

Technology and Methods for Information Privacy

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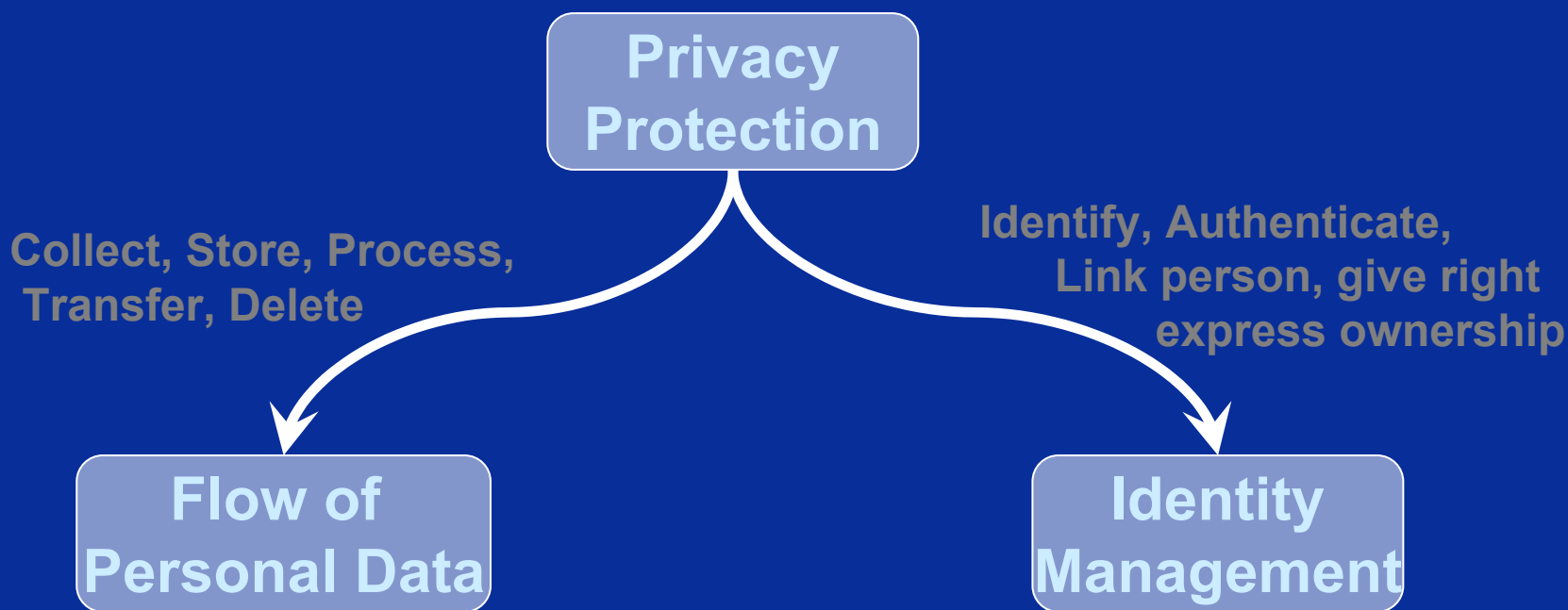
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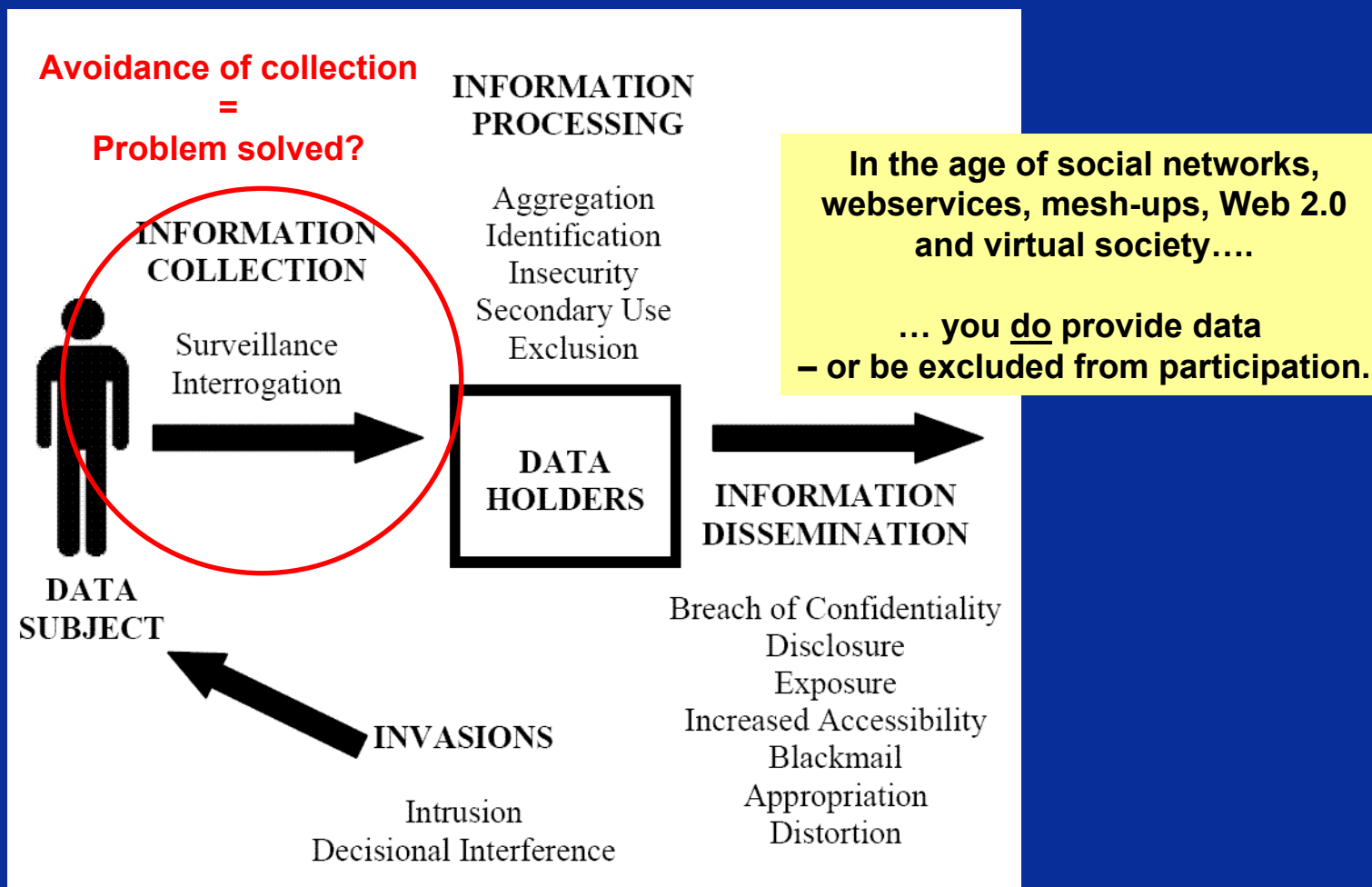
Privacy Protection in IT



