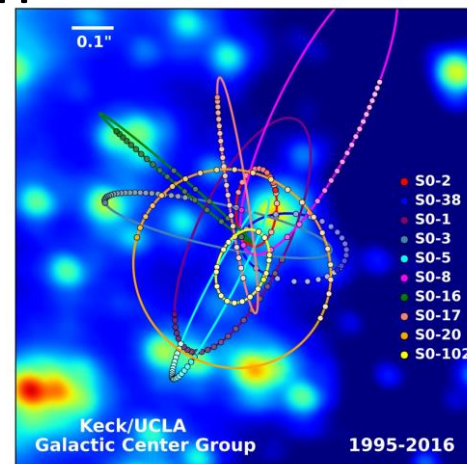


Autonomy Privacy

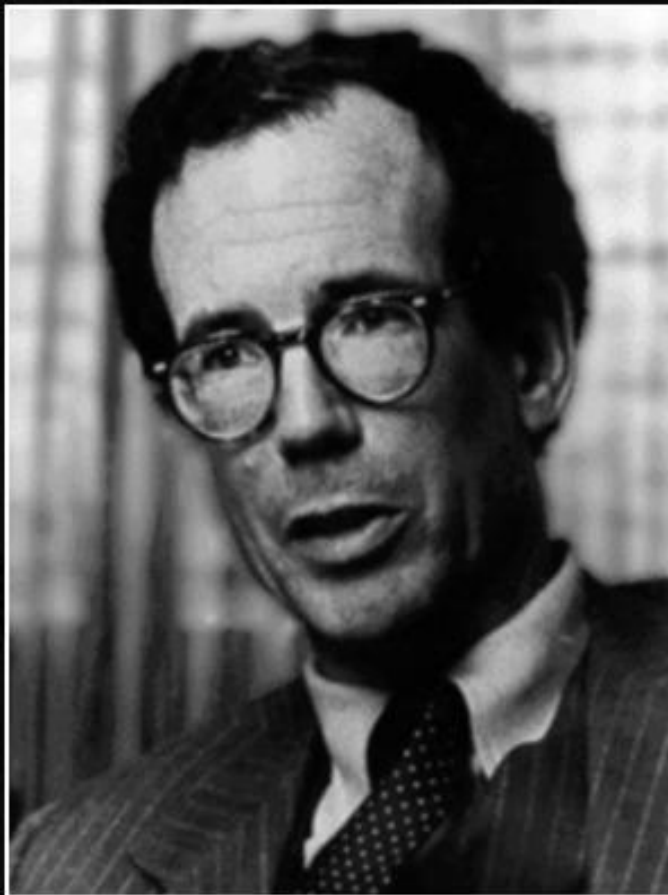
- Ability of individuals to conduct activities without surveillance
 - Intellectual inquiry
 - Conducting research
 - Classroom discussions
 - Searching for information
 - Email, web browsing
 - Reading



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Academic Freedom



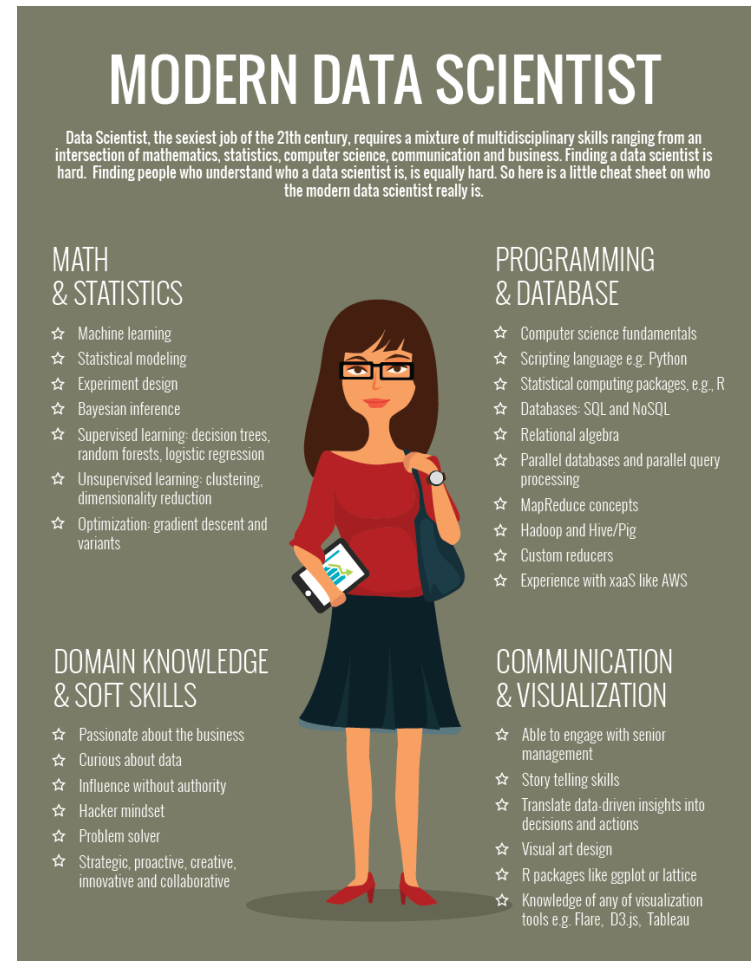
Academic freedom really means freedom of inquiry. To be able to probe according to one's own interest, knowledge and conscience is the most important freedom the scholar has, and part of that process is to state its results.

