

Building Privacy-Aware Database Systems

CS848 Winter 2021



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Logistics

- **CS848, Winter 2021**
 - Option 1: Tue 10am – noon
(lecture/paper presentation + discussion)
 - Option 2: Wed 10am – 11am (discussion)
 - Students who attend Wed session need to watch recorded lecture/paper presentation from Tue
- More details at the end of this lecture

An Old Problem to US Census



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Title 13, U.S. Code

By law, **no one** – neither **the census takers** nor any other **Census Bureau employee** –
is permitted to reveal identifiable information
about any person, household, or business

If anyone violates this law, it is a federal crime; they will face severe penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to **five years**, a fine of up to **\$250,000**, or both.

New Attack on 2010 Decennial Census

“how many people of the age 10-20 live in New York City”

“how many people live in 4 person households”

An internal team was able to

(a) correctly reconstruct records of address (by census block), age, gender, race and ethnicity for 142 million people (about **46% of the US population**),

(b) correctly match these data to commercial datasets circa 2010 to associate PII like name for 52 million persons (**17% of the population**).

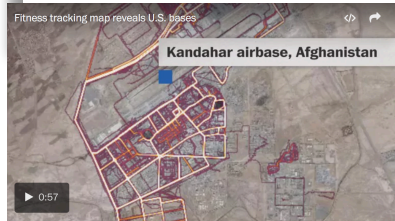
Fundamental Law of Info Reconstruction [DN03]

“overly accurate” estimates of “too many” statistics is blatantly non-private.

Getting Worse ...

Strava's fitness tracker heat map reveals the location of military bases

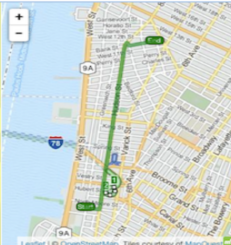
Geolocation isn't a new problem for the military



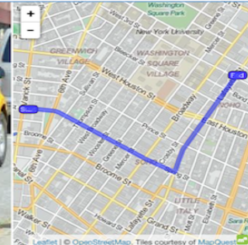
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More Real-time Data Collection



The Seven Sins of Personal-Data Processing Systems under GDPR

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Privacy Changes Everything

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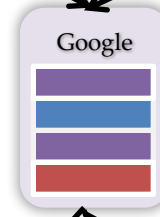
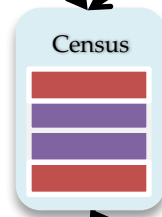
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Problem Setting

Individuals with sensitive data



Data Collectors



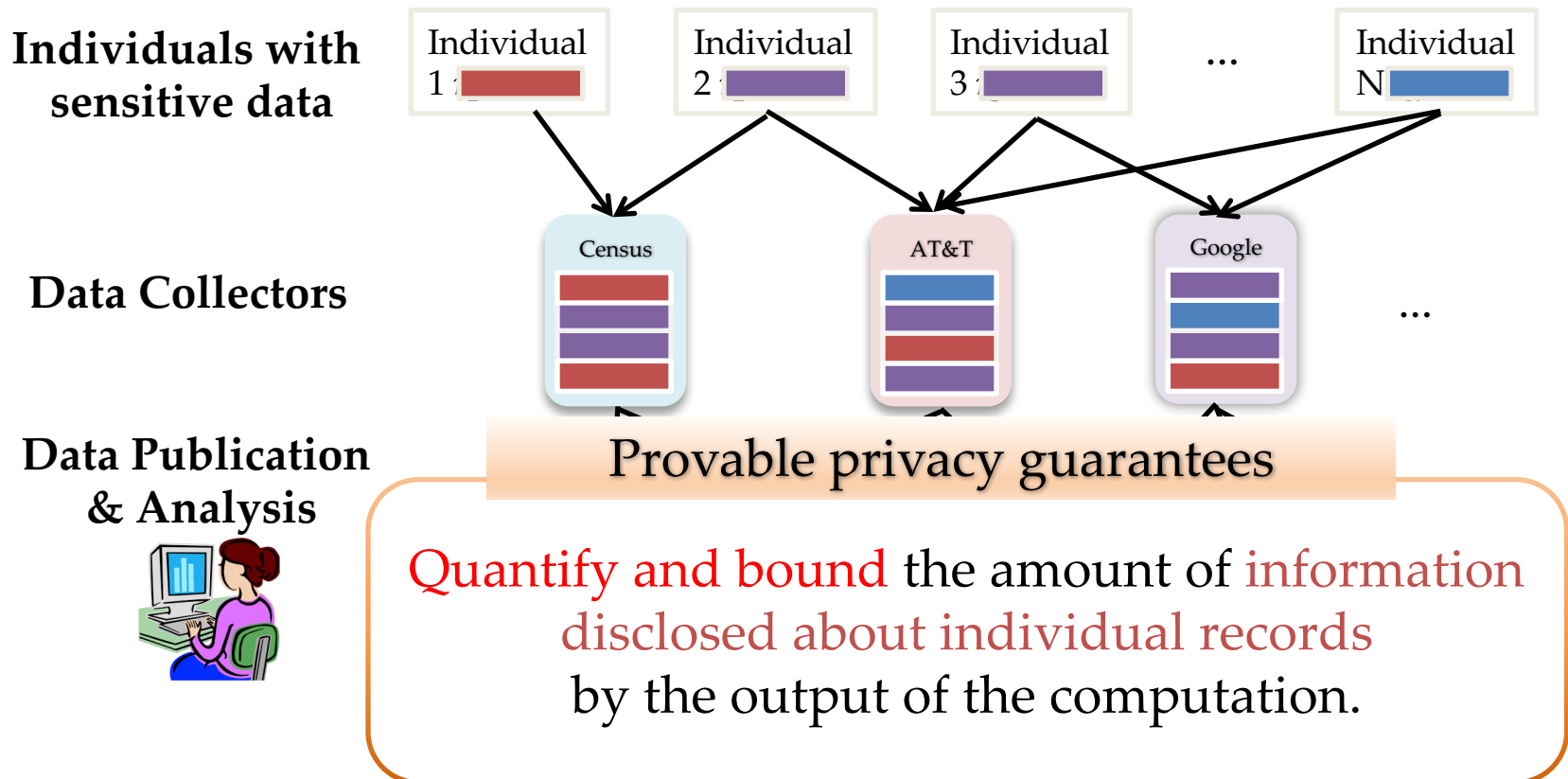
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**Data Publication
& Analysis**



**Leaks information about individual records
by the output of the computation!!**

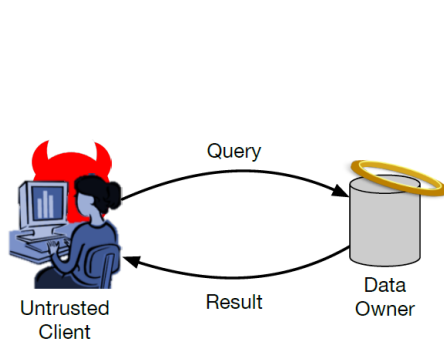
A Strong Privacy Promise



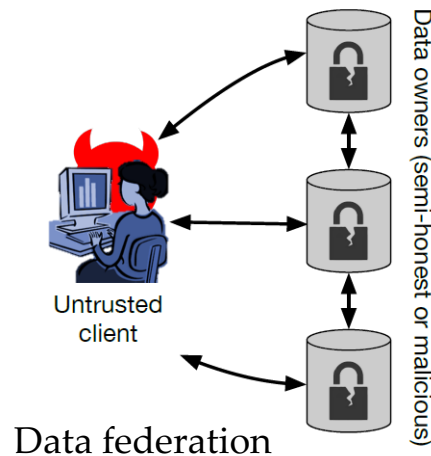
This course will explore ...

- How to define a good privacy promise?
- How to design a privacy-preserving algorithms?
- How to build a privacy-aware database systems?

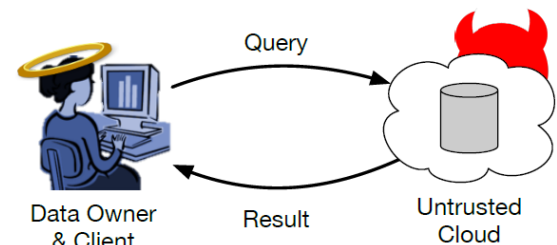
Greatly depend on
the architecture setup and trust assumptions



