

A Policy Based Infrastructure for Social Data Access with Privacy Guarantees

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Motivation

- ❖ Emergence of social networks of various types where users want to share data yet retain control
- ❖ Large amounts of user data are held behind the vaults of large corporations due to legal requirements
- ❖ Researchers need access to these datasets to study user patterns and other trends

Problem Statement

Build a data sharing framework for scientific research while guaranteeing and enforcing user privacy preferences

Proposed Solution

A policy based infrastructure which

- ❖ Allows users to specify who can access data and its acceptable use
- ❖ Introduces additional access modes to control the amount of information that is released by exploiting emerging privacy preserving data analysis techniques

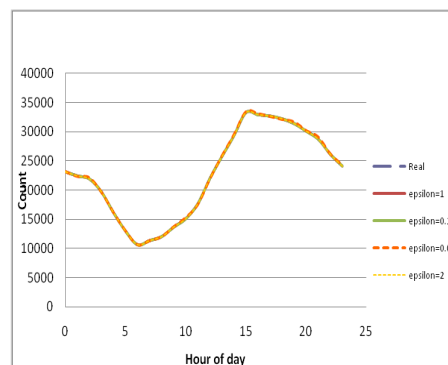
Complete Access



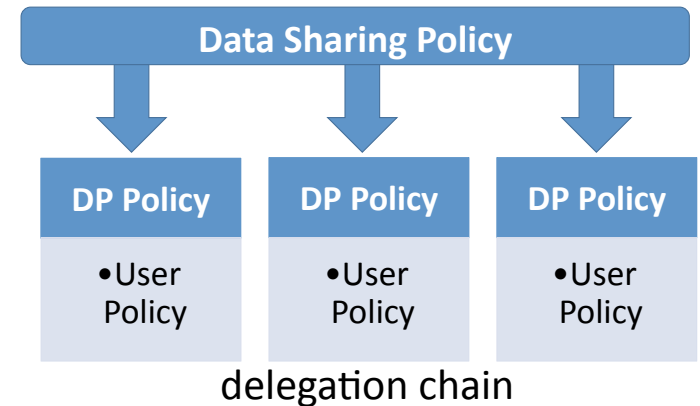
Abstract Access



Statistical Access



Policy Infrastructure



Implementation and Evaluation

- ❖ Prototype implemented using SecPAL
- ❖ Create new verbs from purpose and access mode
Emergency + Complete Access => EmergencyCompleteAccess
- ❖ Modified census dataset from UCI
 - manually generated ID and salary
- ❖ Abstract access on age returns age group, viz. 30-40
- ❖ Statistical access implemented using differential privacy