Legal view: Fundamental Principles

- ▶ Principles concerning the fundamental design of products and applications:
 - ▶ Data minimization, Transparency of processing, Security
- ▶ Principles concerning the lawfulness of processing:
 - ▶ Legality, Special categories of personal data,
 - ▶ Finality and purpose limitation, Data quality
- ▶ Rights of the data subject:
 - ▶ Information requirements, Access, correction, erasure, blocking, Objection to processing
- ▶ Data traffic with third countries
- ▶ Notification requirements
- ▶ Processing by a processor – responsibility and control
- ▶ Other specific requirements resulting from the Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications 2002/58/EC/, Data Retention Directive 2006/24/EC and the national legislation.

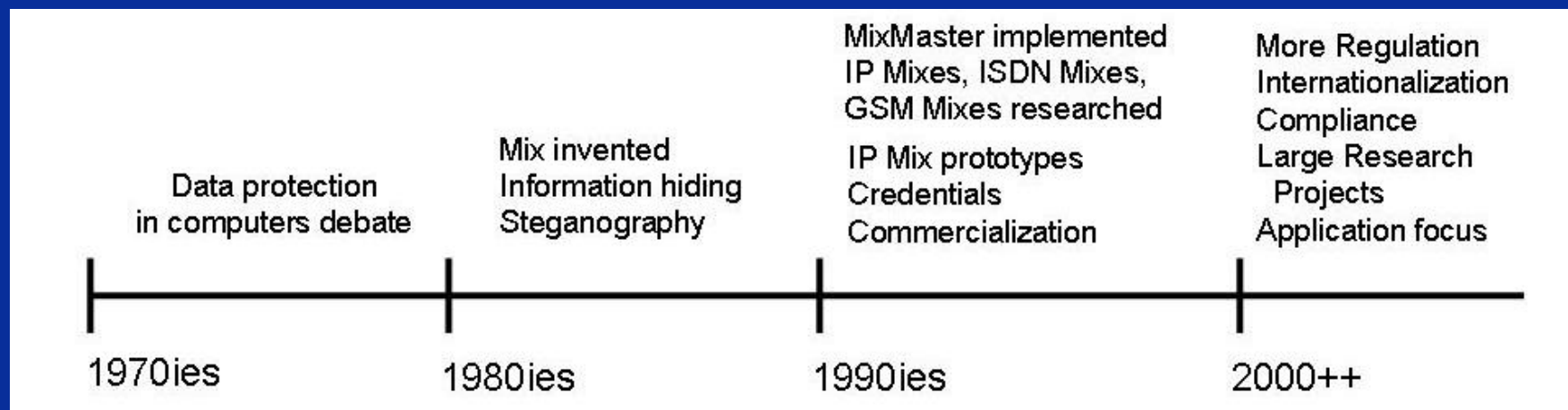
Solove's privacy threat taxonomy



User perspective

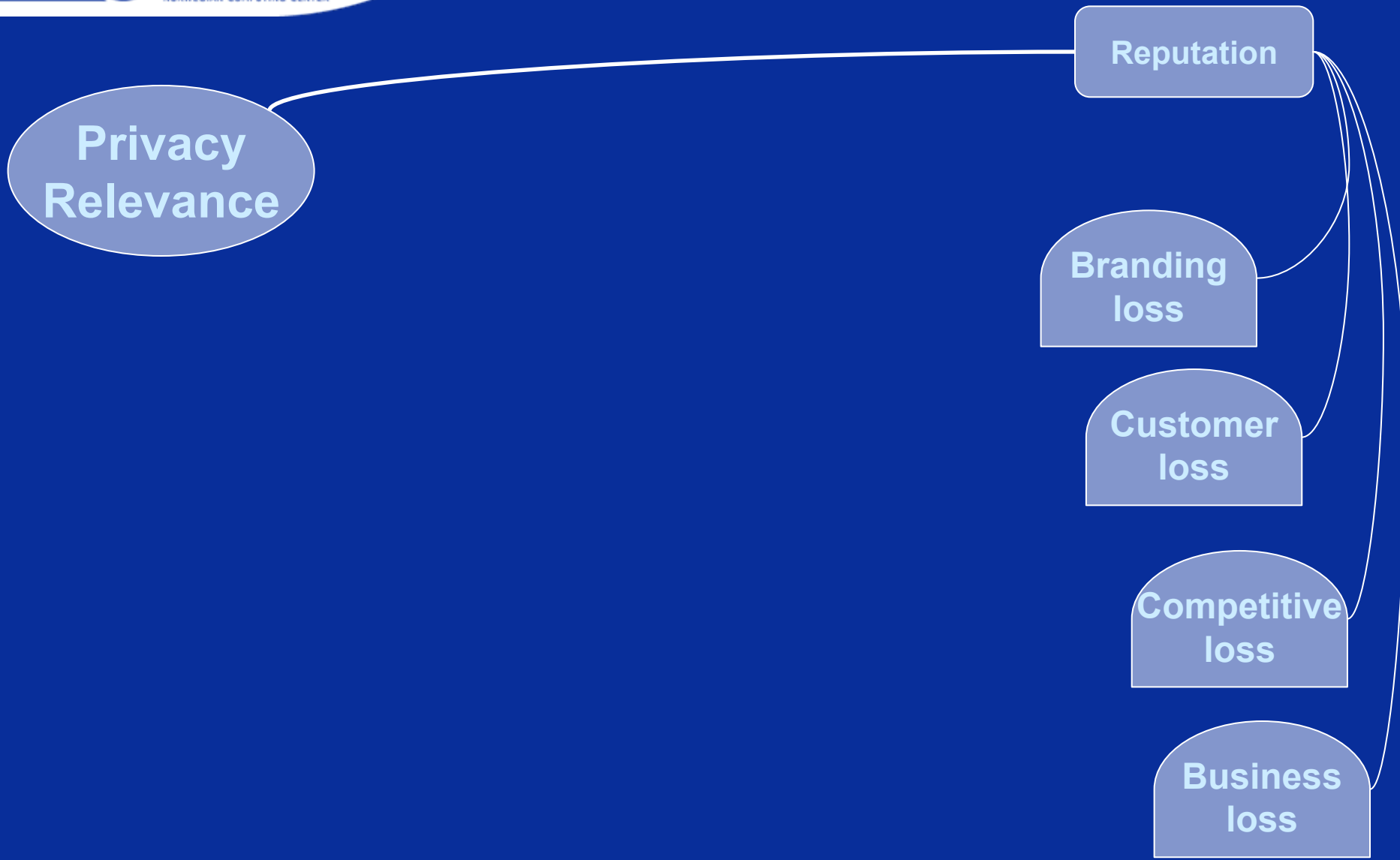
- ▶ **Users of on-line information systems feel increasingly exposed to other parties' information processing**
- ▶ **Users express in surveys both:**
 - **Transparency on processing and data stored**
 - **Control and participation on dissemination and treatment of personal information**
- ▶ **Users do have a limited budget for active management of these issues**
- ▶ **There is a clear benefit in offering tool-based transparency and control concerning personal information processing**