Client-server with
trusted data curator



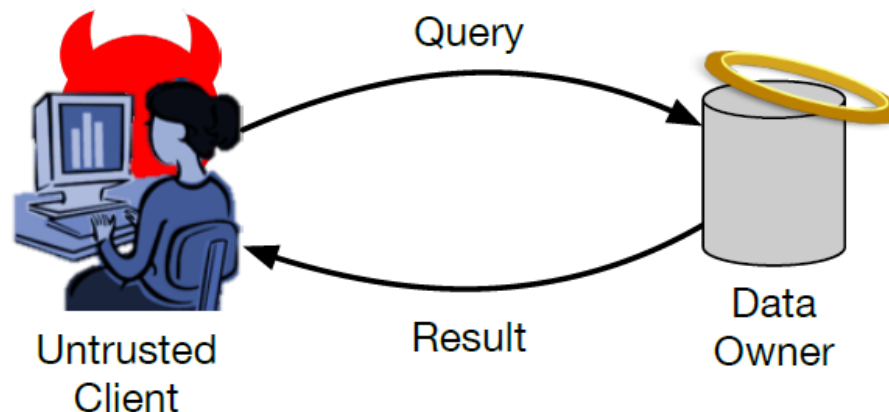
Data federation



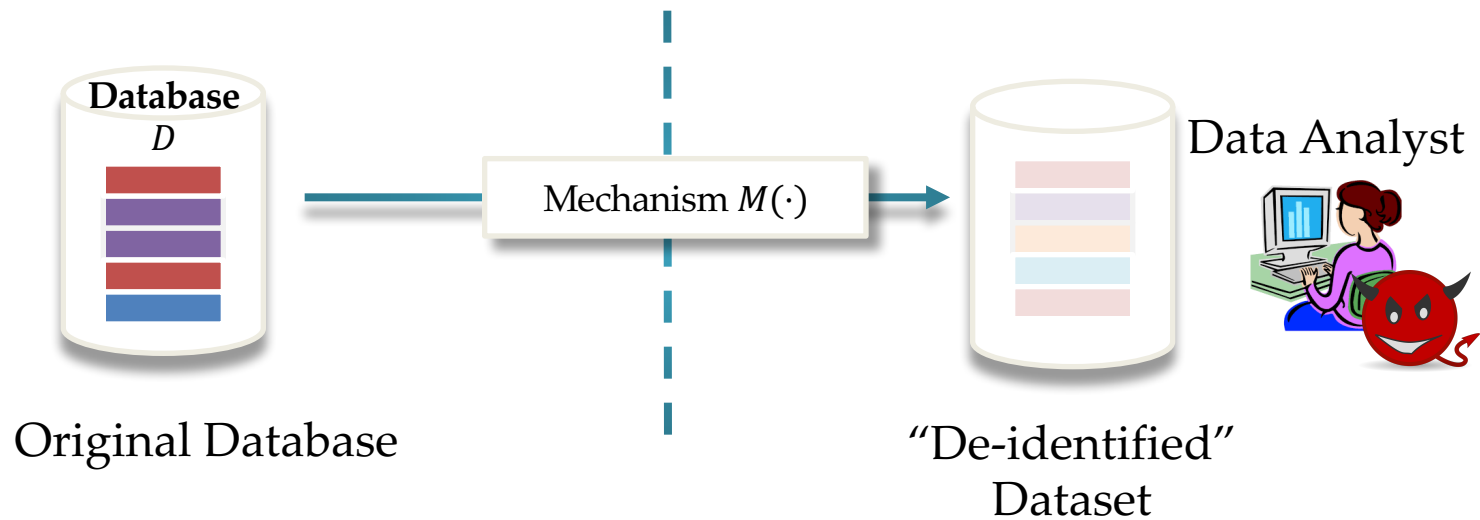
Cloud service provider

Trusted Data Curator

- Centralized setting
 - Data owners trust the data curator and have their true and plaintext data stored on a central server.
 - Client (e.g. data analyst) may infer sensitive information about individuals based on the released data from the trusted data curator



“De-Identification”?

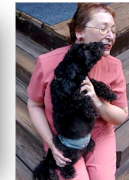


De-identified data ISN'T

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Why 'Anonymous' Data Sometimes Isn't

Uniqueness of personal data, side information, ...

challenge
using.

The Scientist


"Anonymous" Genomes Identified

The names and addresses of people participating in the Personal Genome Project can be easily tracked down despite such data being left off their online profiles.

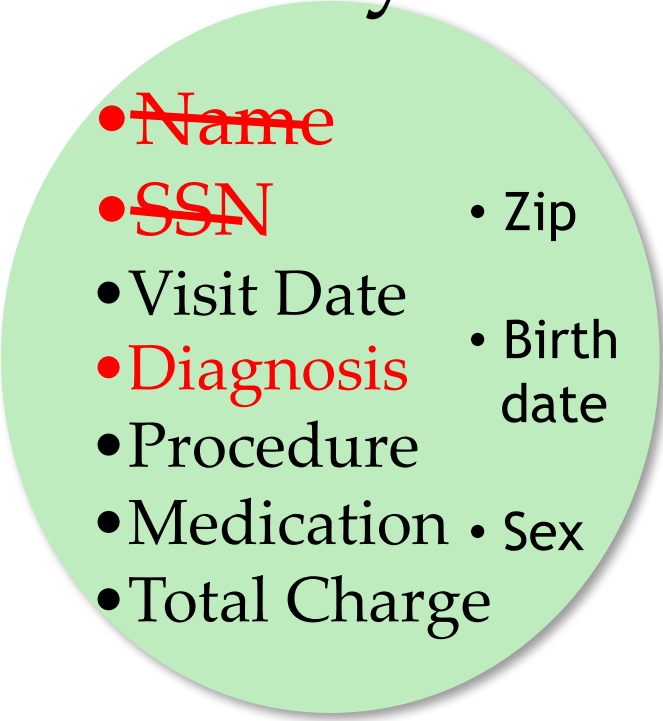
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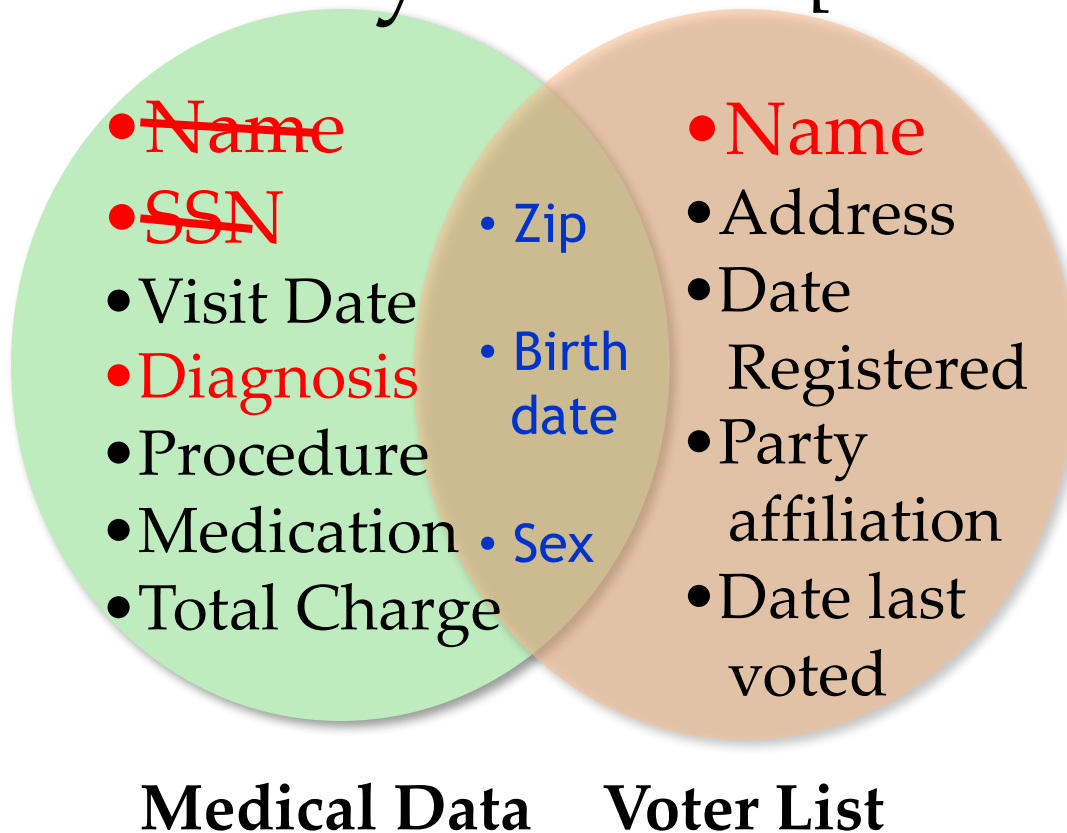
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The Massachusetts Governor Privacy Breach [Sweeney IJUFKS 2002]

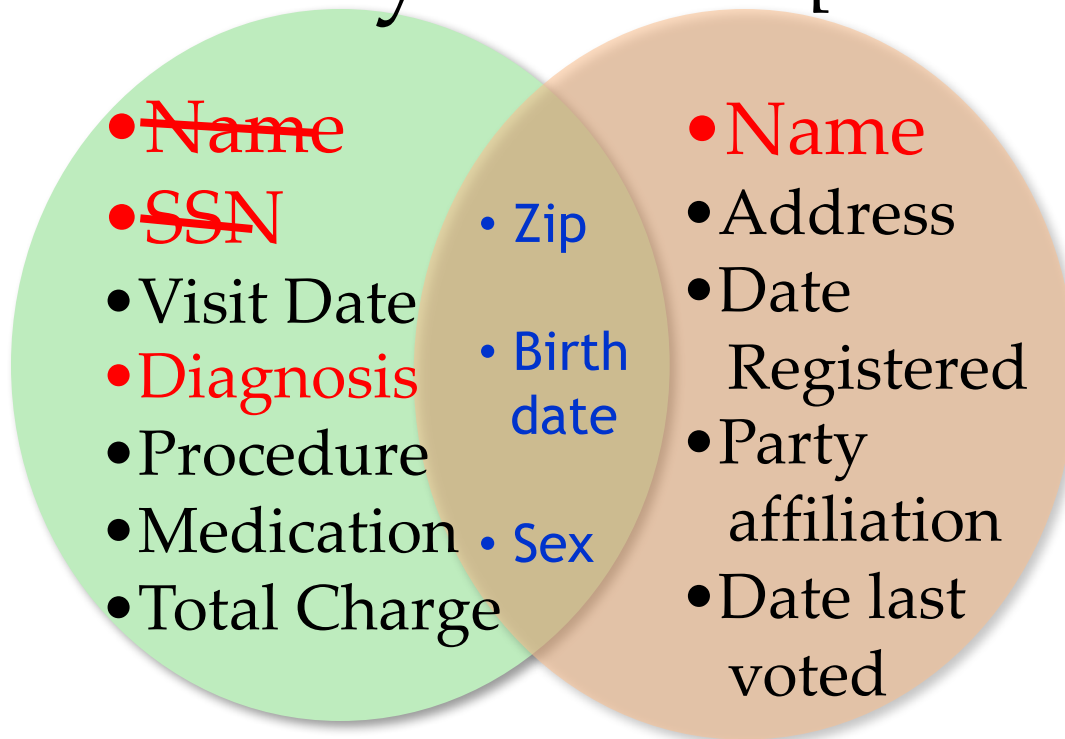
- 
- ~~Name~~
 - ~~SSN~~
 - Visit Date
 - ~~Diagnosis~~
 - Procedure
 - Medication
 - Total Charge
 - Zip
 - Birth date
 - Sex

