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+ \item \textbf{Active vs Passive Collection} - Active collection is where the data collection process involves the active participation from the study subjects. In passive data collection, no such participation is required. For example, a web form based survey is an active data collection process while a script collecting data on user's data on a website is passive. This shall not be confused with primary and secondary data where the difference is mainly due to who collects the data from the source.

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+ \item \textbf{Anonymisation and Pseudonymisation } - The act of removing personal or identifiable information from the data. For example, removing the names and date of birth of people in a dataset. Anonymisation could be carried out in various ways two most popular approaches are generalisation and perturbation. Pseudonymisation is similar but the personally identifiable data is substituted with artificial identifier. The difference between them is that in anonymisation the personal information is permanently purged and there is no way of getting the information back. De-anonymisation is the reverse process of getting personal identifiable data from anonymised data.

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+ \item \textbf{Big Data} - Generally defined as data which could not be handled with regularly used tools and techniques. There are more nuanced definitions of big data depending on the dimension, context and industry. These concepts are discussed in detail in Section \ref{section:toolkit}.

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+ \item \textbf{Bluetooth} - Short wavelength, low energy, short range wireless technology used for transferring data between electronic devices. They are generally used by mobile devices to connect to peripherals.

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+ \item \textbf{CDRC} - The Consumer Data Research Center is an investment from Economic Social Research Center, UK for working with consumer-related organisations to open up their data resources to trusted researchers thus enabling them to carry out important social and economic research.

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+ \item \textbf{Cellular/Mobile Network} - Terrestrial, long range and wireless network which provides connectivity to mobile devices embedded in them. Most commonly used to denote the networks that provides telephony and internet services to mobile devices using radio waves.

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+ \item \textbf{Cryptographic Hashing} - This is the process of transforming a variable set of characters or contents of a file into a fixed length string (checksum). The process is usually one way and is not reversible without a rainbow attack using a database of checksums of all possible values. This is generally used for storing user passwords and to verify the integrity/ authenticity of data. In this thesis hashing functions are used for the purpose of anonymisaiton

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+ \item \textbf{Data Partner} - Local Data Company - the organisation which developed the Smart Street Sensor project in conjunction with CDRC. The organisation is solely responsible for the design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of the Smart Street Sensors.

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+ \item \textbf{Device Fingerprinting} - This is the process of identifying devices through forensic analysis. This commonly used to identify users from data collected by operational websites. This commonly done through identifying unique configurations of the devices such as screen sizes, versions of software installed, etc. In this thesis fingerprinting is used to denote such processes where unique devices are identified from randomised data.

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+ \item \textbf{Encryption} - This is the process of converting a information into unintelligible format using an algorithm (cipher) to prevent unauthorised access. The process is two way since the resulting cipher-text can be decrypted to restore information. The most common methods used is a public-key based encryption scheme known as 'Diffie Hellman key exchange'.

+ \item \textbf{Footfall} - Number of people at a given location at a give time. In this thesis the term is used synonymous to footfall at a high street - which is only the pedestrians walking along the particular sidewalk of the high street and does not include people on the carriage way in vehicles.

+ \item \textbf{High Street} - The primary business street in a town or a local area where most shops and commercial activity are located. This term is often used to contrast and distinguish from 'Shopping centers' which are large designated areas earmarked for retail activity exclusively.

+ \item \textbf{Localisation} - Though localisation could mean both GSM localisation and indoor positioning where the location of a device is indirectly derived from other information, in this thesis localisation is used mainly in the context of indoor positioning of mobile devices using techniques other than GPS. The localisation of objects is often relative to each other or to an object with an established position.

+ \item \textbf{Location, Sensor and Install} - In this thesis and the Smart Street Sensor project, 'location' refers to a physical or geographic location in United Kingdom, 'sensor' denotes the electronic equipment used to collect data and 'install' refers to the time when a particular sensor was operating from a particular location.

+ \item \textbf{Mobile Device} - A portable computing device such as a smartphone or tablet computer. This also includes wearables and other devices which have computing hardware and can operate independently of another device.

+ \item \textbf{Personally Identifiable Information} - Any data that could potentially identify a specific individual. Any information that can be used to distinguish one person from another and can be used for de-anonymizing anonymous data can be considered personally identifiable information. In this thesis, the Media Access Control address is considered as sensitive personally identifiable information.