— *Donald Kennedy* —

AZ QUOTES

Stewardship and Governance

- Protect
 - Privacy: information, autonomy
 - Academic freedom
- Secure infrastructure
- Data management
 - Findable
 - Accessible
 - Interoperable
 - Reusable
- Governance
 - Principles
 - Processes



Privacy Frontier: Open Data

- Uses and misuses of data
- Public records requests
- Cyber risk and data breaches
- Data management and infrastructure

Uses and Misuses of Data

Reuse

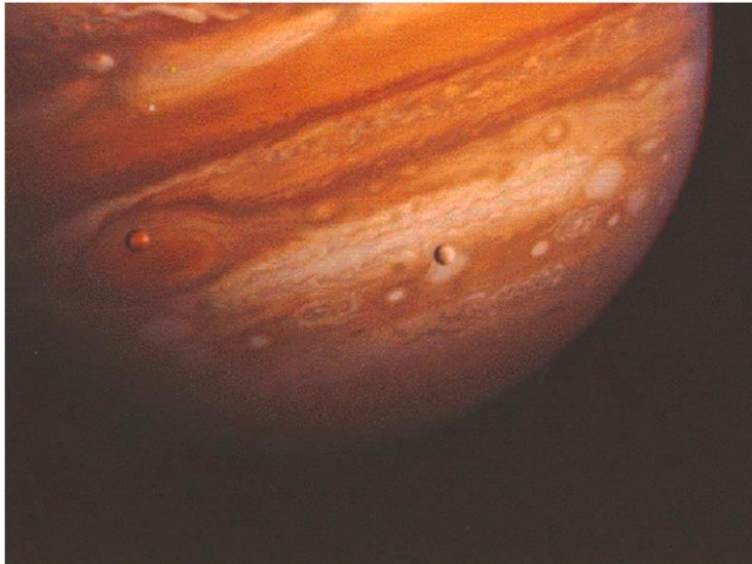
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New Findings from Old Data

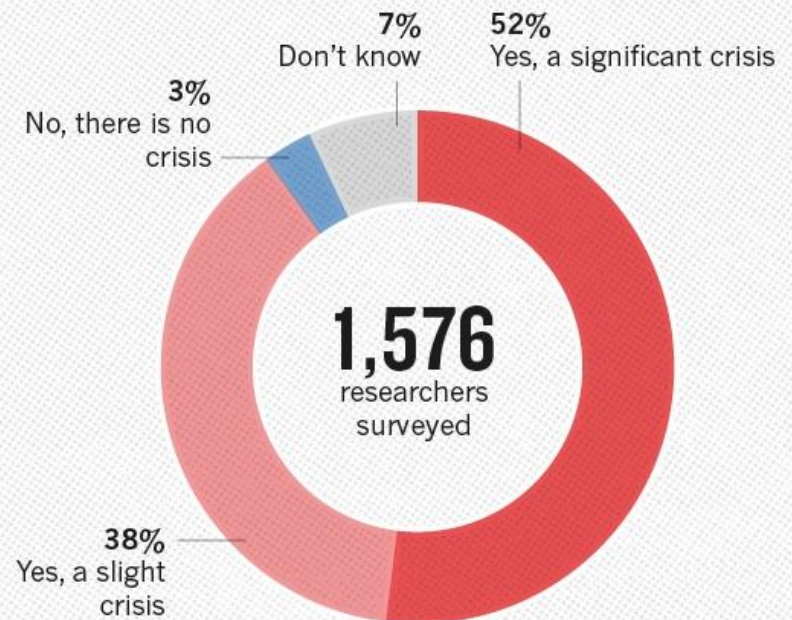
Recalibrated and reanalyzed data from the Voyager flybys of Jupiter 40 years ago, presented in a series of papers in *JGR: Space Physics*, show the value of archival data.



One of more than 33,000 pictures of Jupiter and its five major satellites taken by two Voyager spacecraft in 1979. Credit: NASA

Reproducibility

IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?



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Professor Sues *PNAS* Over Paper Criticisms

Stanford's Mark Jacobson is asking for \$10 million in damages after the journal published a critique of his work on renewable energy.

By Kerry Grens | November 2, 2017



PIXABAY, FREE-PHOTOS

Mark Jacobson, a climate scientist at Stanford University, is suing the National Academy of Sciences and the authors of a paper published in *PNAS* that criticized his [2015 *PNAS* study](#) on renewable energy. As [The Washington Post](#) reported yesterday (November 1), Jacobson is asking for \$10 million and a retraction of the critical report, claiming that the journal and authors knowingly published false statements.

Christopher Clack, the lead author of the [2017 paper](#) that countered Jacobson's work, tells the *Post* that "our paper underwent very rigorous peer review, and two further extraordinary editorial reviews by the

*Update (February 21, 2018): At a hearing yesterday in the District of Columbia Superior Court, a judge heard testimony from National Academy of Sciences lawyers, who were asking her to dismiss the defamation lawsuit. According to [Retraction Watch](#), the attorneys argued that *PNAS* is protected by a law designed to preserve speech that's in the public interest. Jacobson's lawyer disagreed, but the judge has yet to make her decision.*

When the Revolution Came for Amy Cuddy

As a young social psychologist, she played by the rules and won big: an influential study, a viral TED talk, a prestigious job at Harvard. Then, suddenly, the rules changed.

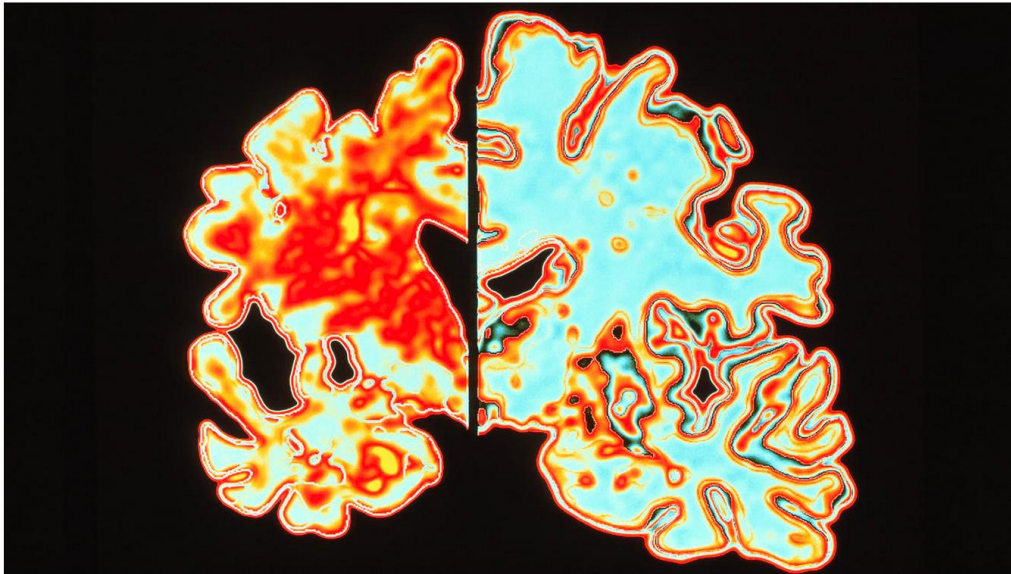
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LOCAL / Education