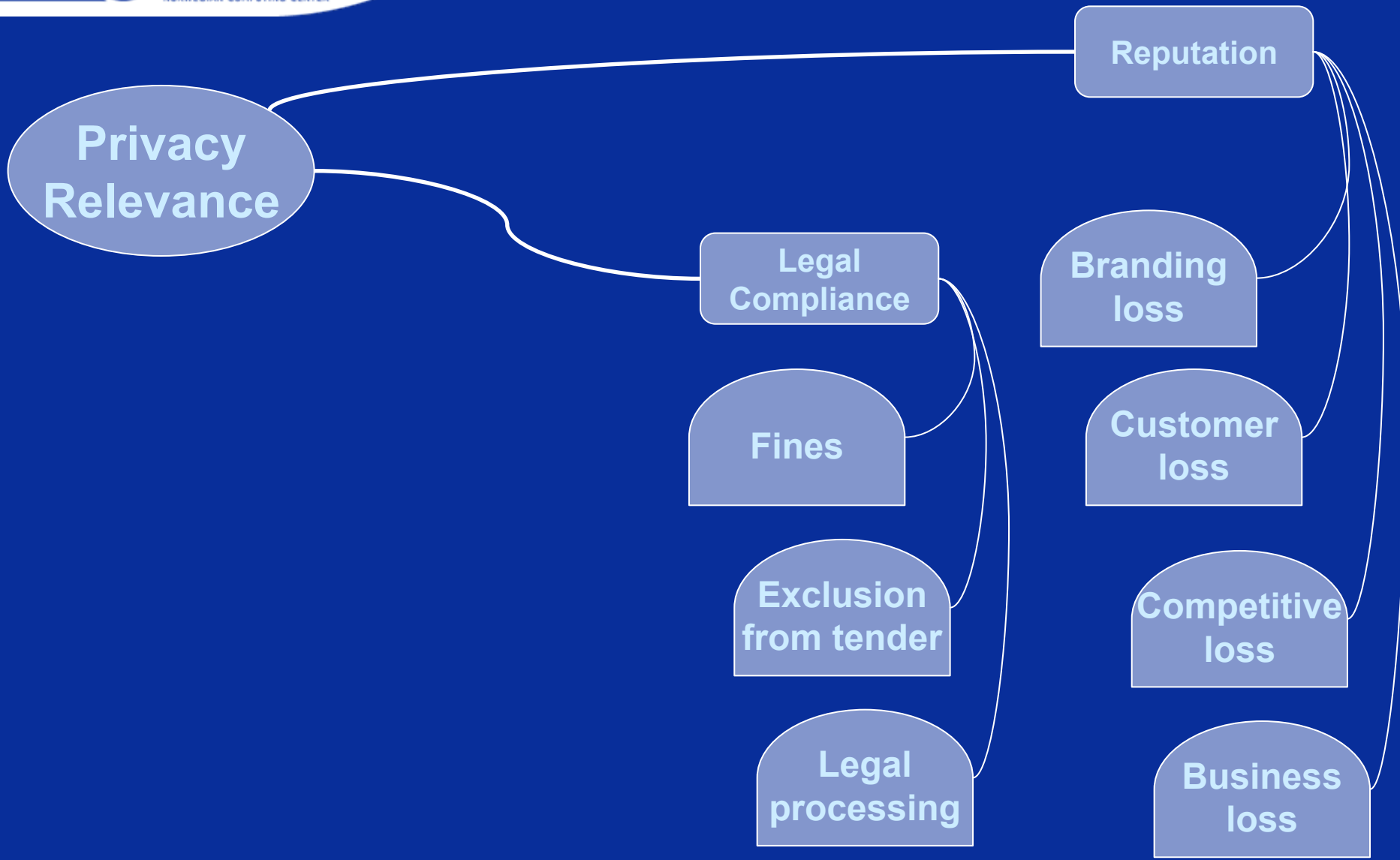
A brief history of PET

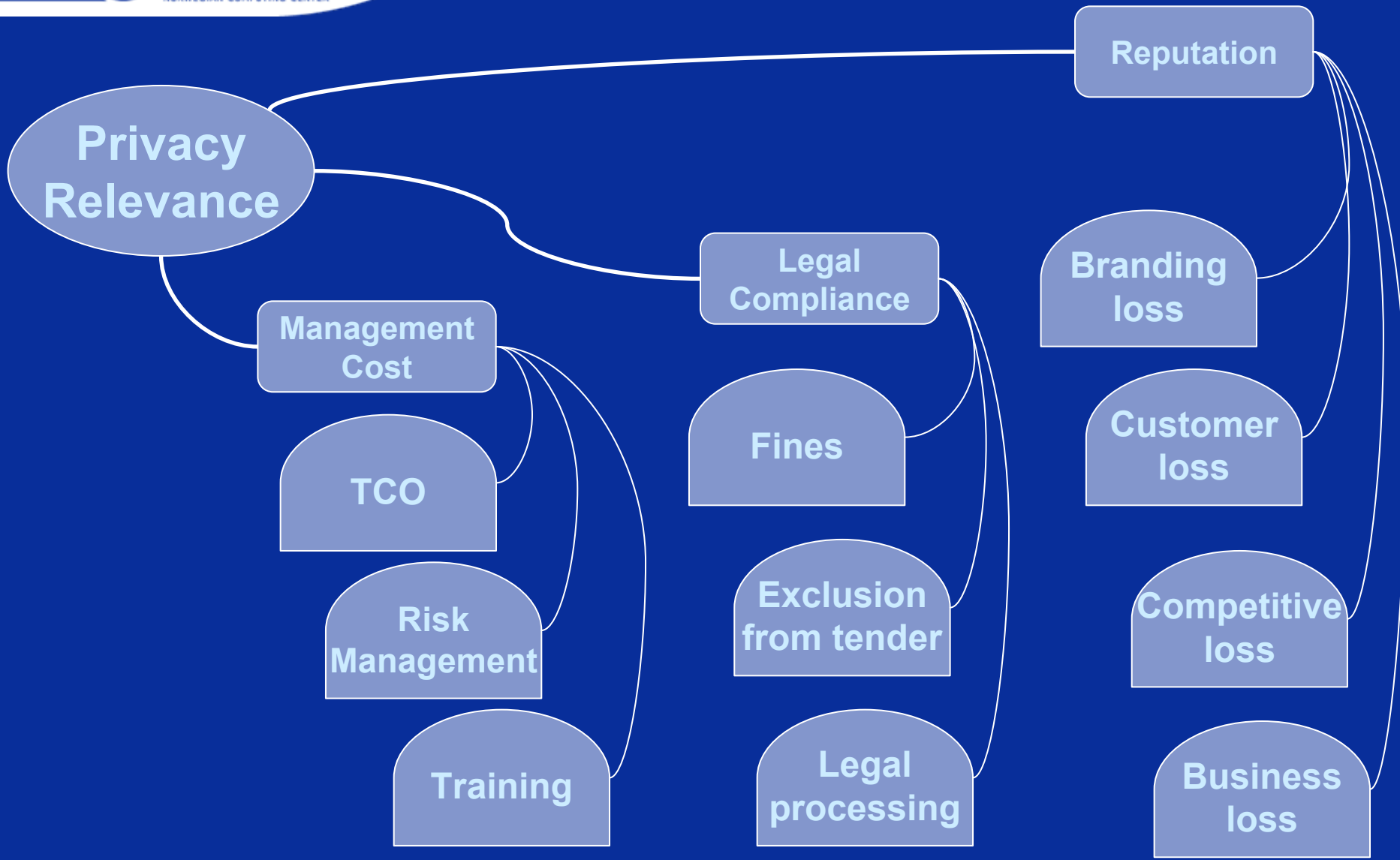


- ▶ PET development inspired by the legal perspective on basic human rights.
- ▶ PET research focused on information hiding & control
- ▶ Technology-centric approach

