The Power of Personal Data

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# 1 Discussion

[Target 10,000 words]

In this chapter we bring together the findings of chapters 4&5 and the insights/learnings/ideas from Chapter 6, to answer the research question and conclude the thesis.

## 1.1 Contribution

[Target X words]

Probably needs a better title but in this section i essentially synthesise the whole thesis to make its specific contributions crystal clear:

* Understandings of people’s thinking about data
* Models for thinking about data, human-data interaction and data within relationships
* Practical techniques for taking power - and their limitations

## 1.2 Answering the Research Question

[Target X words]

In short, people need to see, understand, ask questions of their data, and use it, in the context of their own lives.

### 1.2.1 People need to see and understand their data

[Target X words]

* Access
* Legibility
* Meaningfulness
* effectiveness
* Exploration, orienteering, Associativity

### 1.2.2 People need to be able to ask questions of their data

[Target X words]

* who/why/where/what/when
* provenance
* errors
* completeness
* Reflection - more complex questions

### 1.2.3 People need to be able use their data in the context of their lives

[Target X words]

* Whose data is it
* Data as a usable resource for individuals (actually, as information, not data)
* Overcoming platform independence and silos
* Modelling the world and its challenges - mental models and fuzziness

## 1.3 Conclusion/Future Work

[Target X words]

Wrapping up everything in a few simple paragraphs and making recommendations for the future (research wise, whereas c6 focussed more on the practical). Talk about positioning digital civics wise.

# Bibliography