Medical Data

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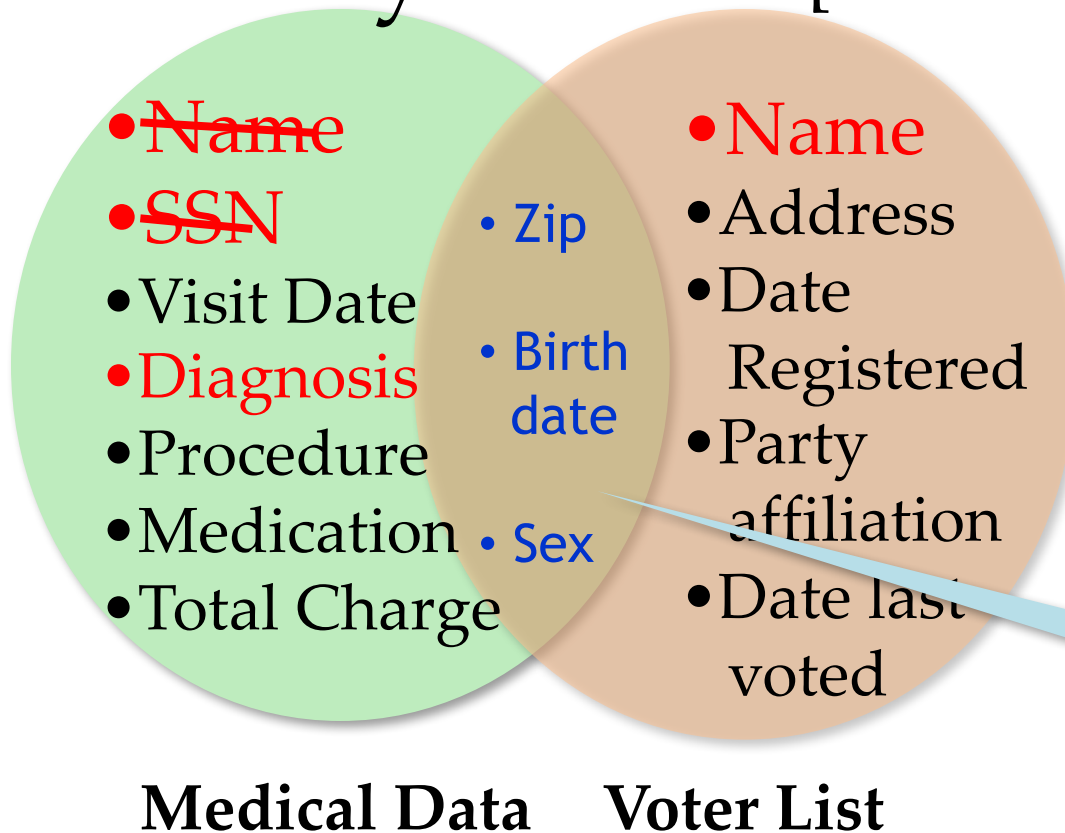


Medical Data Voter List

- Governor of MA uniquely identified using ZipCode, Birth Date, and Sex.

Name linked to Diagnosis

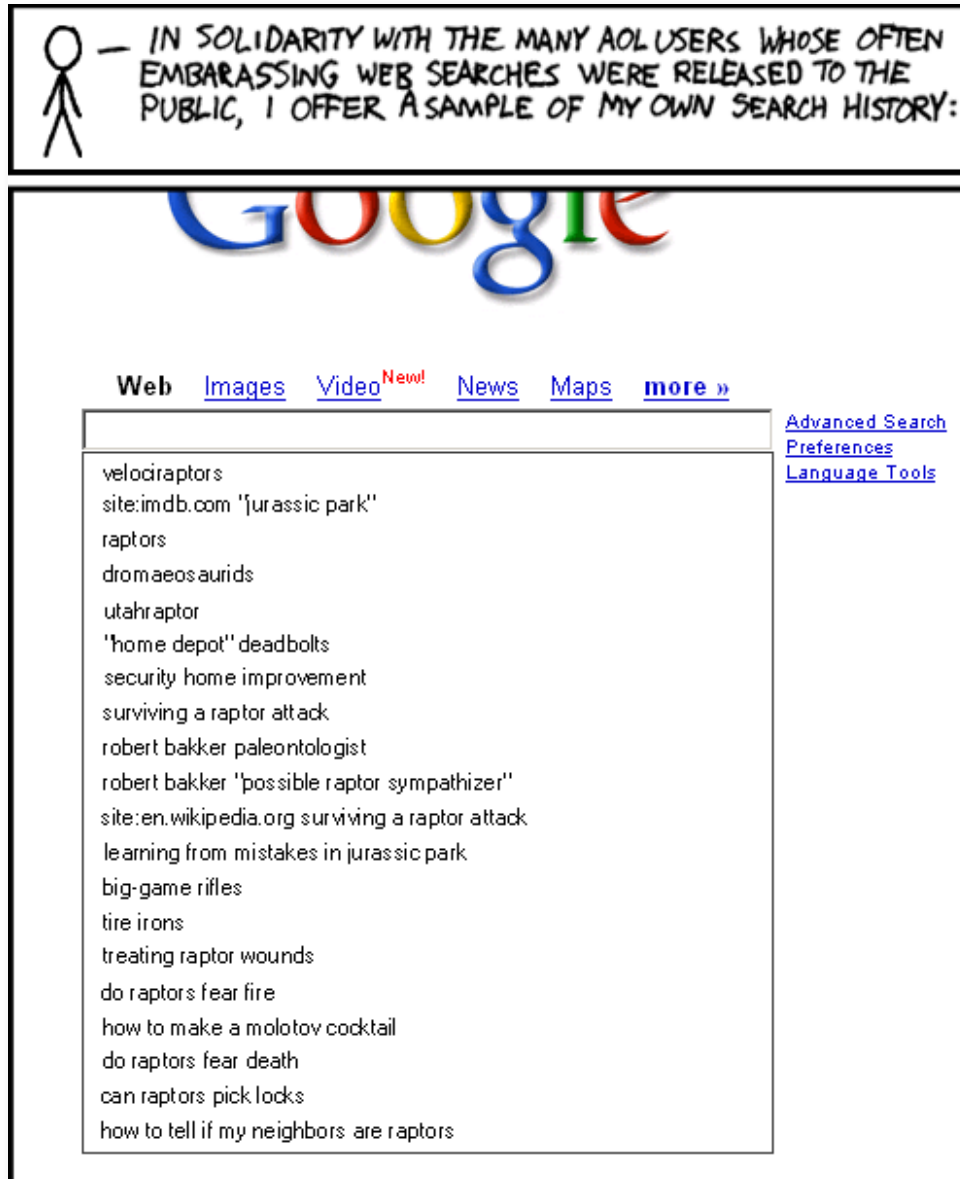
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Quasi Identifier

AOL data publishing fiasco



AOL data publishing fiasco ...

Xi222	Uefa cup
Xi222	Uefa champions league
Xi222	Champions league final
Xi222	Champions league final 2013
Abel156	exchangeability
Abel156	Proof of deFinetti's theorem
Jane12345	Zombie games
Jane12345	Warcraft
Jane12345	Beatles anthology
Jane12345	Ubuntu breeze
Bob222	Python in thought
Bob222	Enthought Canopy

User IDs replaced with random numbers

865712345

Uefa cup

865712345

Uefa champions league

865712345

Champions league final

865712345

Champions league final 2013

236712909

exchangeability

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Proof of deFinetti's theorem