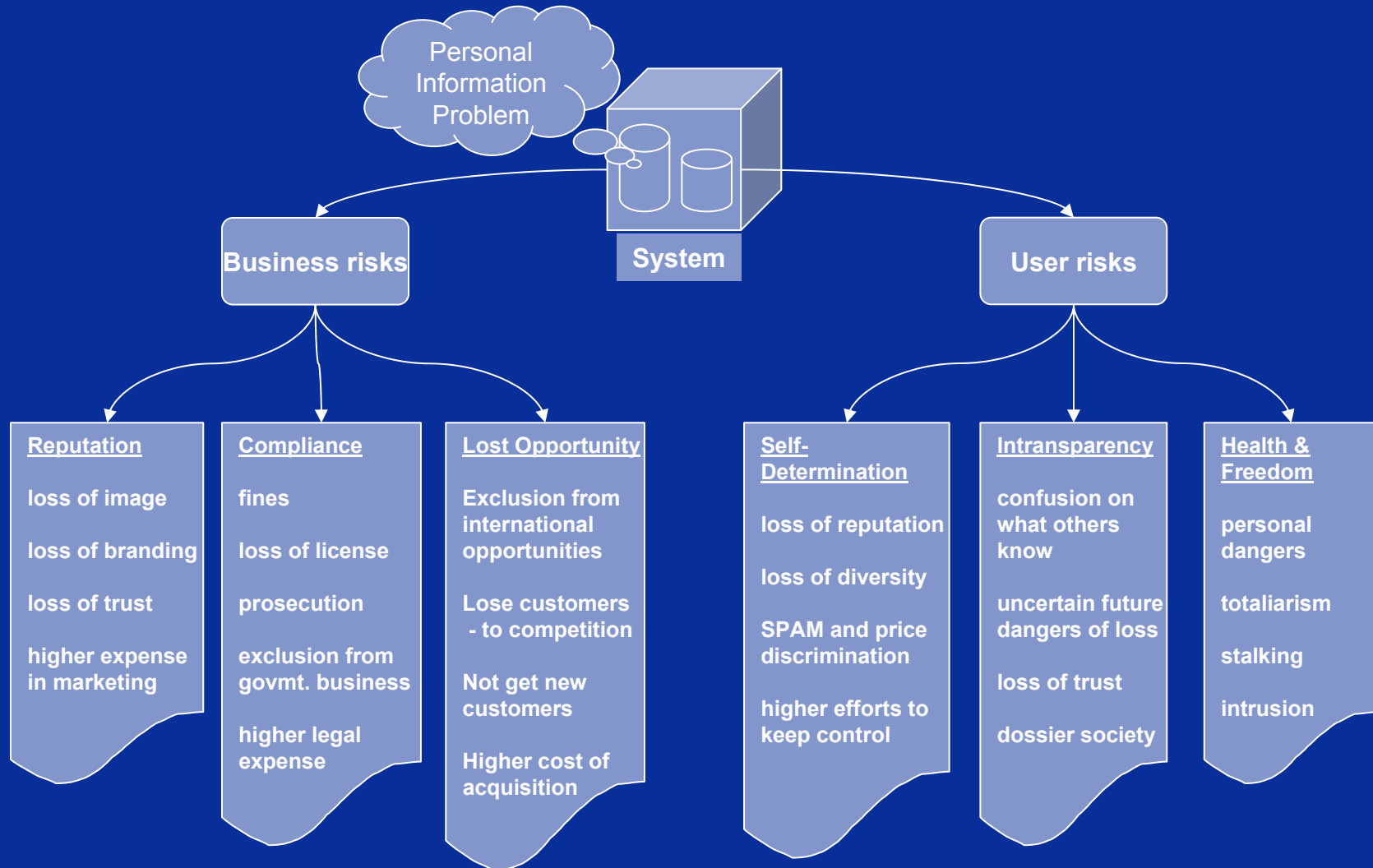
But there is a lack of deployed PETs in the "real world". Why?





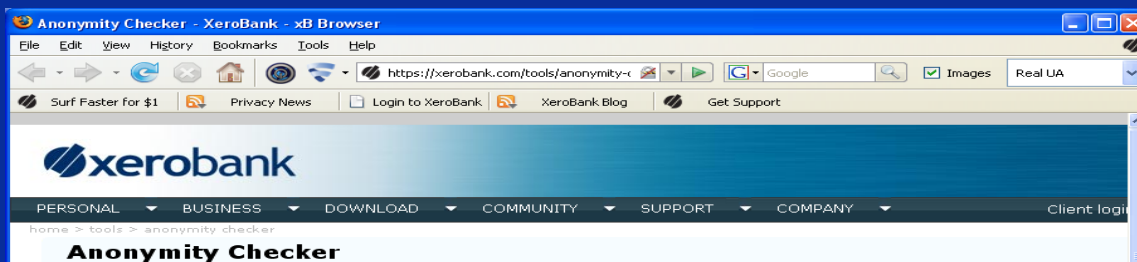
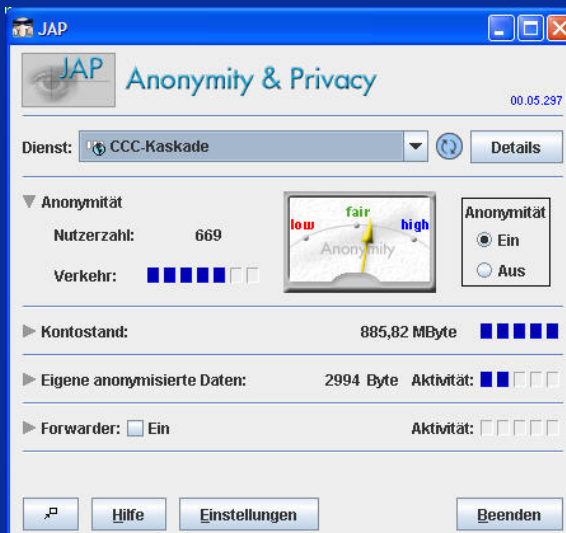
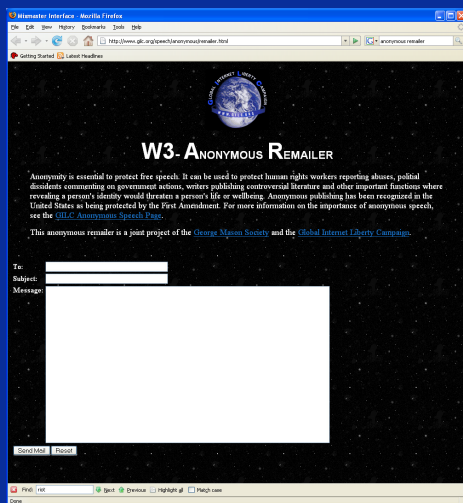