+ \item \textbf{Positioning} - Positioning is the measurement of the absolute position (coordinates) of an object with reference to the earth. This is usually achieved through the use of Global Positioning System or similar systems.

+ \item \textbf{Probe Request} - This is a special signal broadcast by Wi-Fi enabled mobile devices to elicit a response (probe response) from Wi-Fi access points which can receive them. The primary purpose of the probe request is to enumerate the available Wi-Fi networks and there can also be secondary purposes such as indoor positioning.

+ \item \textbf{Real-time} - This is highly subjective concept which could be defined as the phenomena which occurs sufficiently immediately. In this thesis real-time is used to describe data which is collected within an hour after the event has occurred.

+ \item \textbf{Sensor Configuration} - The way the sensor is installed at a particular location. This includes the this includes the position of the sensor in terms of height and depth, the material of shopfront etc.

+ \item \textbf{Signal, Noise} - 'Signal' is used to denote the data received from devices which are within study area and 'Noise' to denote the data from devices outside the study area.

+ \item \textbf{Smart Street Sensor Project} - This project is a comprehensive study of live footfall patterns across Great Britain using 1,000 Wi-Fi based sensors located in high streets across 81 towns and cities across the country Smart Street Sensor is a Raspberry Pi based sensor designed and manufactured by the Data partner which collects data for the project.

+ \item \textbf{Wi-Fi} - A family of medium range radio technologies based on the IEEE 802.11 family of standards which are generally used for wireless local area networking between devices.

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+The motivation for the research began with the collection of the Wi-Fi probe
requests at a national level within the 'Smart Street Sensors' (SSS) project.
+The primary objective of the project was to develop a business venture providing
quantitative data on footfall to retailers across the country.
+This research was initially designed to supplement the above project by exploring
the possibility of validating the data collection methodology and understanding
the uncertainties and biases present in them.
+It was also designed to explore methods and analyses which provide insights and
value to the retailers from the base footfall volumes.
+As discussed in the previous section, the preliminary analysis of the data
collected revealed two major problems areas.
+First is the need to improve the accuracy of the footfall estimation by
circumventing the MAC randomisation process and the second is the need to protect
the privacy of user by developing methods that neither reverse engineer nor
collect any personal data.
+With these two challenges in mind, the primary question posed for the research is
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putting the privacy of users at risk?"
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+Contrary to regular methodology, where the research starts from the question,
moves to a literature search, data collection, analysis and finally discussion and
conclusions, this research starts from the availability of large comprehensive
national level dataset.
+This research starts from this dataset, studies both the data and literature
surrounding it in detail, finds gaps, problems and unanswered questions in the
field, the tries to solve or answer them.
+In this pursuit of understanding the nature of the data that were available
without using personal data of users, the research also devises and conducts
series of controlled experiments which provides valuable insight into improving
the method that could be used for improving the estimation of people or footfall
around the sensors.
+The effectiveness of the methodology was also tested using various sets of
manually collected data on footfall information at sample locations.
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- -There have been studies on looking at people distribution as granular as queue lengths as discussed by \citep{wang2013} to city level dynamic population mapping where the limitations of traditional datasets generated through censuses and surveys \cite{deville2014}.
- +In terms of scale, there have been studies on looking at distribution of people at a highly granular level such as queue lengths \cite[-5.5cm]{wang2013} as well as broader level such as cities \cite{deville2014}.
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- $\mbox{@@} -144 \ +144 \ \mbox{@@}$ With this background we can see that Wi-Fi provides a fair middle ground between
- -Since the network infrastructure is distributed and deployed for Internet it offers near complete coverage, is very resilient, and can encapsulate and reinforce civic space in cities \cite{torrens2008}.
- +Since the network infrastructure is distributed and deployed for Internet it offers more coverage than most of the technologies discussed except or cellular network. It is also very resilient and can encapsulate and reinforce civic space in cities \cite[-2cm]{torrens2008}.
- $\mbox{00} 146 + 146 \mbox{00}$ Since the network infrastructure is distributed and deployed for Internet it off
- -Though Wi-Fi is a location less technology, there are reliable methods to triangulate the location of the device by the signal strength and the known

locations of APs \citep{he2003, moore2004, lamarca2005, dinesh2017, lin2018}.
+Though Wi-Fi is a location less technology, there are reliable methods to
trilaterate the location of the device by the signal strength and the locations of
APs known through either targeted surveys or crowdsourced volunteer effort
\citep{he2003, moore2004, lamarca2005, dinesh2017, lin2018}.