UC San Diego sues USC and scientist, alleging conspiracy to take funding, data



An ultrasound comparison of a brain of a patient with Alzheimer's disease, left, and a normal brain, right. (Pasieka / Getty Images)

By **Bradley J. Fikes**

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UC San Diego has sued USC and a nationally recognized Alzheimer's disease researcher, alleging that they illegally

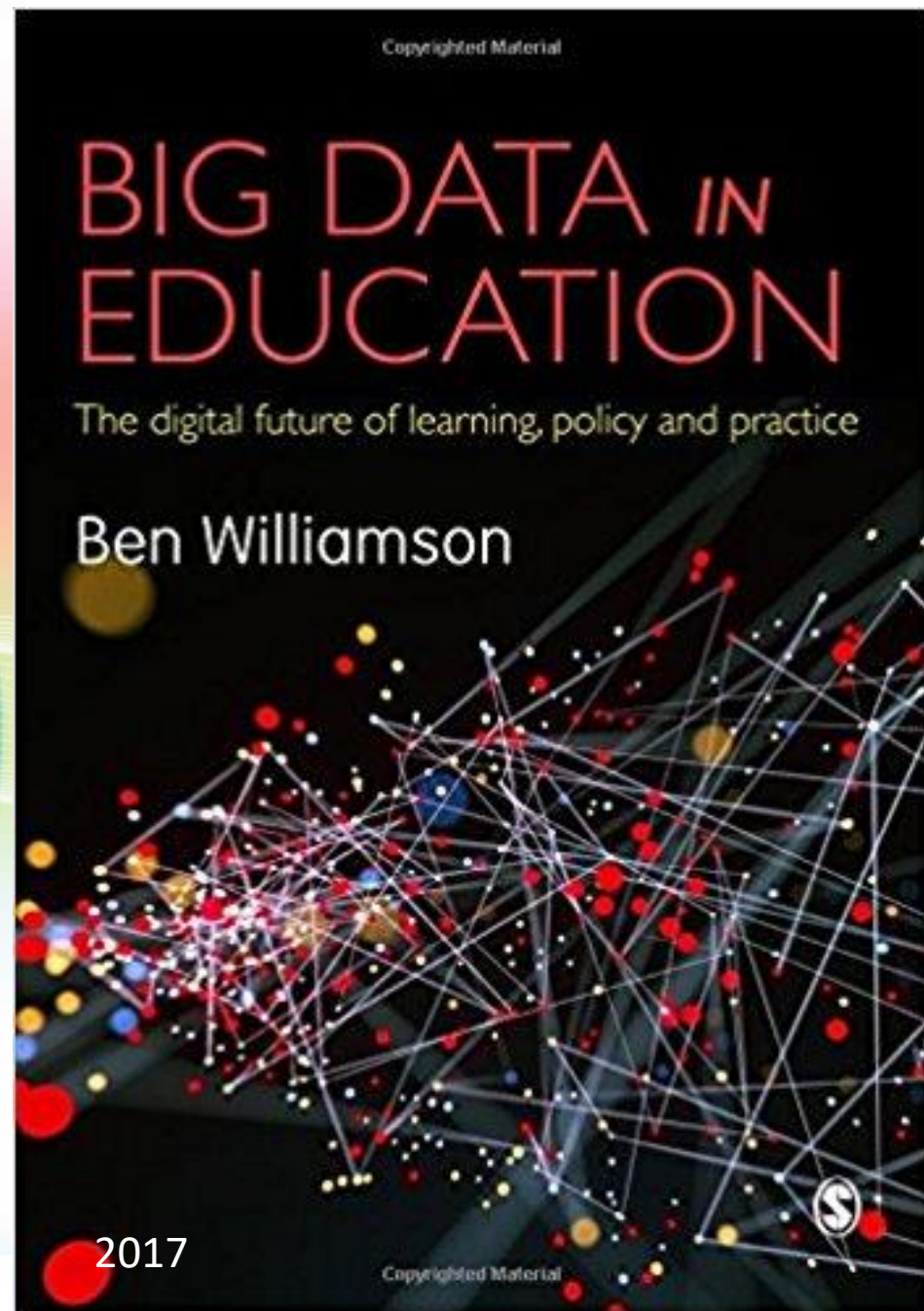
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The Cyberlearning Opportunity and Challenge

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Harvard secretly photographed students to study attendance

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With big data invading campus, universities risk unfairly profiling their students

Biosensors to monitor U.S. students' attentiveness

Stephanie Simon

7 MIN READ



DENVER (Reuters) - The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has poured more than \$4 billion into efforts to transform public education in the U.S., is pushing to develop an "engagement pedometer." Biometric devices wrapped around the wrists of students would identify which classroom moments excite and interest them -- and which fall flat.



Libraries: Right to read anonymously

Cohen, J. E. (1996). A Right to Read Anonymously: A Closer Look at “Copyright Management” In Cyberspace. *Connecticut Law Review*, 28, 981–1039.

