First-Class Objects

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Privacy and the Press
December 3, 2010
rcalo  Ryan Calo
Privacy and innovation thought pieces by Helen Nissenbaum, Frank Pasquale, @grimmelm, and others up on Yale ISP.
http://bit.ly/aUtk0v
27 Oct
James Grimmelmann

vs.

@grimmelmelm
@rcalo The other papers are good, though.
11:34 AM Oct 27th via Tweetie for Mac in reply to rcalo

@rcalo Oh, no! Mine is so half-baked! Hey everybody, please don't read this yet.
11:26 AM Oct 27th via Tweetie for Mac in reply to rcalo

"[In 1985] I began telling my ... students that they had better be watching the Internet" http://is.gd/glqKW
7:43 PM Oct 26th via Tweetie for Mac
“James Grimmelmann”

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+ “G” + “r” + “i” + “m” + “m” +
“e” + “l” + “m” + “a” + “n” + “n”
Unique identifiers
Consequences
Third parties

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Normalization

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Aggregation

uid=381920041
zip=98225
num_pets=2
bool_dogs=1
bool_cats=0

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uid=381920041
zip=98225
num_pets=2
bool_dogs=1
bool_cats=0
education=college
bool_employed=1
Enumeration

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• @rcalo: RT @grimmelm: @rcalo Oh, no! Mine is so half-baked! Hey everybody, please don't read this yet. [sorry!]

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Empowerment
Self-presentation
Errors

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Prof. GRimmelman @grimmelm
Jim GRimmelman @grimmelm
Jim @grimmelm
Jimbo @grimmelm
Jimmy Wales @grimmelm
DATABASE ERROR -23
Automatic reasoning

James, More Friends Are Waiting

These 8 friends found their friends using the Facebook friend finder. Have you found all of your friends? Give it a try.

Your Email

Email Password

Find Friends

Facebook won't store your password.

Questions

What is your favorite kitchen gadget?
Answered about Appliances

What are your favorite – and least favorite – ingredient substitutions?
Answered about Cooking

Why isn't good butter available in small packages?
Answered about Grocery Shopping
Visibility
Control
Objectification

I AM HUMAN:
DO NOT FOLD,
SPINDLE,
OR MUTL.

SLOGAN OF THE FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT
First-Class Objects
Three questions

• Should database operators have higher duties when people are first-class objects?

• What is the difference between unmasking online users and unmasking journalists’ sources?

• Do databases change the dynamics of personal and press investigations?