Duality of Privacy Risks

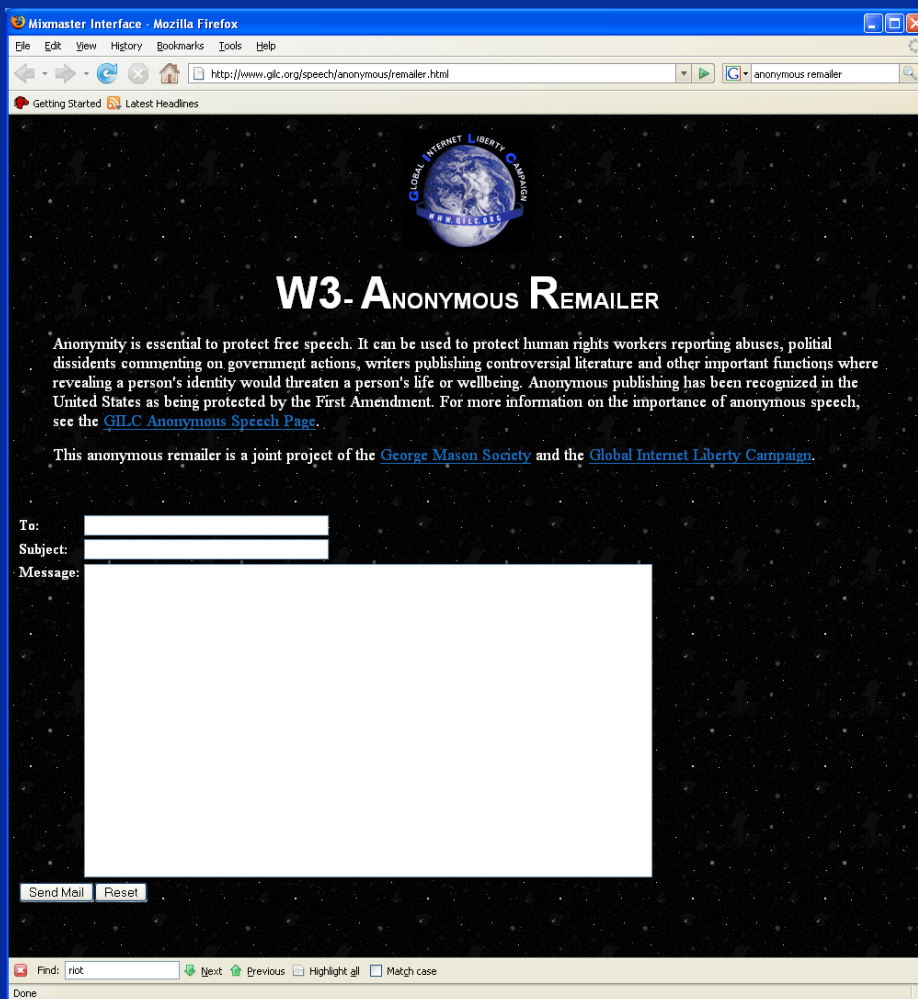


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Technology view: PETs

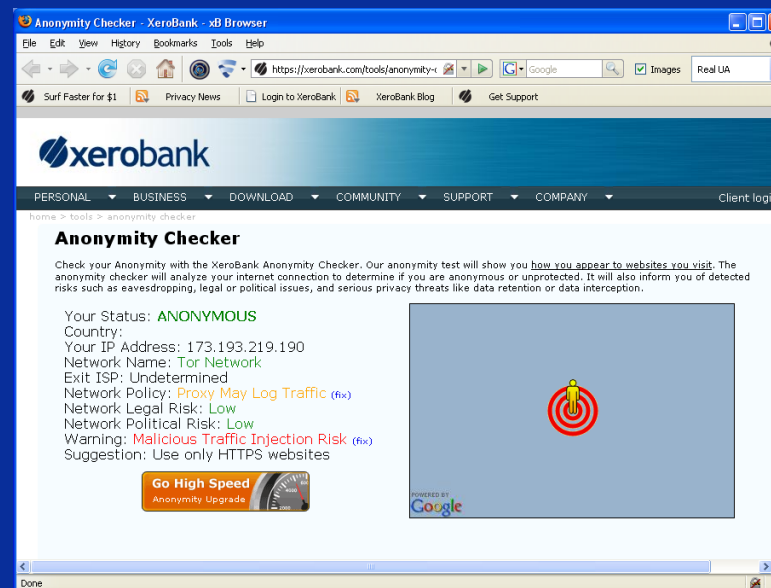
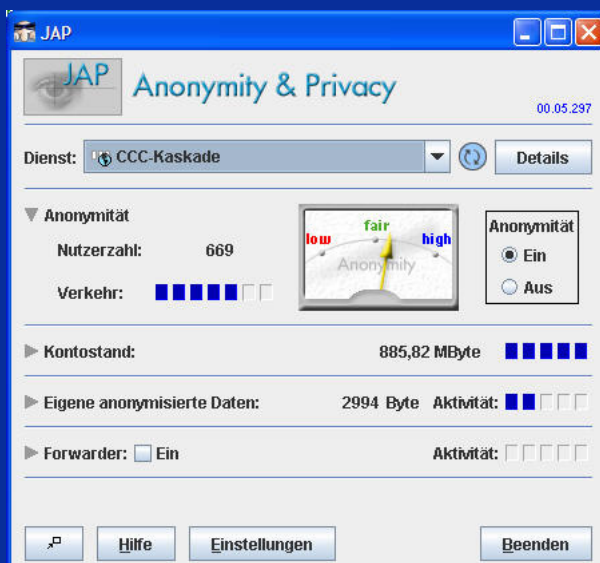