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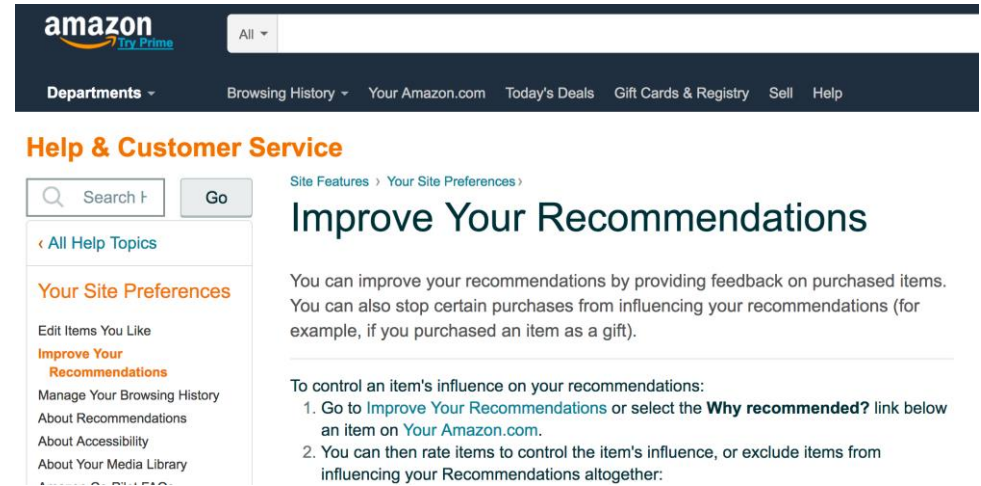
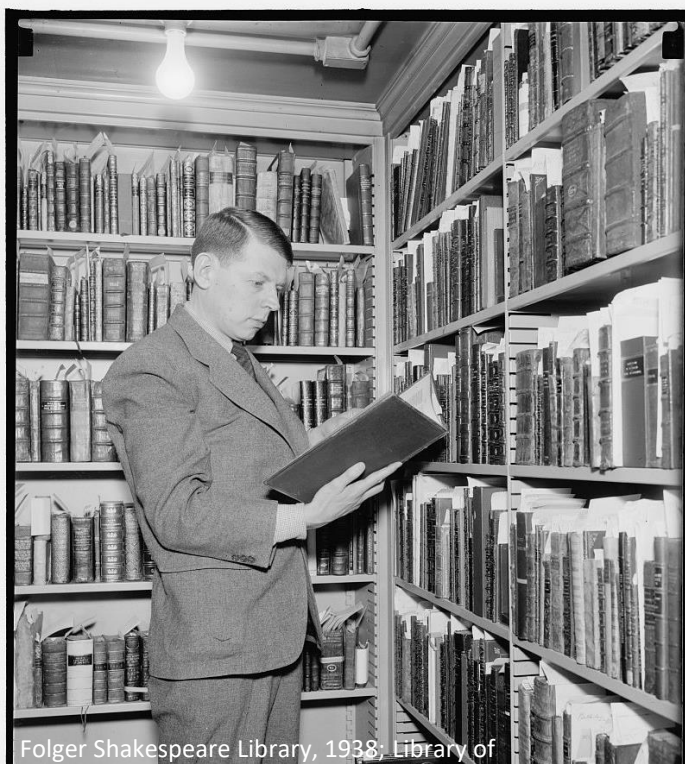
Privacy

An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

“In a library (physical or virtual), the right to privacy is the right to open inquiry without having the subject of one’s interest examined or scrutinized by others.”



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The rise of reading analytics and the emerging calculus of reader privacy in the digital world

Clifford Lynch

POLICY —

“Anonymized” data really isn’t—and here’s why not

Companies continue to store and sometimes release vast databases of " ...

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The Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission had a bright idea back in the mid-1990s—it decided to release "anonymized" data on state employees that showed every single hospital visit. The goal was to help researchers, and the state spent time removing all obvious identifiers such as name, address, and Social Security number. But a graduate student in computer science saw a chance to make a point about the limits of anonymization.

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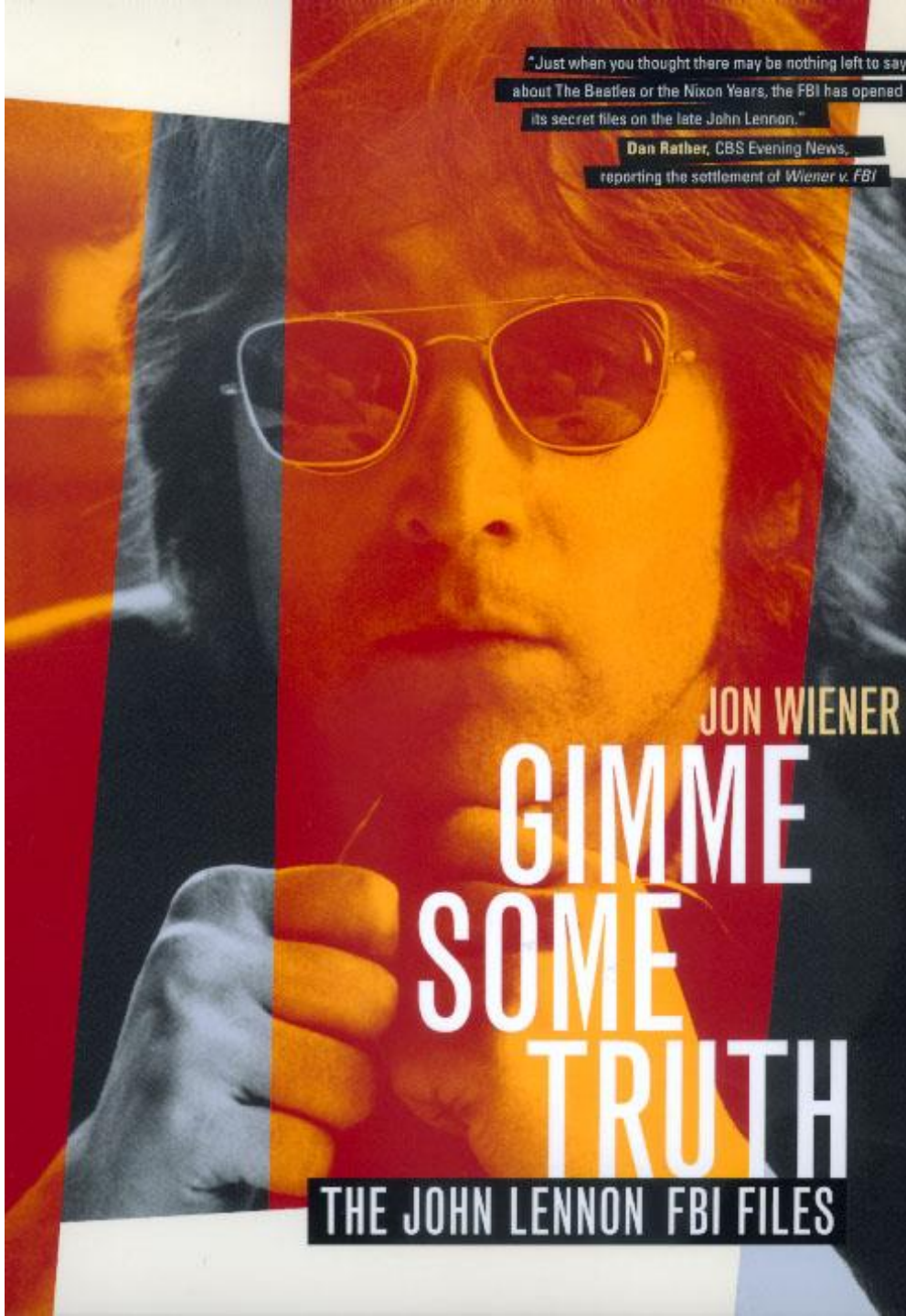
Latanya Sweeney requested a copy of the data and went to work on her "reidentification" quest. It didn't prove difficult. Law professor Paul Ohm describes Sweeney's work:

