

## Section 2 Introduction

Welcome to Section 2! Things are finally going to **\*KICK\*** kick off, and it's time to learn some new stuff. If you're going through this course, you're going to fall into a few categories: *You could be a beginner who is learning about all of this for the first time. Maybe you understand the basics but need to learn more advanced techniques, or maybe you are advanced and just trying to make sure you're doing the right stuff. Well the best place to start is to look in the mirror, What does your digital life look like? How is it mapped out and what stains are on your mirror? This is known as your digital footprint, or your digital identity, digital life, there are lots of names for this.* Essentially it is how much information that is tied to you on the internet. *Some of you have publicly accessible passwords you don't know about, and some of you have your entire life downloadable in a profile online.* This would be a very large and extensive digital footprint, which you don't want, but unfortunately many of you have.

So what do we do? Sadly, there's no single website that quantifiably tells you how good or bad your footprint is, but section 2 will teach you how to personally evaluate your footprint, as well as how to make it as small as possible. In general, the younger you are, the easier this is going to be. *You're going to have less emails, less websites you've signed up for, less companies you've applied to,* but this isn't necessarily the case for everybody.

So without further adieu, let's start *section 2 with 'Minimalism'.*