MixMaster: Anonymous E-Mail



- ▶ Cloud of dedicated mail-forwarders
- ▶ Cryptographic protocol with multiple layers of encryption
- ▶ Mail-forwarding in mixed batches
- ▶ MIX-principle (D. Chaum)

Unobservable Web browsing



- ▶ MIX principle implemented for websurfing and web-based applications
- ▶ ANON and TOR networks operative with crypto protocols and extensive router networks
- ▶ User-friendly browser "XeroBank" based on Firefox

Browser cookie manipulation

- ▶ Swaps and manages cookies
- ▶ Random cookie exchange with other users
- ▶ Goal:
 - control sending and storage of own browser cookies
 - Attack server profiling databases by sending fake cookies or other people's cookies
- ▶ Configurable rulesets



Anonymous credential systems

- ▶ **IDEMIX system invented by IBM research lab**
 - provides zero-knowledge proofs and other cryptographic mechanisms that can assert ID information without showing it
 - Part of Eclipse/Higgings environment

- ▶ **Microsoft UPROVEIT – build into Vista**
 - Available functionality for anonymous credentials and secure, ID-protected remote attestation

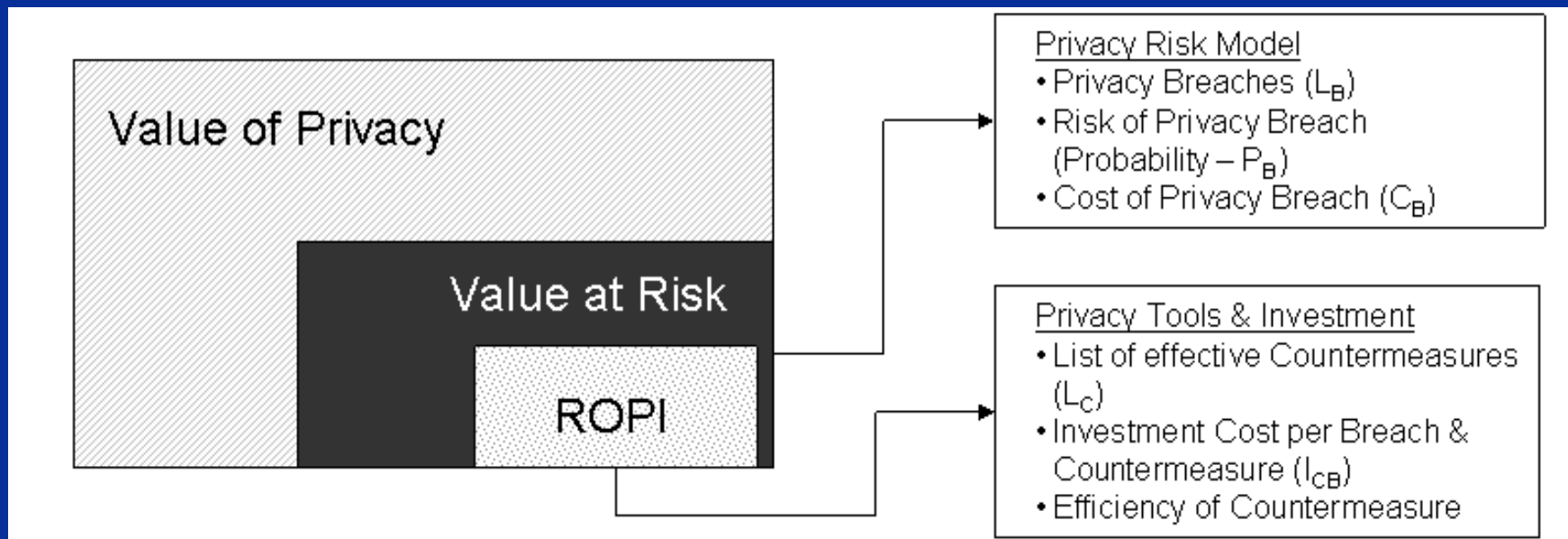
Identity Management & Privacy

- ▶ **Choice of an IDM scheme has implications for privacy**
- ▶ **Sudden change in IDM or application strategy can cause side effects for privacy and security (e.g. ID theft)**
- ▶ **IDM scheme should be part of risk analysis and privacy impact analysis cycles**