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Zombie games

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Privacy Breach

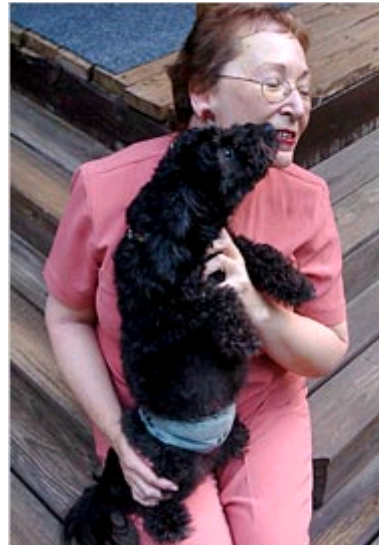
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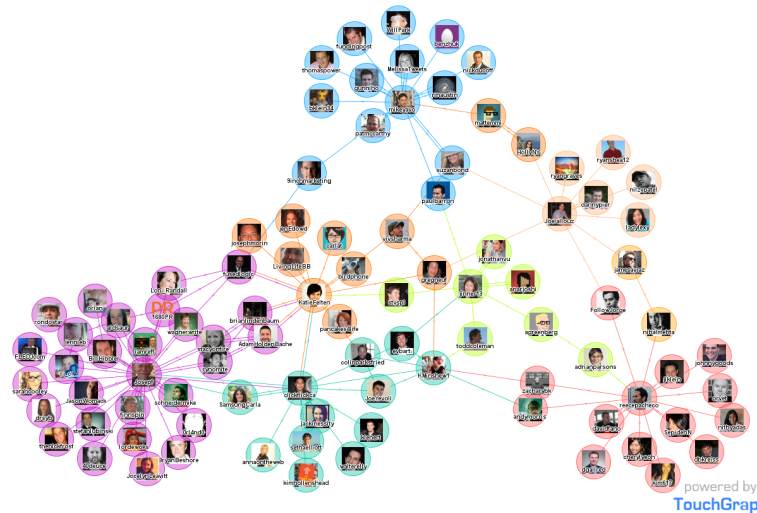
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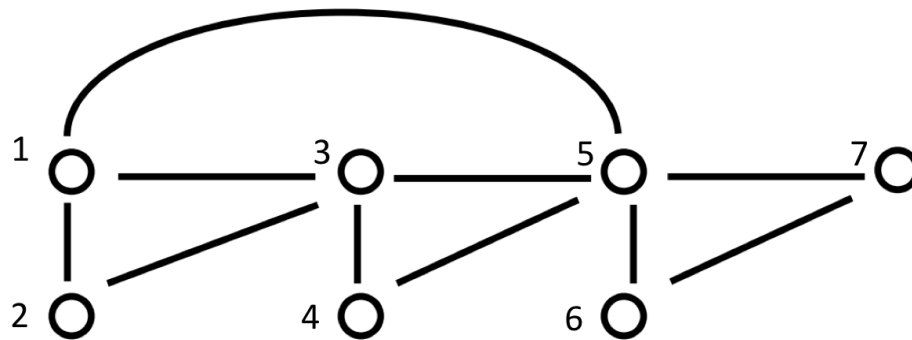
- Social networks: graphs where each node represents a social entity, and each edge represents certain relationship between two entities



- Example: email communication graphs, social interactions like in Facebook, Yahoo! Messenger, etc.

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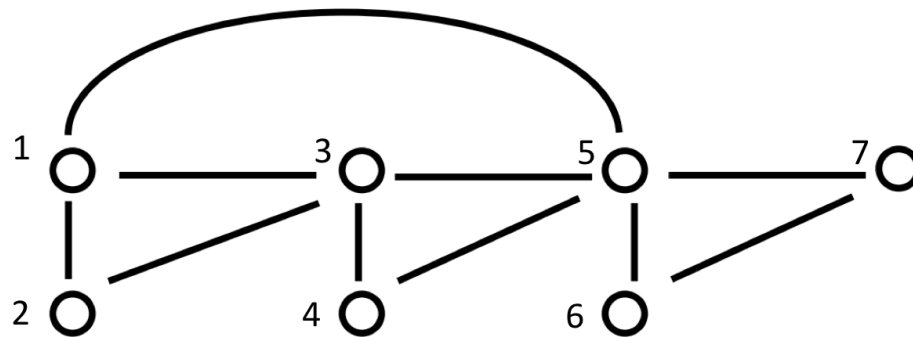
- Anonymized email communication graph



- Unfortunately for the email service providers, investigative journalists **Alice** and **Cathy** are part of this graph. What can they deduce?

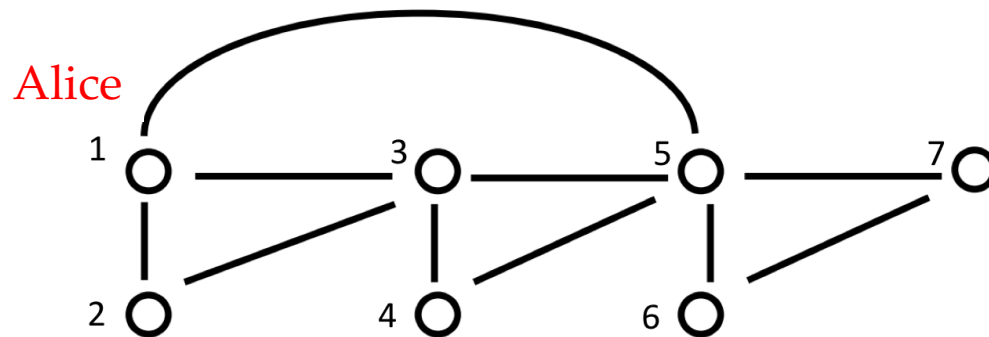
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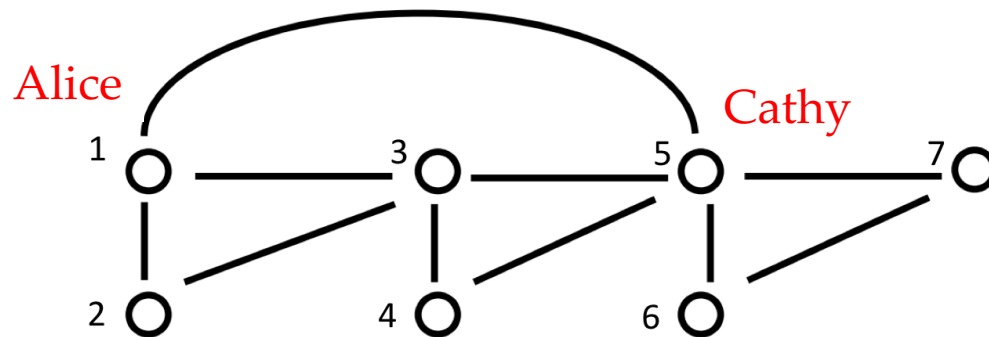
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- Only one node has a degree 3 \rightarrow node 1: Alice

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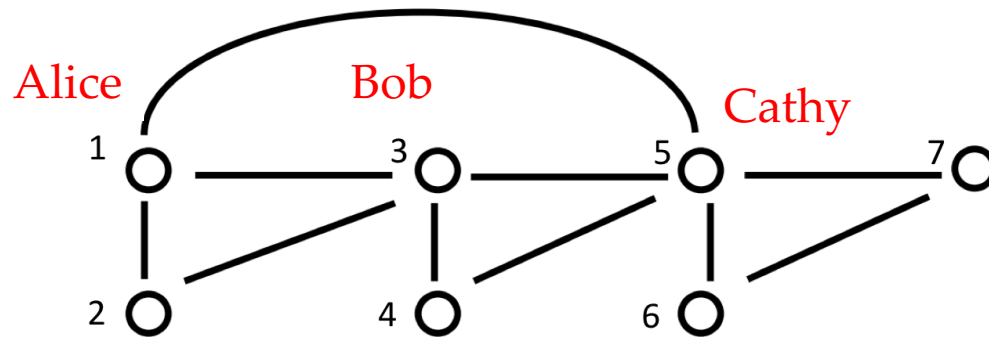
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- Only one node has a degree 5 \rightarrow node 5: Cathy

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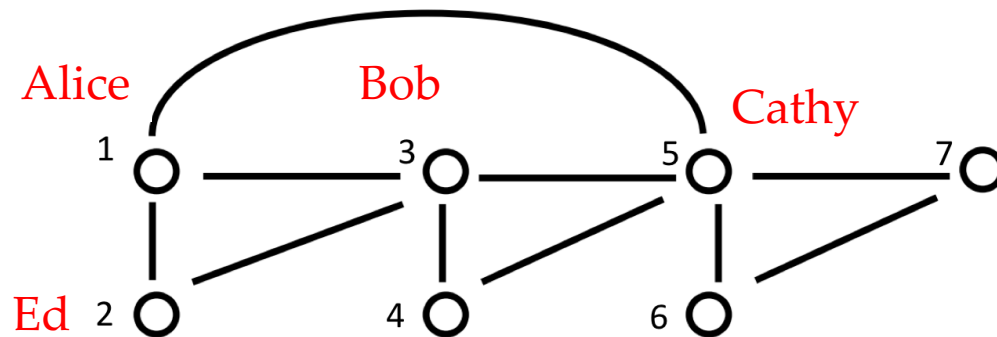
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- Alice and Cathy know that only Bob has sent emails to both of them → node 3: Bob

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- Alice has sent emails to Bob, Cathy, and Ed only
→ node 2: Ed

