

Privacy in Multiple On-line Social Networks – Re-identification and Predictability

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This software demonstrates how overlapping Online Social Networks can affect user privacy. The full paper will be published soon and will be made available:

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The main github repository, "**OverlappingOSNsUserPrivacy**", contains three Java projects:

- **IdentifyCrossSAN**
- **SplitSAN**
- **InformationGainReal3**

which correspond to the empirical Sections 5.2 (Re-identification using a Set-theoretical Approach) and 5.3 (Predictive Modeling Approach using SAN Metrics) of the paper, respectively.

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InformationGainReal3

This program essentially preprocesses the raw graph data (structure in one file and data one record per user) for its use in Weka to predict based on different dependent/independent attribute combinations. First it inputs the graph into an appropriate data structure, then it calculates the SAN metrics, and then creates the flags which indicate if a user has or not a given attribute. This file is then output to disc and is used as input to Weka in which we used the J48 rule induction algorithm and SVM-SMO algorithm to build supervised models. Models were built for different combinations of metrics/predictors.

The main input files are "SEP4.csv" and "ATTRIBDATA.csv".