“

At the time GIC released the data, William Weld, then Governor of Massachusetts, assured the public that GIC had protected patient privacy by deleting identifiers. In response, then-graduate student Sweeney started hunting for the Governor's hospital records in the GIC data. She knew that Governor Weld resided in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a city of 54,000 residents and seven ZIP codes. For twenty dollars, she purchased the complete voter rolls from the city of Cambridge, a database containing, among other things, the name, address, ZIP code, birth date, and sex of every voter. By combining this data with the GIC records, Sweeney found Governor Weld with ease. Only six people in Cambridge shared his birth date, only three of them men, and of them, only he lived in his ZIP code. In a theatrical flourish, Dr. Sweeney sent the Governor's health records (which included diagnoses and prescriptions) to his office.

Boom! But it was only an early mile marker in Sweeney's career; in 2000, she showed that 87 percent of all Americans could be **uniquely identified using only three bits of information**: ZIP code, birthdate, and sex.

Public Records Requests



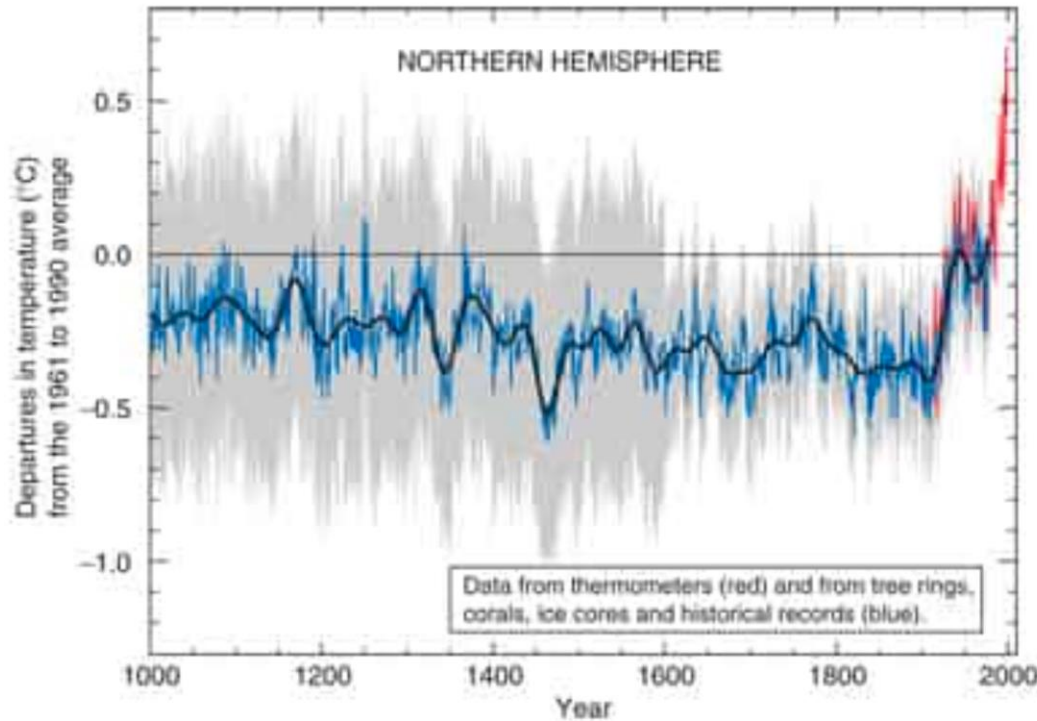
Goldenberg, S. (2012, March 2). Virginia court rejects sceptic's bid for climate science emails. *The Guardian*.



Climate change scepticism

Virginia court rejects sceptic's bid for climate science emails

Campaign by attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli, to gain access to Michael Mann's material, is dismissed by state supreme court



i As the author of the iconic 'hockey stick graph' showing a sharp rise in warming in the 20th century, Michael Mann has long been a target of those who deny the existence of climate change. Photograph: IPCC report

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From the joint Senate-Administration Task Force on Academic Freedom

STATEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLES OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

September 2012

PREAMBLE

Robust, frequent, and frank intellectual exchange is essential to research and teaching at the university level. It is therefore a matter of great concern that faculty at public universities throughout the country are increasingly the objects of requests through state (California Public Records Act, or PRA) and federal (Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA) public records acts for emails, notes, drafts, and other documents. Public access laws are an important component of the democratic process in our society, and scholars themselves frequently benefit from this legal framework. However, faculty scholarly communications must be protected from PRA and FOIA requests to guard the principle of academic freedom, the integrity of the research process and peer review, and the broader teaching and research mission of the university. Moreover, these requests have increasingly been used for political purposes or to intimidate faculty working on controversial issues. These onerous, politically motivated, or frivolous requests may inhibit the very communications that nourish excellence in research and teaching, threatening the long-established principles of scholarly research.

THE PRINCIPLES OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH

Faculty at UCLA carry out a triple mission of teaching, service, and research. The three parts of this mission are not identical: our service to the institution is by definition something that concerns the shared governance, operation, and decision-making here at UCLA and UC wide. By contrast, our research and teaching are often conducted in collaboration with others in our discipline at institutions around the world, and serve the general advancement of knowledge.