Attacks using Background Knowledge

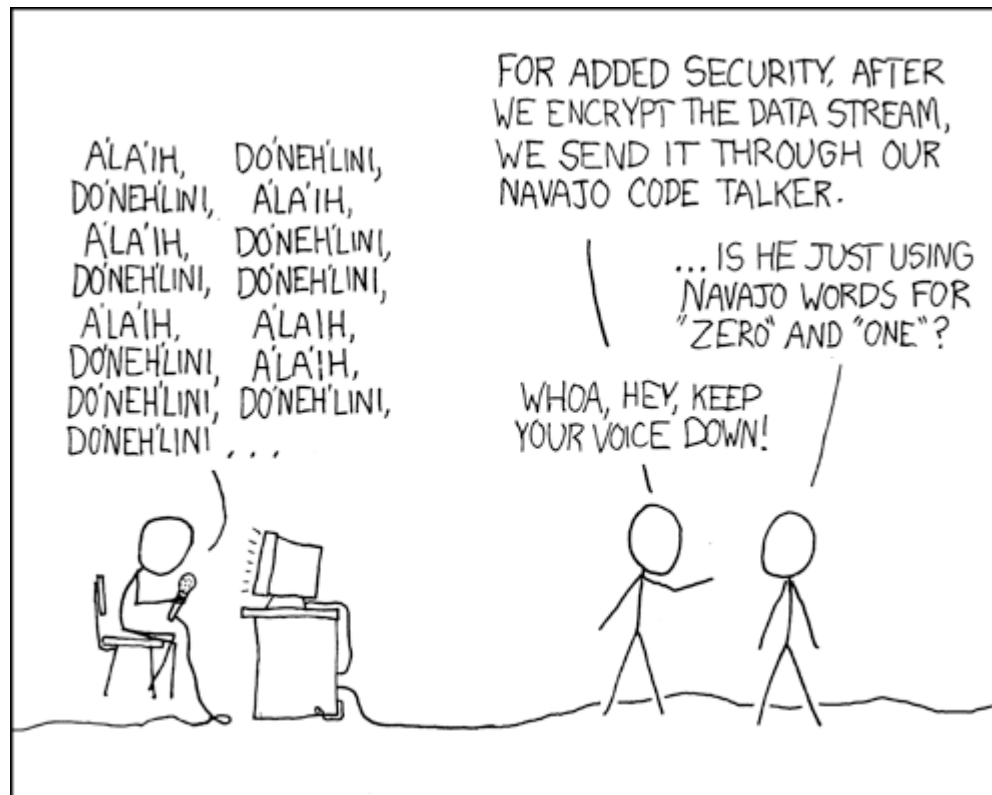
- Degrees of nodes [Liu and Terzi, SIGMOD 2008]
- The network structure, e.g., a subgraph of the network. [Zhou and Pei, ICDE 2008, Hay et al., VLDB 2008]
- Anonymized graph with labeled nodes [Pang et al., SIGCOMM CCR 2006]

Desiderata for a Privacy Definition

1. Resilience to background knowledge
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Problem 2: Privacy by Obscurity

- Many organizations think their data are private because they perturb the data and make the parameters of perturbation secret.



Problem 2: Privacy by Obscurity

- The email service provider also released perturbed records as per **a linear function**, but with *secret* parameters. What can Alice and Cathy deduce now?

Node ID	Age (perturbed)	True Age
1 (Alice)	40	25
2 (Ed)	34	
3 (Bob)	52	
4	28	
5 (Cathy)	48	29
6	22	
7	92	

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Free Health Care Statistics

HCUPnet is a free, on-line query system based on data from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)

The system provides health care statistics and information for hospital inpatient, emergency department, and ambulatory settings, as well as population-based health care data on counties

Create a New Analysis ? Get Quick Statistics Tables ?

Find out more about HCUP What's new with HCUPnet

The HCUPnet Web site has been redesigned. The new site has a modernized look and feel, a simplified process for querying data, fewer clicks to reach the same information, and more flexibility in changing the content and display of data you are viewing.

Problem 3: Post-processing

- Publishes tables of counts, for counts that are less than 10, they are suppressed as *

Manage Analysis ▾



Analysis Type: Descriptive Statistics **Setting of Care:** Hospital Inpatient **Geographic Settings:** State **Years:** 2009

Categorization Type: Diagnoses--Clinical Classification Software (CCS)

Diagnoses--Clinical Classification Software (CCS): Cancer of ovary **Principal or All-Listed:** Principal

Outcome and Measures: Number

Patient Characteristics: Age groups | Sex | Race/ethnicity | Payer | Location of patient's residence **State:** New Jersey

- Can you tell their values?

Problem 3: Post-processing

Age	#discharges	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/ Pcf Hlnder	Native American	Other	Missing
#discharges	735	535	82	58	18	*	19	22
1-17	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18-44	70	40	13	*	*	*	*	*
45-64	330	236	31	32	*	*	11	*
65-84	298	229	35	13	*	*	*	*
85+	34	29	*	*	*	*	*	*

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45-64	330	236	31	32			1	*
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$$= 535 - (40 + 236 + 229 + 29)$$

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Can Construct Tight Bounds on Rest of Data

[VSJO 13]

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65-84	298	229	35	13	[2-8]	[1]	[2-8]	[4-10]
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 - Post-processing the output of a privacy mechanism must not change the privacy guarantee [KL10, MK15]

Problem 4

- Releasing tables that achieve k-anonymity
 - At least k records share the same quasi-identifier
 - E.g. 4-anonymous table by generalization

	Non-Sensitive			Sensitive
	Zip code	Age	Nationality	Condition
1	130**	<30	*	AIDS
2	130**	<30	*	Heart Disease
3	130**	<30	*	Viral Infection
4	130**	<30	*	Viral Infection
5	130**	≥40	*	Cancer
6	130**	≥40	*	Heart Disease
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9	130**	3*	*	Cancer
10	130**	3*	*	Cancer
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(a)

Problem 4: Multiple Releases

- 2 tables of k-anonymous patient records

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Hospital A (4-anonymous)

	Non-Sensitive			Sensitive
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1	130**	<35	*	AIDS
2	130**	<35	*	Tuberculosis
3	130**	<35	*	Flu
4	130**	<35	*	Tuberculosis
5	130**	<35	*	Cancer
6	130**	<35	*	Cancer
7	130**	≥35	*	Cancer
8	130**	≥35	*	Cancer
9	130**	≥35	*	Cancer
10	130**	≥35	*	Tuberculosis
11	130**	≥35	*	Viral Infection
12	130**	≥35	*	Viral Infection

Hospital B (6-anonymous)

- If Alice visited both hospitals and she is 28, can you deduce Alice's medical condition?

Problem 4: Multiple Releases

- 2 tables of k-anonymous patient records [GKS08]

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3	130**	<30	*	Viral Infection	3	130**	<35	*	Flu
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Hospital A (4-anonymous)

Hospital B (6-anonymous)

- Alice is 28 and she visits both hospitals

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Hospital A (4-anonymous)

Hospital B (6-anonymous)

- 4-anonymity + 6-anonymity \nRightarrow k-anonymity, for any k

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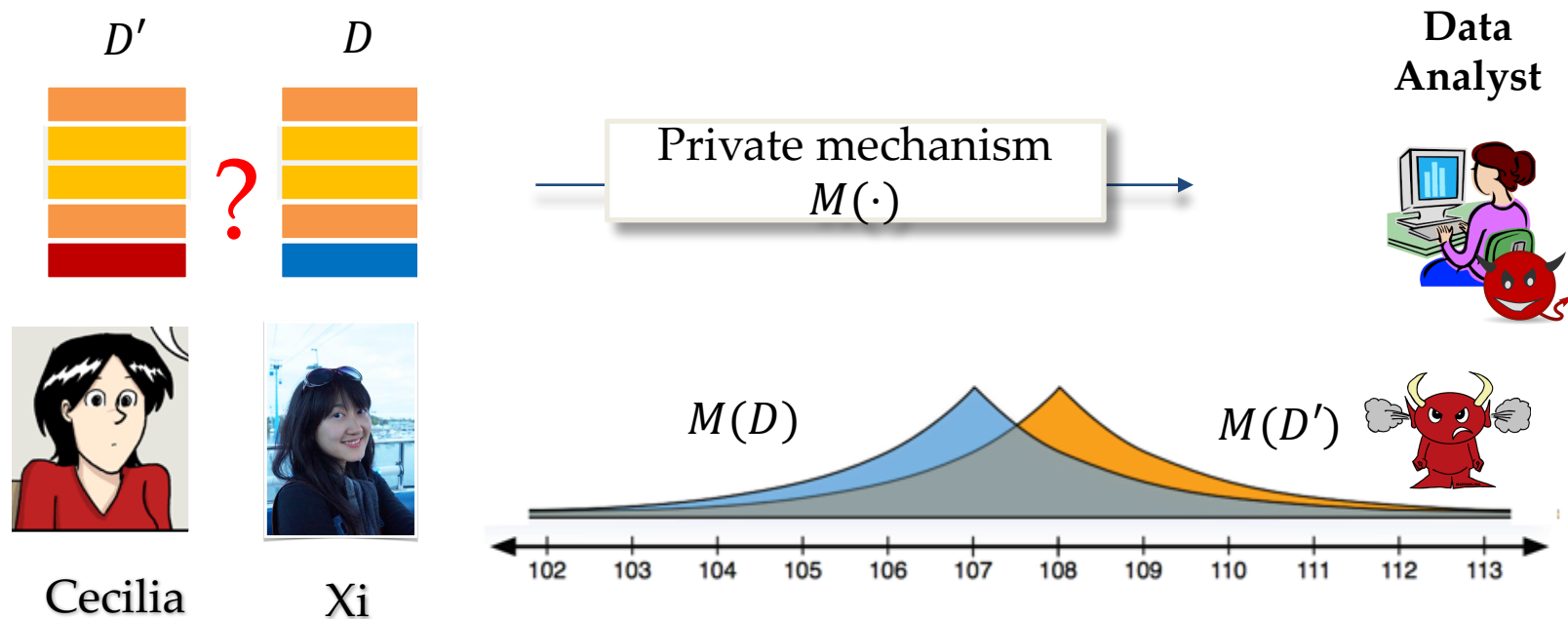
4. Composition over multiple releases

- Allow a graceful degradation of privacy with multiple invocations on the same data [DN03, GKS08]

Differential Privacy

[Dwork06]

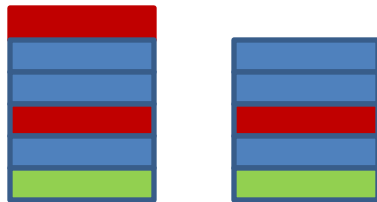
- “An algorithm satisfies differential privacy (DP) if its output is insensitive to adding, removing or changing one record in its input database”



Differential Privacy

[Dwork ICALP 2006]

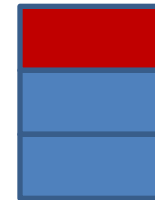
For every pair of inputs
that differ in one row



D_1

D_2

For every output ...

