Corona Network

Anonymous contact tracing and social distancing

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Abstract: The **Corona Network** is a decentralized system to aid in social distancing during the Coronavirus pandemic. It helps keeping an account of physical contacts and tracking suspected and confirmed infections across your friend circle. The goal is to act as an early warning system to self-isolate and to omit meeting potential carriers.

The Corona Network was designed from the ground up for anonymity and privacy. Data is stored exclusively on your mobile device and shared directly, end-to-end encrypted, with your approved contacts and events. Network connectivity is tumbled across the globe, anonymizing even your metadata. There is no cloud, no server, no tracking! Neither the authors, nor any other party can derive any data about you.

Source code is available for public scrutiny at https://github.com/coronanet. Note, the code is made available for verification. You are not granted a license to reuse it!

Introduction

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- Philosophy: decentralized vs. centrally orchestrated (GDPR, health data, data processing and storage laws, etc)
- Competing approaches: bluetooth and other wireless beacons (tracking vulnerability)

Social network

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- Non-necessity of central coordination
- Eventual consistency data model

Event graph

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- Events as spacial and temporal links between participants
- Participants and cross-time link between events
- Automatic infection status cascading

Cryptography and identities

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- Permanent account identities and rotating discovery addresses
- Event identities and addresses, participant pseudonyms

Networking and routing

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- Tor onion routing and tornet networking
- Servers, clients and P2P overlays

Mobile application

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• rn-coronanet

Disclaimer

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- Can only aid to detect infection risk, cannot prove non-risk
- Is deliberate anonymization good in this case?