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Personal Data Reflection

I have used data every day of this week, and I am aware that my data is being leaked out for every website I use. I didn't sign up for any emails this week. When I went on gaming websites, I did not give them my name, home address, and email address. Wherever I checked my emails, when it asked me to enter my personal information like my address, email, and name, I did not because I think it is a scam email and I don't want to risk having my data leaked out. This week I didn't sign up for any subscription emails, because I didn't want to get unwanted messages. I frequently used public wifi. I also used my private wifi and because of this people and myself were able to recognize my freedom, it signaled that I am responsible for myself. It allowed me to isolate myself from the world and be more creative, intellectual and spiritual. I perceived my right to privacy when I used private wifi. Based on utilitarianism, I was on my best behavior when I used public wifi. I didn't do anything negative or inappropriate when using public wifi. but instead I studied. I didn't cyber stalk other people on social media, when I was texting my friends on social media. Since I didn't cyberstalk anyone on social media I followed the social contract. The platforms I used Google Docs and YouTube collected data on my usage patterns. including the time spent on documents, videos watched, and ad interactions, which can be linked back to me.I felt more conscious of the information you share and how it can be tracked. The IP Address and Port Number of the computer can be tracked through public records. Virtue ethics encourages me to act responsibly by being cautious about where and how I'm sharing my data. My interaction with my peers can reflect trustworthiness. When I use online services, I am

entering into an agreement with those services. I provide data in exchange for access to their platforms. The exchange of data should be fair for me and the platforms I'm using, if the company shares my data, they are violating my privacy. When I applied for a job, I entered personal details like my email and physical address while applying for jobs. When I used LinkedIn, it led to more data sharing and visibility to third parties. I am more cautious about providing personal details, I only share it when it's necessary such as when applying for a job, because I need the job for money and to be successful. The companies asked for my consent for my data being shared when applying and I said no, and because of this kantian ethics wasn't violated. Many of the websites I went to had cookies on them to provide security and prevent some data gathering. When I went on my phone it always asked me for a face id and because of this face id, I was able to log into my phone. The tracking by educational platforms, email providers, and social media can make me feel invasive, which can be considered unethical. Kantian ethics also makes sure my data is treated properly and is safe. Many of the mobile apps I used had ads on them and because they had ads on them I was more aware of whether or not to click the link on those ads. I did not click the link on those ads, which kept my device from being safe. I am also aware that google can track how long I have been on a website for and because of this I limit the amount of time I am on google. I would likely take steps to protect their privacy, such as using secure networks or being selective with the information shared online. The websites should respect my privacy if I want to use the website otherwise I won't use the website. I feel that my digital privacy can be violated sometimes depending on the website I go to. I would change so many things about how I would interact with technology, whenever something on the internet asks for my email address or any person information like my physical address I would evaluate how important that website is for me, if it is for applying for a job then

I would give, if it is asking for my financial information, I wouldn't give it. I am unable to log my Saturday activity because I'm not going to be home all day on saturday. I was very surprised by the amount of data that websites were tracking. Before taking this class I didn't know how my data was being tracked and didn't even know if it is being tracked at all by different websites. I ended up sharing a good amount of data, but not too much data.