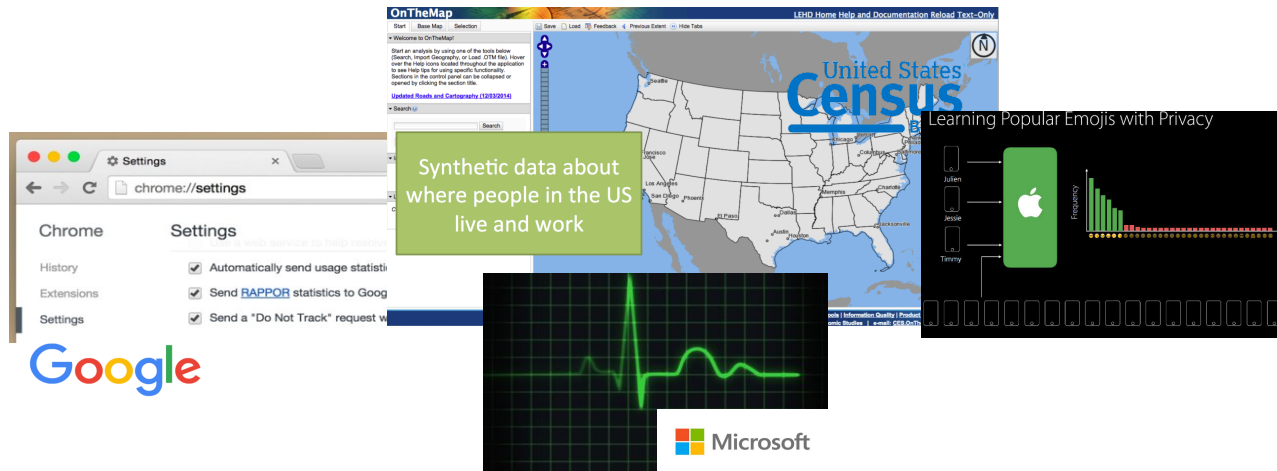


O

Adversary should not be able to distinguish
between any D_1 and D_2 based on any O

$$\ln \left(\frac{\Pr[A(D_1) = o]}{\Pr[A(D_2) = o]} \right) \leq \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

Differential Privacy in Practice



What are the challenges in building practical systems that ensure DP?

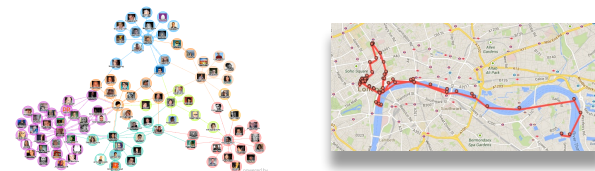
From Theory to Practice



DP mechanisms for
answering linear counting queries
on tabular data

“so many mechanisms, which one to pick?”

“so many definitions, which one to pick?”



“I have my own application,
how to **design my own provable privacy guarantee**
and how to **design mechanism for this guarantee?**”



Patient Table			
PatientID	Name	Age	...
...
p_4	Alice	60	...
...



Diagnosis Table			
PatientID	DoctorID	Timestamp	...
...
p_4	d_2	2017.12.31.9am	...
...

Medication Table			
PatientID	Medication	Timestamp	...
...
p_4	Aspirin	2017.12.31.10am	...
...

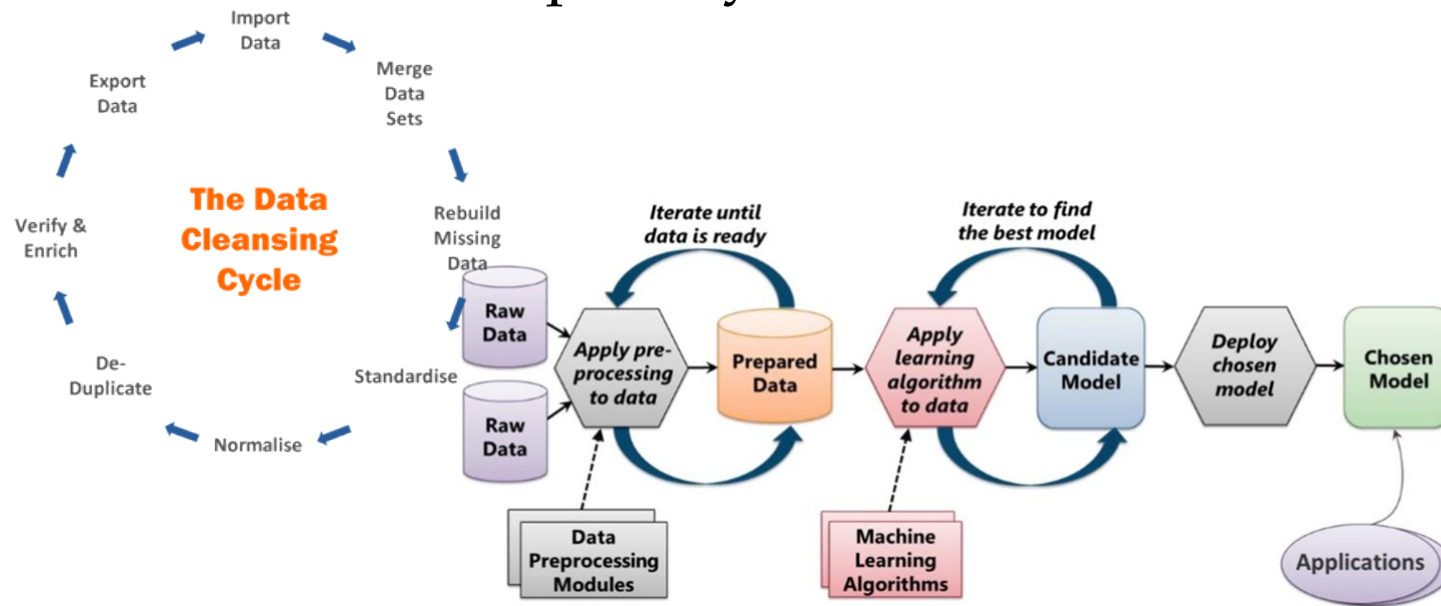
Person				
ID	Sex	Age	...	HID
122	M	40	...	H6
123	F	12	...	H6
124	M	23	...	H7
125	M	26	...	H8
126	F	30	...	H8

Household		
HID	...	Geo
H6	...	CA
H7	...	FL
H8	...	NC



From Theory to Practice

- Complex data processing workflow
 - Data transformation, repairing, integration, etc.
 - How to track privacy loss?



<https://analyticsindiamag.com/get-started-preparing-data-machine-learning/>

<https://devblogs.microsoft.com/premier-developer/yes-or-no-classification-practical-logistic-regression/>

Engineering DP into DB Systems

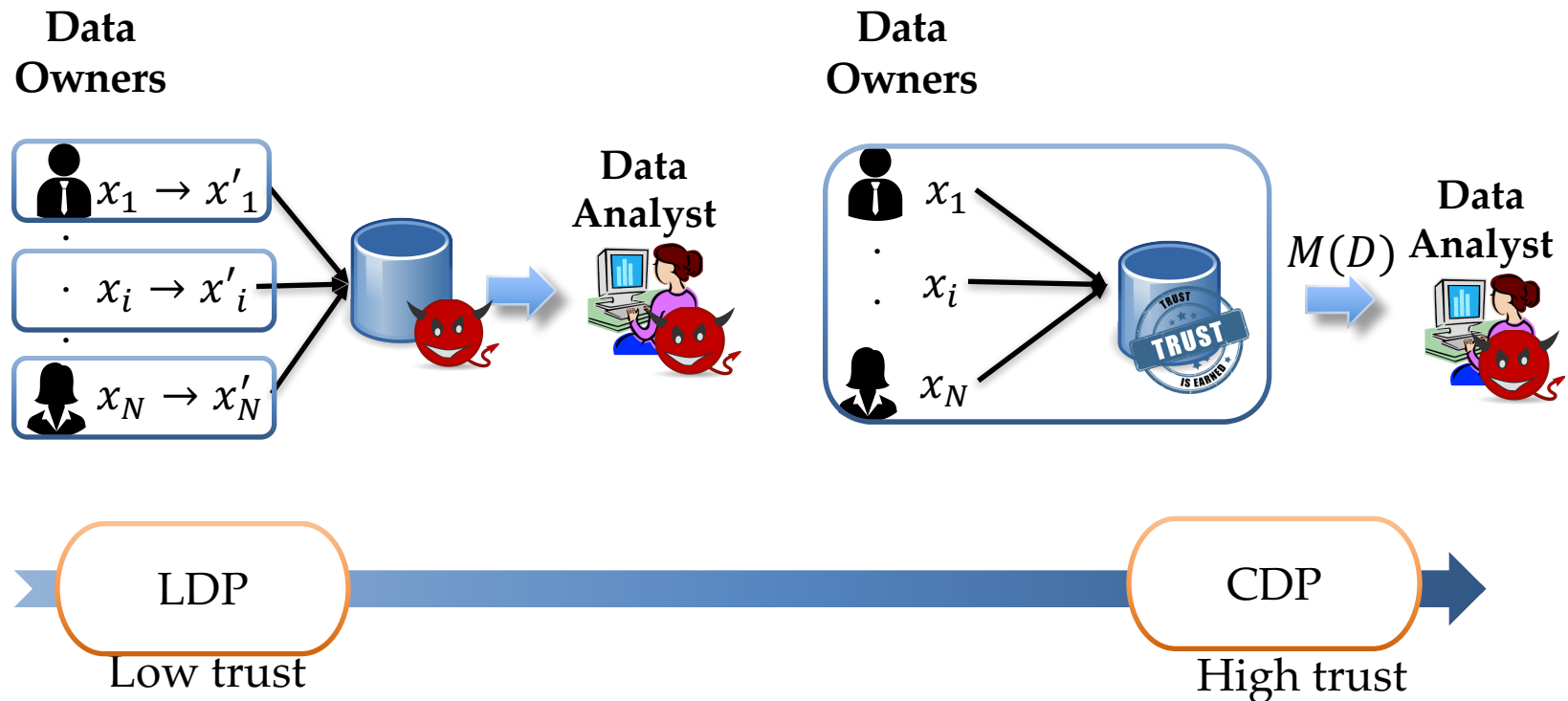
- Existing DP database systems:
 - PINQ, Airavat, Flex(Uber DP), Google DP, PrivateSQL
 - Rule-based sensitivity analysis of a query plan followed by noise addition
 - Handle more types of data and queries
- But face issues:
 - Inflexible and limited privacy semantics
 - Poor utility guarantee for highly sensitive queries (e.g. involving joins)
 - Unbounded privacy loss
 - Inconsistency between answers etc.