- ${\tt @@-148+148}$ ${\tt @@}$ This can overcome the usual shortcoming of GPS, which struggles for precision an
- -Utilising this, we can easily and quickly estimate trajectories of the mobile devices just using the Wi-Fi communication the device has with multiple known APs \citep{xu2013}.
- +Utilising this, we can easily and quickly estimate trajectories of the mobile devices just using the Wi-Fi communication the device has with multiple known APs $\left(-4cm\right]\left(xu2013\right)$.
- ${\tt @@-152}$ +152 ${\tt @@}$ It can also be used in transportation planning and management to estimate travel
- -Being a general network protocol designed to be used by mobile devices, Wi-Fi devices relay a range of public signals known as probe request frames on regular intervals throughout its operation, for the purpose of connecting and maintaining a reliable and secure connection for the mobile device \citep{freud2015}.

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- 00-156,2+156,2 00 These device/user fingerprinting techniques are demonstrated by \citep{franklin2}
- -Using the semantic information present in these probe requests it is possible to understand the nature of these users at a large scale \citep{di2016}.

 -Using the received signal strengths from pre placed devices we can monitor the presence and movement of entities that are not even carrying a Wi-Fi enabled device \citep{elgohary2013}.
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- $@@ -162 \ +162 \ @@$ Since MAC randomisation is not a perfect solution \citep{mathieucunche2016} ther
- -The methods used are decomposition of OUIs where detailed device model information is estimated by analysing an already known dataset of OUIs \citep{martin2016}; Scrambler attack where a small part of the physical layer specification for Wi-Fi is used \citep{bloess12015}; and finally, the timing attack where the packet sequence information present in the probe request frame is used \citep{matte2016, chenq2016}.
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- $\mbox{\tt @Q}$ -167 +166,0 $\mbox{\tt @Q}$ Similar to GPS data this can be used as an additional control layer for interpol
- -A comparison of various approaches was done through experiments on a telecom operator dataset, where it was showed that using network-driven mobile phone location data is more advantageous compared to the widely used event-driven ones\cite[-3cm]{pinelli2015}.