Risks created by IDM systems

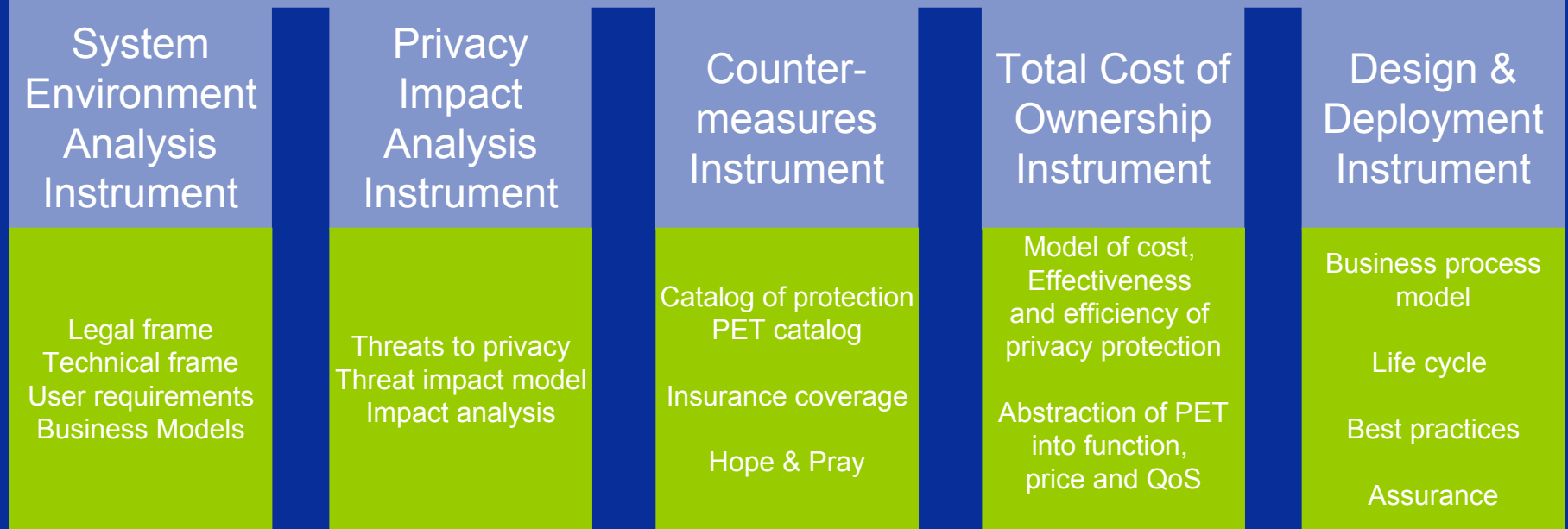
Risk Contributing Factors	Parameters
Token Mobility	<i>copyable, remotely usable, concurrently usable, immobile</i>
Token Value at Risk	<i>loss, misuse, disclosure, disruption, theft, replacement value</i>
Token Provisioning	<i>creation, editing, deletion</i>
Token Frequency & Duration of Use	<i>Uses per year, life-time, multiple times, one-time</i>
Token Use & Purpose	<i>original, unintended</i>
Token Assignment & Relationship	<i>forced, chosen, jointly-established, role, pseudonymity</i>
Token Obligation & Policy	<i>absence, present, functionality</i>
Token Claim Type	<i>single, multiple</i>
Token Secrecy	<i>public, inferable, secret</i>
Token Security	<i>origination, identification, validation, authentication, authorization</i>

Business view: Return On Privacy Investment ROPI



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Privacy Investment Decision Instruments



Identity Management & ID theft

- ▶ **identifiers can tell many stories.**
- ▶ **The most simple approach is a person number indexed in a data base.**
BUT: Who owns the data base, and how will it be protected from unauthorized use?
- ▶ **IDM systems move some of the data to a token. But then, the token is out of the security perimeter of the vendor.**
- ▶ **The use of anonymizing schemes, cryptographic methods, randomized numbering schemes and zero-knowledge-protocols for identifier handling should be considered.**
- ▶ **Identifiers should be analyzed for information leakage and possible risks.**

Access Control & Information Flow

- ▶ **Multi-level and role-based access control models are used in server & mainframe computing for more than three decades.**
- ▶ **Security models implemented on a "need to know" basis.**
- ▶ **But today's e-ID approaches aim for maximum transparency, efficient identification, and global standardization.**
- ▶ **Information flow analysis and access control models are essential to protect e-IDs.**

Checklist

- ▶ **Are you aware of all contextual information that can be correlated to your e-IDs?**
 - **Use frequency & destinations**
 - **Person names & other personal data**
 - **predictable identifiers (e.g. serial number sequences)**

- ▶ **Countermeasures:**
 - **Identifier management**
 - **Encryption from token to application level**
 - **Use tags without individual numbers/names**
 - **One-time identifiers and anonymous credentials**

Checklist

- ▶ **Do your tokens contain interpretable information?**
 - **product keys**
 - **customer information**
 - **indications of object value**
 - **origin information**

- ▶ **Countermeasures:**
 - **Identifier management & pseudonyms**
 - **Encryption & Access control**
 - **Short lifetime of e-ID tokens**

Checklist

- ▶ **Are your identifiers person-relateable?**
 - **Equipment check-out**
 - **e-tickets**
 - **consumer items**
 - **ID cards, door cards, passports, bank cards**

- ▶ **Countermeasures**
 - **De-activation (including RFID chip serial number!)**
 - **Identity management**
 - **Privacy risk assessment & audits**
 - **Privacy-enhancing technology (PET)**

Checklist

- ▶ **Are your e-IDs securely bound to the legitimate user or person?**

- ▶ **Countermeasures**
 - **Multi-factor authentication**
 - **”Biometrics” derived from the person (extra privacy challenges!)**

Summary

- ▶ **Privacy management is part of IT management**
- ▶ **Privacy-enhancing technology is available & should be part of IT plan**
- ▶ **Identity management should be part of the privacy concepts**
- ▶ **Some of the business implications are not well researched**

- ▶ International conference of IFIP TC 11.6
- ▶ Topic: *Identity Management and Society*
- ▶ Many international speakers
- ▶ Keynotes on e-voting security and identity management
- ▶ 18.-19. 11. 2010 in Oslo, Norway
- ▶ Program & registration under <http://ifipidman2010.nr.no>

What can Norsk Regnesentral provide?

- ▶ **Scientific research & consulting in security concepts**
- ▶ **Evaluation of security systems, properties & privacy impact**
- ▶ **Preparation of IT certification or audit**
- ▶ **Industry- or publicly funded research**
- ▶ **Open or confidential cooperation**



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