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Some Issues for Semantic-Enabled Privacy Protection Policies in the Ambient Networks

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- Finally, I will demonstrate how to proceed auditing and verification of semantic-enable privacy protection policies and systems compliant to the real world's privacy laws or regulations.



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Privacy Protection on Web 2.0

- P3P/APPEL provides information disclosure's opt-in/opt-out and negotiation mechanisms
- More challenging to protect a variety of dynamic digital traces but not so many physical traces
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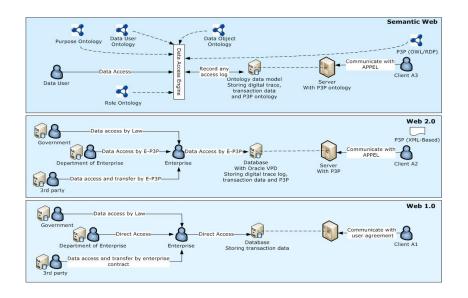
Privacy Protection on the Web (conti.)

Privacy Protection on Web 3.0

- We have a separation of privacy protection protection policies and mechanisms.
- Personal profile and digital traces are semantic-enabled data model.
- Automatic enforcement of the semantic-enabled privacy protection policies and systems
- Do we have sound and complete semantic-enabled policies with respect to the privacy protection laws? I don't think so!
- Auditing and verifying the compliance of privacy policies for privacy laws are still very hard! Why?

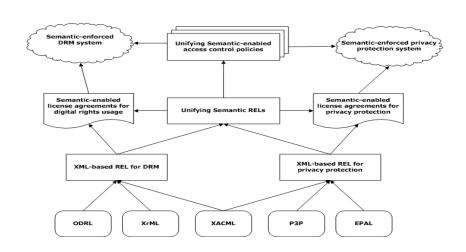


Privacy Protection for Web 1.0, Web 2.0, and Web 3.0



A Unifying Semantic REL





Privacy Protection for Ambient Networks

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- Furthermore, we are unaware of who/why/what/how our personal profiles, physical traces, and digital traces are collected and used, which means the privacy invasion is much more easy! Is that true, I think so.



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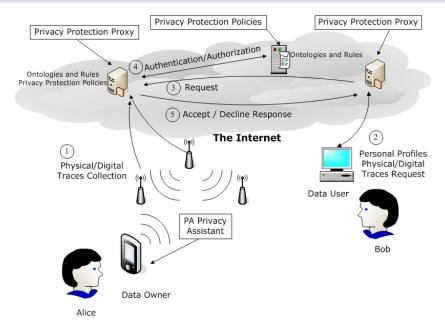


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- I would said your Ubicomp's system does not possibly to know my concerns while collecting and using my own data!
- In fact, resolving the problem of semantic-enabled privacy protection policies and systems in the ambient networks is almost impossible! Why?
- Conclusion: The ambient networks or other similar networks and systems cannot be possibly widely deployed in the real world for serving human activities!



Semantic-Enabled Privacy Protection in the Ambient Networks revised from [3]



ChallengesSemantic-Enabled Privacy Protection in the Ambient Networks

- How to exploit the semantic-enabled policy languages for privacy protection in the ambient networks?
- How to design/implement the semantic-enabled language, policies, and systems for the ambient networks?
- How to demonstrate the semantic-enabled of privacy protection systems in the ambient networks?



Challenges (conti.) Semantic-Enabled Privacy Protection in the Ambient Networks

- Can we also apply formal semantic P3P/EPAL to the ambient networks? Yes/No!
- How to construct a formal semantics model on P3P/EPAL for the ambient networks?
- How to exploit the semantic enforcement of privacy protection policies for the ambient networks?
- How to implement a semantic-enabled privacy protection system for the ambient networks?





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