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@@ -13 +13 @@ Table \ref{table:literature:technologies} summarises the above
discussion to eva
        Coverage & Local & City & All & Local & All\\
        Coverage* & Local & City & All & Local & All\\
@@ -15 +15 @@ Table \ref{table:literature:technologies} summarises the above
discussion to eva
        Certainty & Very Low & High & Medium & High & Medium \\
         Certainty* & Very Low & High & Medium & High & Medium \\
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discussion to eva
        Intrusiveness & Low & Medium & High & High & Medium \\
         Intrusiveness* & Low & Medium & High & High & Medium \\
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discussion to eva
         Granularity & Very Low & Very High & Medium & High & High \\
         Granularity* & Very Low & Very High & Medium & High & High \\
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discussion to eva
         Ease of Collection & Medium & Low & Medium & Low & High \\
         Ease of Collection* & Medium & Low & Medium & Low & High \\
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discussion to eva
         Scalability & Medium & Low & High & Medium & High \\
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         Privacy Risk & Low & Medium & High & High & Medium \\
         Scalability* & Medium & Low & High & Medium & High \\
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discussion to eva
-\marginnote[-3.75cm]{\textit{*independence from secondary data collected by a
third party.}}
+\marginnote[-3.75cm]{\textit{* coverage - the density and extent of the current
infrastructure. Certainty - the lack of uncertainty in the data. Independence -How
much the technique depends on secondary data. Intrusiveness - the potential for
infringement of users' privacy. Granularity - the smallest spatial and temporal at
which data could be collected. Ease of Collection - how efficient it is collect
data in terms of time and resources. Scalability - the potential for the
technology to improve coverage.}}
+We can observer that Wi-Fi offers the best possible technology in terms of
flexibility and scalability for data collection through mobile devices at an
individual level while posing some risk to privacy of participants and involves
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- -We can observer that Wi-Fi offers the best possible technology in terms of flexibility and scalability for data collection through mobile devices at an individual level while posing some risk to privacy of participants and involves uncertainty regarding the field of measurement.
- +\citep{pinelli2015} looks at a comparison of various approaches of collecting and analysing mobile phone location data.
- +The research identifies two major approaches in collecting device location data Event-driven and Network-driven.
- +The event-driven approach is centered around the mobile devices generating data +through their day to day activities.
- +The major sources of event-driven data are Call Detail Records(CDR) and internet use.
- +Network-driven approach is centered around the service provision infrastructure such as cellphone towers, Wi-Fi base stations etc.
- +The methods used to collect network-driven data are periodic update where the device sends an update stating the base station it is connected to, handover where the device information is recorded as they are moving between base stations and location update where the location of the device is recorded based on the base stations it is connected to.
- +The research used a set of anonymised mobile phone location data from a Belgian telecom operator for the city of Mons from which various event-driven and network driven scenarios were simulated.
- +The authors compared these simulated scenarios for application-independent and application-dependent cases such as spatial dispersal, classes of users, count estimation and flow estimation to understand their relative advantages and disadvantages.
- +Through these comparisons it was shown that using network-driven mobile phone location data is more advantageous compared to the widely used event-driven ones.
- $\mbox{00} -39 +48 \mbox{00} \mbox{00}$ From the literature search we can summarise that there is a considerable opportu
- -The potential for research gaps broadly fall under the following areas, +The potential for research gaps are discussed in detail in the following sections.
- 00-47+56 00 The potential for research gaps broadly fall under the following areas,
- -Previous research in this area of study has been limited to either national/ regional level studies using centrally collected night time population data such as censuses or to area level studies conducted with mobile devices based technologies.
- +Previous research in this area of study has been limited to either national/ regional level studies using centrally collected residential population data such as censuses or to area level studies conducted with mobile devices based technologies.
- $\mbox{@@} -49$ +58,4 $\mbox{@@}$ Though there were some efforts in collecting and using mobile phone data at nati
- -The explosion of consumer data both publicly available and privately held presents previously unseen opportunity and also limited by the privacy concerns that arise with them.
- +For example, \c itep $\{qin2013\}$ demonstrate that it is possible to detect and quantify human presence at locations using probe requests with a detection rate of $86\$.
- +Along with the evaluation of the various algorithms for channel switching the research also successfully classifies these detected human presence into distinct activities in a non-intrusive way.
- +Though this work predates both the MAC address randomisation and wide spread use of mobile experienced these days, the explosion of consumer data both publicly available and privately held presents previously unseen opportunity and also limited by the privacy concerns that arise with them.

00-74,2 +86,5 00 As we see later, even the estimation of ambient population is limited by these d

-Though there are prior research in this area, most are conducted from security perspective evaluating the robustness of the randomisation/obfuscation procedure. -These research focus around de-anonymising the obfuscated data to recreate the personal information from them thus demonstrating vulnerabilities and risks for the users.

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+\citep{vanhoef2016} presents several novel methods of abusing the features of the Wi-Fi standards to track mobile devices even when the MAC addresses were randomised. This research shows the possibility of using the information elements present in the probe requests along with the sequence numbers to fingerprint the mobile device which sent the request with an accuracy of the 50\% within a 20 minute interval with a possibility of improvement with known scrambler 'seeds' - the randomisation factor used by popular commercial devices. Though this sounds promising for short intervals, since this research, manufacturers have stopped including non-mandatory information elements which can affect the accuracy significantly. The research also features two other methods to reverse engineer the original MAC addresses from the randomised ones - first where known hotspots were spoofed to trick the mobile devices in revealing their real addresses and the second where a different protocol requests were used. Both these methods cannot be used extensively since the former is not ethically sound and the latter is not widely used by all mobile devices.

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+they focus on de-anonymising the obfuscated data to recreate the personal information from them while demonstrating vulnerabilities in the standard and associated risks for the users.

