EMCS2210: Privacy and Personal Data Protection

Assignment: Tie-In to CCP for Module 5

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My CCP is hacking experiment, one designed to find holes in the CFAA. As part of my hacking experimentation I have been trying to find people who are revealing their personal data in public. One of the consistent low hanging fruit has been people wearing their name RFID badges in public. With very little effort I have taken the picture of people displaying their full name, photograph, place of employment and even collected data from their RFID / NFC enabled badges because I set up a RFID / NFC reader on my person > When they brush up against me on the BART train they transfer that information to me, since they are negligently wearing their badge in a way that can easily be compromised. Did I “steal” their personal information or is the protection voided since they are wearing it openly in public. This will be a good discussion I am sure for the CCP and in class.