More Questions

- How to integrate DP into different DB systems?
 - DP program compiler
 - Logical layer vs. physical layer
 - Static vs. dynamic data
- How to verify the correctness of DP implementations?
 - Side channel attacks [HPN11]
 - Floating point issue [Ilvento20,Mironov12]
 - CheckDP [WDKZ20]
- How to support of other privacy requirements?
 - “Rights to be forgotten” by GDPR

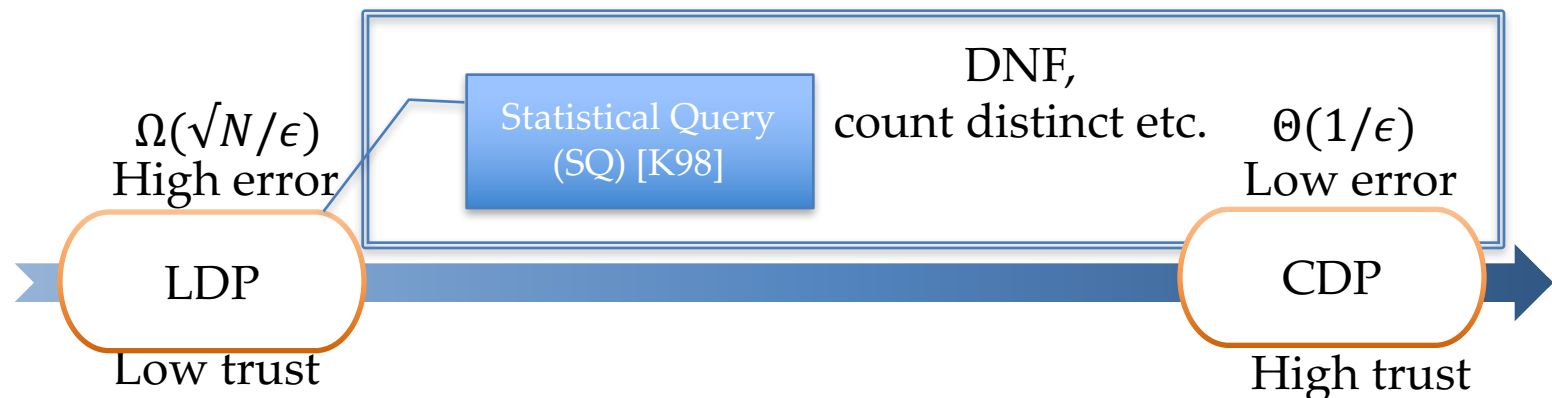
No Trusted Data Curator

- Local DP
 - No trusted data curator
- Centralized DP
 - Trusted data curator



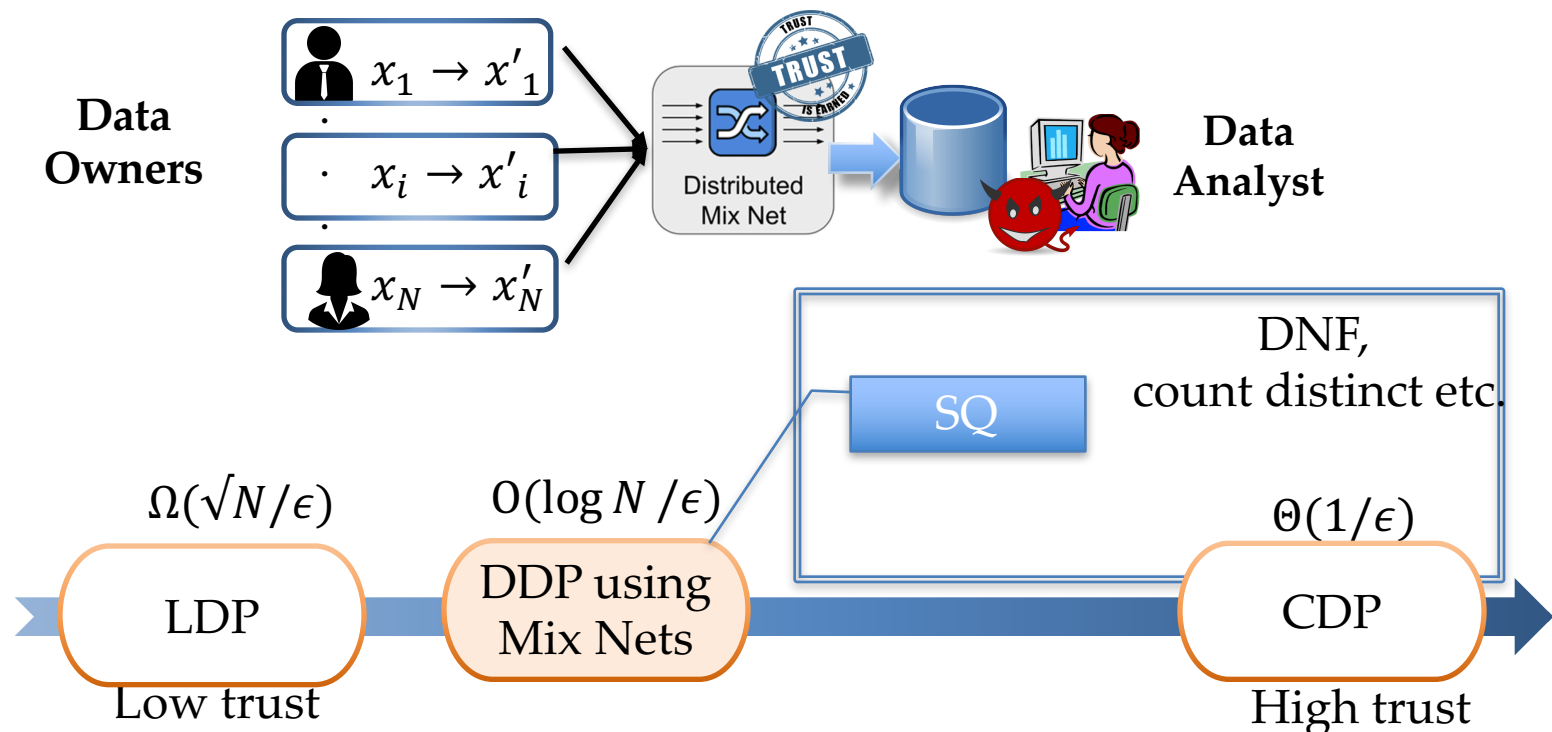
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- Local DP: Less accurate/expressive
 - $\Omega(\sqrt{N}/\epsilon)$ for statistical counting queries, where N is datasize
 - Separation results between the accuracy and sample complexity of LDP and CDP [KLNRS08]
 - E.g. disjunctive normal form (DNF) queries