Sound, high-quality scholarship is a collective process of trial and error, peer review, and questioning that happens in classrooms, laboratories, offices, conferences, workshops, at work and at home, day and night, in the university and in the field. Through this collective process, scholarship is scrutinized, questioned, improved, and ultimately accepted or rejected by the community. There are a number of principles that underlie this process and are accepted across the disciplines, including the following:

Frank exchange among scholars is essential to advancing knowledge. Scholars frequently test ideas in extreme form, explore possibilities through hypotheticals, or play "devil's advocate," making claims they may not themselves believe in edgy, casual language not intended for public circulation or publication. These communications are frequent and diverse in nature because scholarship is a competitive and fast-paced process, requiring intensive communication among a diverse array of participants.

Peer review is built into the academic enterprise at every level. Review and contestation is a nearly constant feature of the exploration of scholarly problems, and that review comes from peers at every stage, from the initial identification of a problem to the publication of

RELATED INFORMATION

[Faculty Guide to Public Records Requests](#)



Data Breaches

 Breach Type

 Organization Type

 Type / Organization

 Map

Breach Subtotal

Breach Type:

CARD, HACK, INSD, PHYS, PORT, STAT, DISC,
UNKN

Organization Type:

EDU

Year(s) of Breach:

2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011,
2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005

Company or Organization:

all

Breaches made public fitting this criteria:

860

Records total:

25,876,099

Download your data breach results CSV file below:

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NEWS

Target attack shows danger of remotely accessible HVAC systems

Qualys says about 55,000 Internet-connected heating systems, including one at the Sochi Olympic arena, lack adequate security



By Jaikumar Vijayan
Computerworld | FEB 7, 2014 6:52 AM PT

The massive Target breach led to revelations that many companies use Internet-connected heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems without adequate security, giving hackers a potential gateway to key corporate systems, a security firm warned Thursday.

Cloud security service provider Qualys said that its researchers have discovered that most of about 55,000 HVAC systems connected to the Internet over the past two years have flaws that can be easily exploited by hackers. In Target's case, hackers stole login credentials belonging to a company that provides it HVAC services and used that access to gain a

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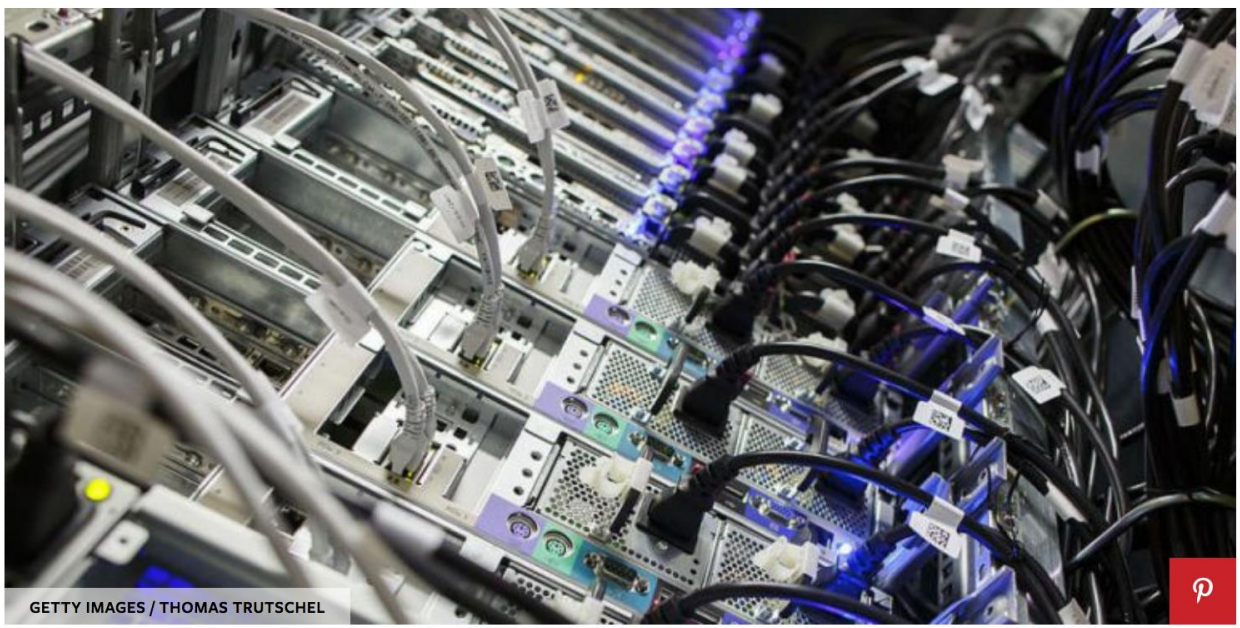
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How Hackers Wrecked the Internet Using DVRs and Webcams

Smart home gadgets—not computers—likely did the bulk of the nefarious work today.

By [Eric Limer](#) Oct 21, 2016

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The internet was on shaky footing for the better part of Friday [thanks to a large-scale attack on a company that runs a large portion of crucial internet infrastructure](#). It's still too early to know exactly who is behind the attack, but experts have begun to pin down which devices are doing the bulk of the work. It's not computers, but devices from the so-called Internet of

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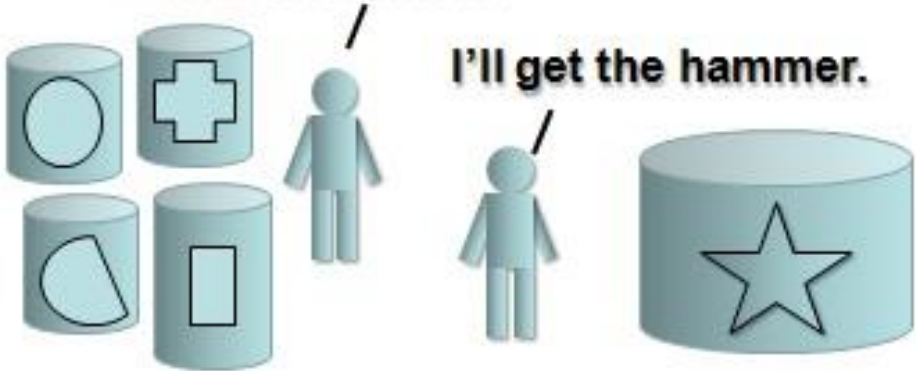
Curious Onlooker Forces Alphabet to Rescind Patent



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Data Stewardship

We just need to migrate the data from these systems to fit into that hole over there.



