Blown to Bits Chapter 2 Questions

This chapter describes the various ways in which our personal privacy is compromised by the digital explosion.

# **Reading Questions:**

Keep these questions in mind as you read [chapter 2](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bitsbook.com%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2008%2F12%2FB2B_3.pdf&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFTtpTKxvdB8j0hqP0ObkX57teQuQ). For each question, write a short answer in your portfolio. Don't worry if you think you don't know the right answer. Just give it your best shot. Create a page called *Blown to Bits Chapter 2* under the *Homework* category on your ***Portfolio*** and post your answers to these questions on that page. You can revise your answers after we discuss this reading in class.

***Questions for pages 19-55***

***Short answer:***

1. What is an RFID tag and what does it do?
2. What is an EDR and what does it do?
3. Is it possible to identify someone, perhaps a patient, knowing just his or her gender, birth date, and zip code? Explain.
4. What is the difference between "big brotherism" and "little brotherism"?

***Free Response*:**

1. How do you feel about “Big Brother” watching you? Do you think having security cameras everywhere is good or bad?
2. Is the Privacy Act effective? Explain.
3. “The digital explosion has scattered the bits of our lives everywhere: records of the clothes we wear, the soaps we wash with, the streets we walk, and the cars we drive and where we drive them.” (pg 20) In 1 or 2 paragraphs, address the question 'Am I worried about my privacy? Why or Why not?’

***Bonus Questions (may require additional reading)***

1. How do “we leave digital footprints and fingerprints?” Do you think this is important for everyone to know? Why or why not?
2. How has the social evolution affected privacy? Consider social networking.
3. What are our responsibilities as app developers with data that is gathered from the apps we create?
4. Search the web for a recent news story that deals with privacy. Write a paragraph.