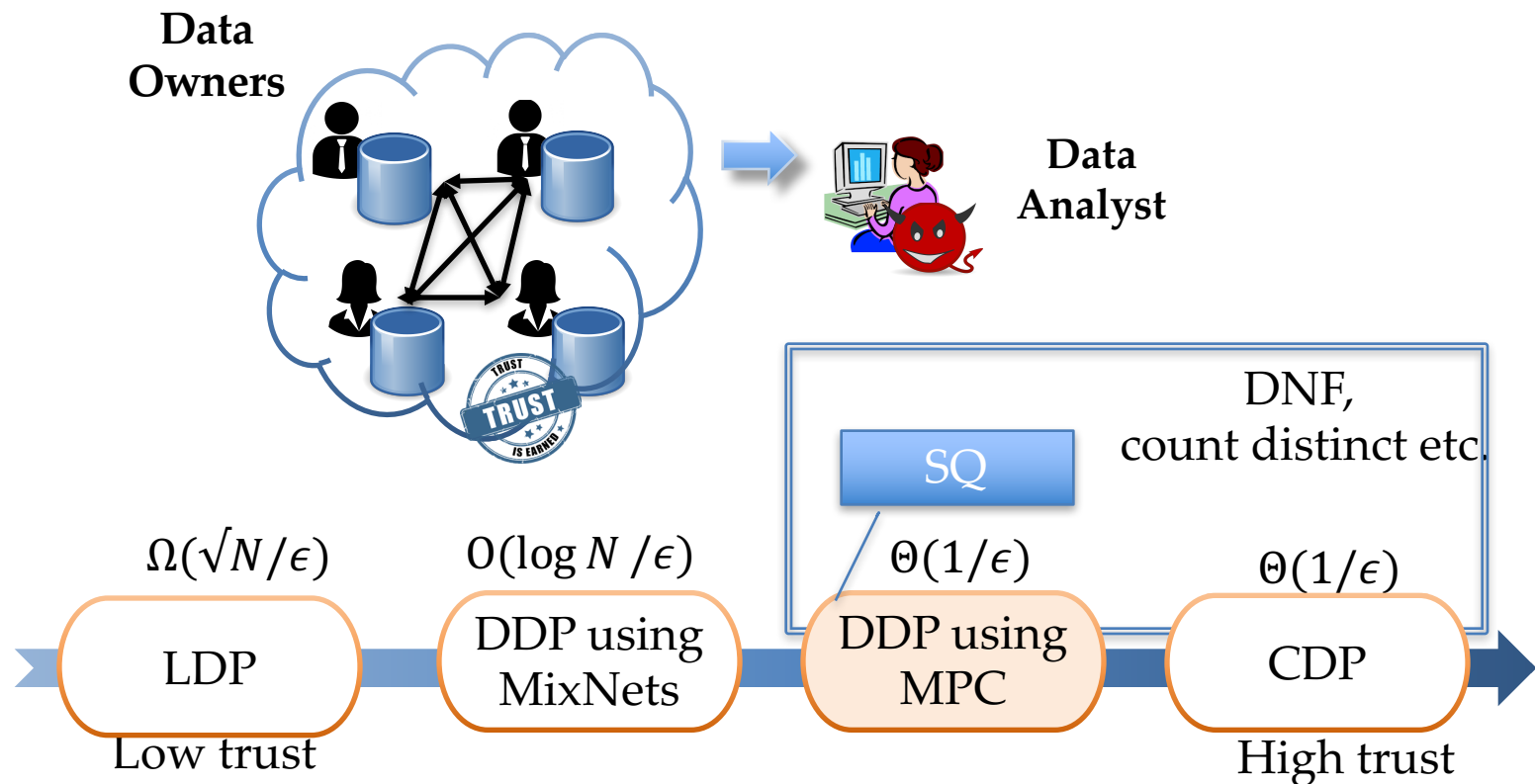
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- Trusted anonymous communication channels
[BEMMRLRKTS17, CSUZZ18, EFMRTT19, BBGN19]



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- Trusted multi-party secure computation (MPC)
[NH12, BEEGKR17, AHKM18]



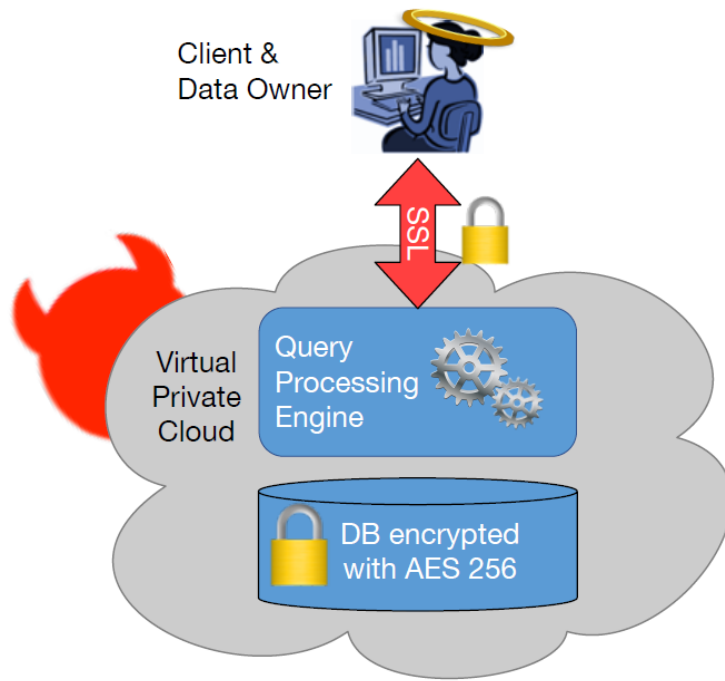
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- The issues in the centralized setting all remain
- Optimization becomes more complex
 - Privacy, computation and communication cost, query expressiveness and accuracy
 - Hard-coded compiler
- Security/privacy proofs becomes even trickier
 - Even for stand-alone crypto/DP mechanisms [EUROCRYPT 2006, VLDB17]
 - Hybrid approach is vulnerable to faulty proofs [CCS17]
- Additional integrity concerns (storage, query evaluation)
 - Malicious participants who do not follow the protocol

Cloud Service Provider

- Simply encrypted data may do?

What could go wrong?



- Storage: National Security Letter compels service provider to decrypt data
- Query processing: insider threat sees data-dependent query traces and result sizes
- Client side: rogue user systematically queries DB to deduce its private contents

Approaches & Issues

- Improve performance:
 - Property-preserving Encryption
 - Use of secure hardware (TEE)
- Be careful ...
 - Improper use of these techniques still leak info [GSBNR16, WCPZWBTG17]
 - How can DP help in this setting?

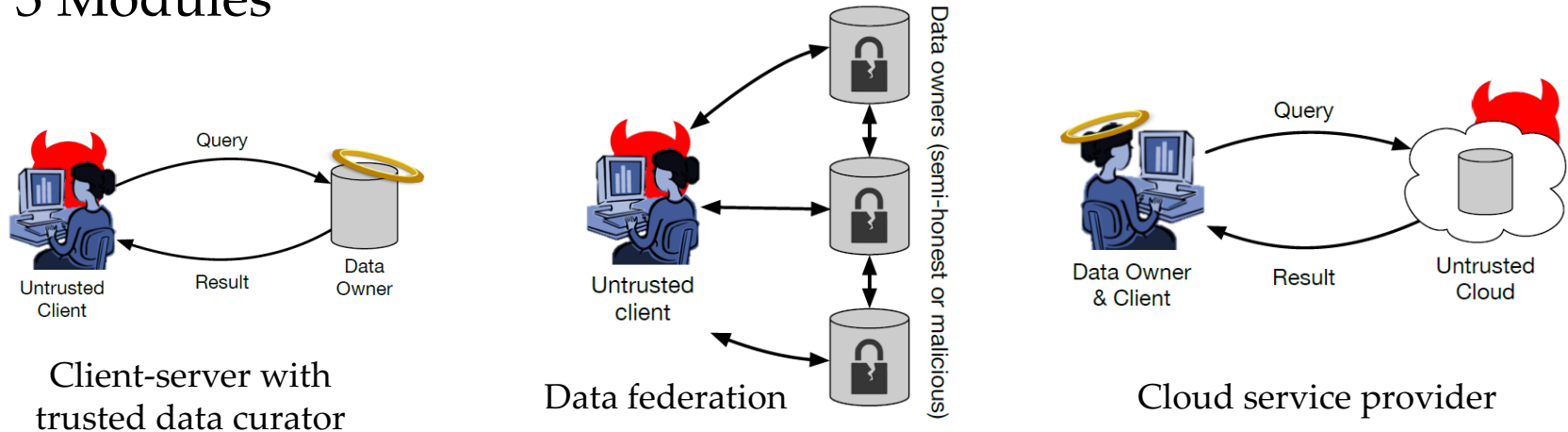
Summary

Privacy Guarantees	Centralized Setting (Client-server)	Federated Setting (Data federation)	Cloud Setting (Cloud service provider)
Input Data	Differential privacy		N/A
Query Evaluation	N/A	Local DP, Secure communication, computation, Encryption, TEE	
Queries	N/A	Private function evaluation	Private information retrieval

- Existing S&P solutions are piecemeal – they addresses specific steps in the DBMS workflow
- Usually require multiple PhD-level experts to deploy them
- When deployed, their apps are almost always hard-coded
- Composing these techniques is non-trivial

Course Format

- 3 Modules



- Each module consists of
 - 1 live/video lecture by the instructor on foundations, classic systems, and related work
 - 1 mini-assignment based on the content of the lecture (offline)
 - 6 paper readings
 - 2-3 live sessions for lecture discussion and student paper presentations

Misc. course info

- **Grading**
 - 3 mini-assignments (individual) 15%
 - 10 paper reviews 10%
 - 1 paper presentation 15%
 - Class participation 10%
 - Project: 50%
- **Website:** <https://cs.uwaterloo.ca/~xihe/cs848>
 - Schedule (with links to lecture slides, readings, projects, etc.)
- **LEARN** for recorded videos, submission and grades
 - <https://learn.uwaterloo.ca/d2l/home/633169>
- **Piazza** for questions and discussion

Announcement

- Paper reading assignment survey will be sent soon, please fill it asap, so that students who are presenting in Week 3 will have sufficient time to prepare
- The first round of paper reviews is due before the first paper presentation (Jan 25th, Monday)

Academic Integrity

- See course website
- Mini-assignments and paper reviews are individual work and submission
- Group discussion okay (and encouraged), but
 - Acknowledge help you receive from others
 - Make sure you “own” your solution
- All suspected cases of violation will be aggressively pursued

Next Lecture: Centralized Setting

- We will focus on
 - PINQ
 - Laplace mechanism
 - Global sensitivity analysis of a query plan
 - Flex
 - Sensitivity analysis of query plans with joins
 - Smooth sensitivity mechanism
 - DP under the fire
 - Timing attacks
 - Other related work

Discussion Time