<http://www.datamartist.com/data-migration-part-1-introduction-to-the-data-migration-delema>



Getty Research Institute



Mount Wilson Solar Observatory, 2017



<http://gsa.rice.edu/>

Graduate students



<https://med.nyu.edu/our-community/life-nyu-school-medicine/life-postdoc>

Post-doctoral fellows

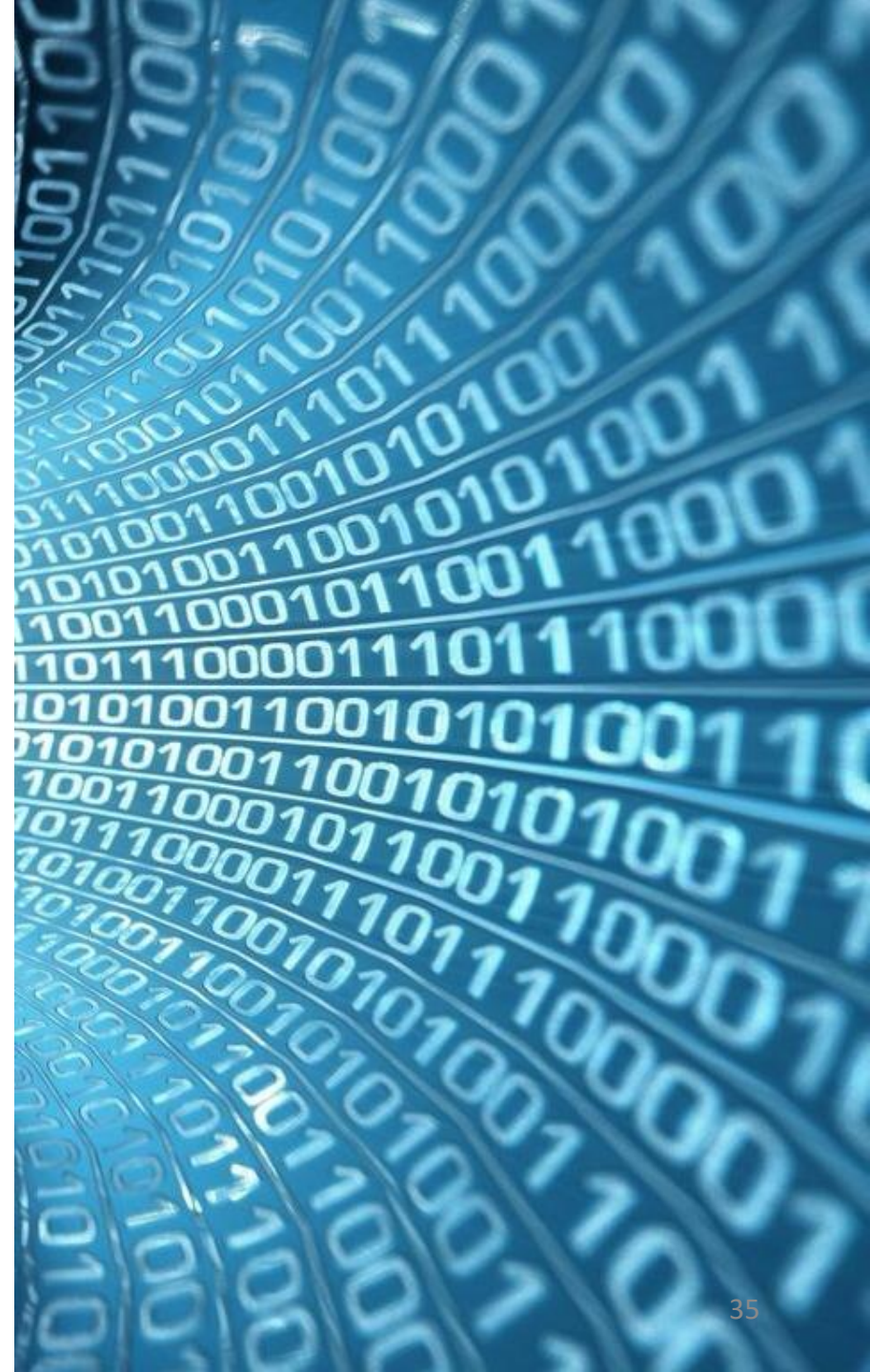
Data

If you can't protect it,
don't collect it.

(privacy and security aphorism)

Therefore:

If you collect it, you
must protect it.

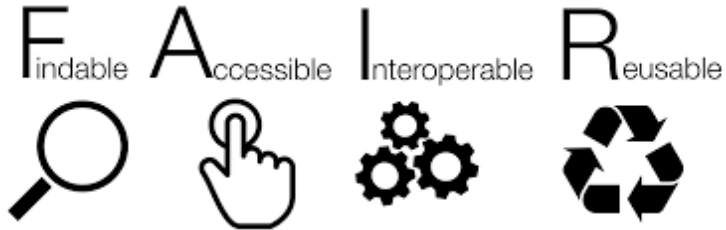


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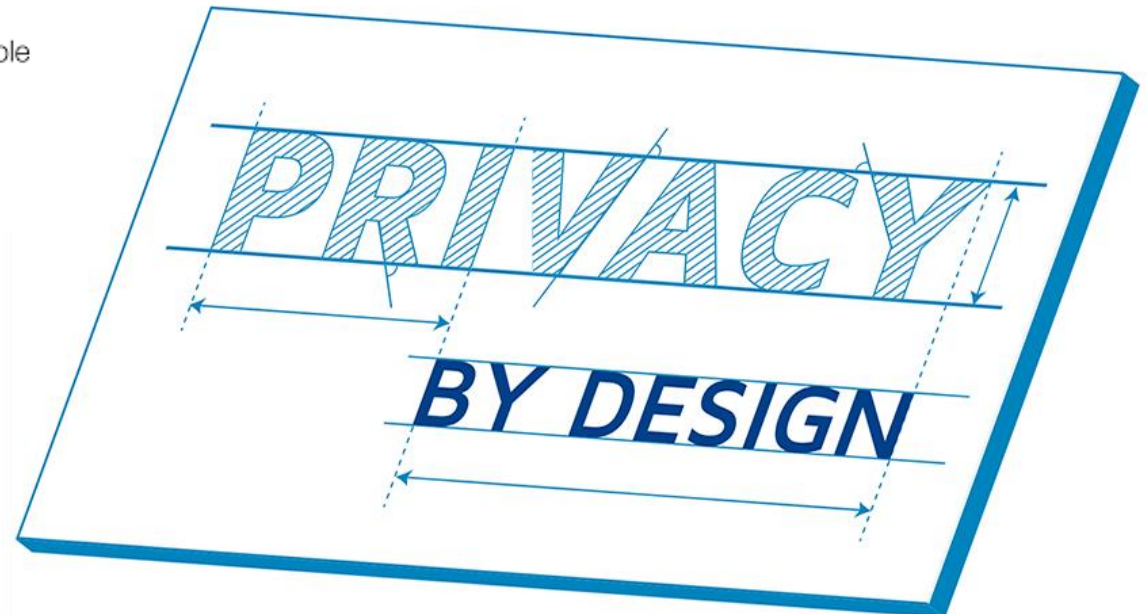
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Wilkinson, et al. (2016). The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. *Scientific Data*, 3, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18>



<https://privacybydesign.foundation/en/>

RECORDS RETENTION & DISPOSITION GUIDELINES

RELATED INFORMATION

[UC Records Retention Schedule](#)

[Vendor Agreements List](#)

The University of California retention schedules assure that records are kept only as long as needed to meet administrative and legal requirements. UCOP Information Resources and Communication offers a [searchable database](#) with systemwide guidelines.

COST ISSUES

Keeping records for longer than they are needed costs money and space to store, whether they are off-site or in your office.

LEGAL ISSUES

Records can expose the University to additional legal risk. Any record that is maintained by UCLA may be discoverable under law. Failing to keep these for the specified time period may result in legal action against UCLA.

COPIES VS. ORIGINALS

Records that are held past their retention date are still subject to subpoena as are copies of files known as shadow files. Contact the Office of Record prior to destroying your copies.

ELECTRONIC FILES

Retention does not apply only to paper records, but to electronic records too. This means it is necessary to erase certain computer files, including emails, over time, or they too will be discoverable.

DESTROYING RECORDS

Records must be destroyed in accordance with the University's records retention policies. Documents that contain personal or sensitive information should be shredded.

If you have a lot of records to dispose of, check the [Vendor Agreements List](#) to find who has a contract with UCLA for document destruction. For smaller volumes it may be a good option to buy a cross-cut shredder.

If you would rather use another vendor, contact Campus Purchasing. If a third party shreds your documents, be sure to obtain a certificate of completion to verify that the items have been destroyed properly.

Remember that confidential records must be protected throughout the entire process.

Consult your IT manager for ways to destroy electronic records safely and securely.

MODERN DATA SCIENTIST

Data Scientist, the sexiest job of the 21st century, requires a mixture of multidisciplinary skills ranging from an intersection of mathematics, statistics, computer science, communication and business. Finding a data scientist is hard. Finding people who understand who a data scientist is, is equally hard. So here is a little cheat sheet on who the modern data scientist really is.

MATH & STATISTICS

- ☆ Machine learning
- ☆ Statistical modeling
- ☆ Experiment design
- ☆ Bayesian inference
- ☆ Supervised learning: decision trees, random forests, logistic regression
- ☆ Unsupervised learning: clustering, dimensionality reduction
- ☆ Optimization: gradient descent and variants

PROGRAMMING & DATABASE

- ☆ Computer science fundamentals
- ☆ Scripting language e.g. Python
- ☆ Statistical computing packages, e.g. R
- ☆ Databases: SQL and NoSQL
- ☆ Relational algebra
- ☆ Parallel databases and parallel query processing
- ☆ MapReduce concepts
- ☆ Hadoop and Hive/Pig
- ☆ Custom reducers
- ☆ Experience with xaaS like AWS

DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE & SOFT SKILLS

- ☆ Passionate about the business
- ☆ Curious about data
- ☆ Influence without authority
- ☆ Hacker mindset
- ☆ Problem solver
- ☆ Strategic, proactive, creative, innovative and collaborative

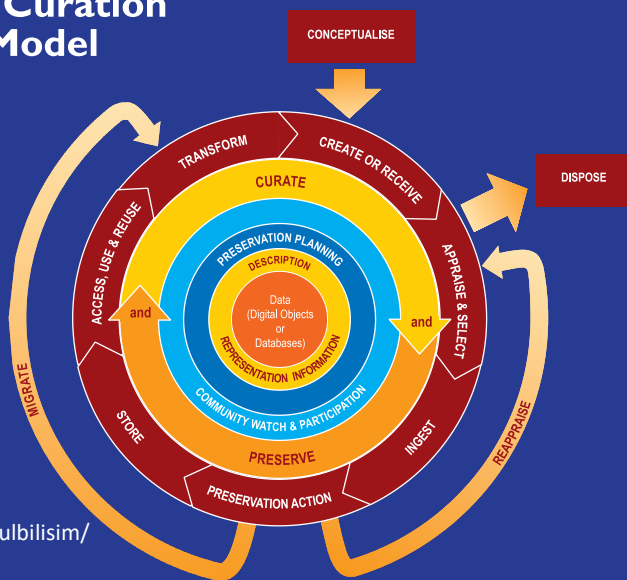
COMMUNICATION & VISUALIZATION

- ☆ Able to engage with senior management
- ☆ Story telling skills
- ☆ Translate data-driven insights into decisions and actions
- ☆ Visual art design
- ☆ R packages like ggplot or lattice
- ☆ Knowledge of any of visualization tools e.g. Flare, D3.js, Tableau



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The DCC Curation Lifecycle Model



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Promote Responsible Data Practices

- Respect information and autonomy privacy
 - Open data: release and reuse
 - Data collection and use
 - Data management
 - Collaborations
 - Publications
- Community
 - Faculty
 - Staff
 - Students
 - External partners
- Joint governance process



Summary and Takeaways

- Data are university assets: Exploit and protect
- Privacy in context: Information, autonomy
- Stewardship in context: Preserve or purge
- Open data: Reuse and risk
- Security: More data, bigger targets
- Data aggregation: Power and privacy
- Data governance: Ownership, responsibility

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