- $\mbox{@@} -93 +108,3 \mbox{@@}$ Thought research have been done on this area using social media data, a longitud
- -The near real-time aspect of such research also provides us opportunities in fields of disaster management, smart cities etc.
- +\citep{kontokosta2016} discuss the use of Wi-Fi data for a 'real-time' census of the city with a case study of New York City's Lower Manhattan neighborhood. +The research collects around 20 million Wi-Fi data points during 2015 and presents a model to create real-time, on-the-fly population estimates with fine granularity.
- +The research demonstrates the feasibility of the pursuit along with the potential significance of such localised population estimates for use within the domains of city operations and policy, strategic long-term planning processes, emergency response etc.
- $\mbox{\tt @Q}$ -111,0 +129,5 $\mbox{\tt @Q}$ Even when the problem of the identifying unique fingerprints of users in the dat

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- $+\colored{thmusa2011}$ use the Wi-Fi probe requests collected in a 12-hour trial on a busy road to describe a passive tracking system for mobile devices.
- +The research proposes a trajectory estimation method based on Viterbi's algorithm which estimates the most-likely spatial path taken from the information on when and where they have been detected.
- +Although the research extends this trial into a 9-month deployment and demonstrates trajectory estimates with high accuracy, the problem still remains where we need to extract trajectories of users without actually being able to identify them.

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- $\mbox{\tt @@-129}$ +151 $\mbox{\tt @@}$ Though there are extensive research in using ambient population and people's mov
- -With access to granular and long-term data sets, we can hope to look into the how the places have changed over time and how the external factors such as policy and economy has affected them.
- +With access to highly granular and long-term data sets, we can hope to look into the how the places have changed over time and how the external factors such as

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the nature and change of form and function of a place. } }
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of all the technologies discussed, Wi-Fi seems to be the most promising one.
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of all the technologies discussed, Wi-Fi seems to be the most promising one for
our purposes.
\mbox{00} \mbox{-25} + \mbox{25} \mbox{00} \mbox{00} We also introduce the `Smart Street Sensor' project - a national
scale effort fo
-Finally we summarise the data collection procedure with a detailed look at the
each set of uncertainty in these datasets and draw conclusions for further lines
of research into alleviating the uncertainty and noise so that the datasets can be
used to estimate human activity with confidence.
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into alleviating the uncertainty and noise so that the datasets can be used to
estimate human activity with confidence.
@@ -39 +39 @@ Though the end goal of internet connectivity is the same, Wi-Fi
greatly differs
-The first difference is the range of the network: unlike mobile infrastructure
where a single tower can serve mobile phones for miles, Wi-Fi is designed to be
and extension of the wired networking, thus creating short range network with a
range of 20 meters.
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of 20 meters.
00-52+52 00 There have been numerous iterations and versions of the IEEE 802.11
standards bu
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data about information and information on the device that is sending them.
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@@ -57,0 +58,7 @@ The structure of a probe request is shown in Figure
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+\begin{figure*}
+ \includegraphics[width=0.9\textwidth,trim={0 -30 0 -10},clip]{images/probe-
request-structure.png}
+ \caption{Structure of a probe request frame. }
+ \label{figure:collection:proberequest}
+\end{figure*}
+\marginnote[0.75cm]{\textit{Source: IEEE 802.11 specification}. DA - Destination
Address. SA - Sender Address. BSSID - Broadcast or multicast address. FH -
Frequency hopping. OS - Optional. CF - Contention free. DS - Direct Sequnce. }
\mbox{@@} -60 +67 \mbox{@@} There are additional meta data such as the sequence number of the
frame, and con
-There is also a dearth of variable information which can be used to transfer
+There are also a number of variable information which can be used to transfer
data.
00-64,0+72,4 00 The significant information present in a probe request is
detailed in Table \ref
+Essentially the above information is sent over and over by the mobile device
which expects a reply from nearby APs so that it can keep a list of networks it
can connect to.
+This process is usually carried out even when the Wi-Fi is switched off in the
operating system so that the connection times are faster once it is switched on.
+Moreover operating systems use the replies they get for these probe requests and
triangulate the device location with respect to the APs with location information
on AP's collected through surveys or crowdsourcing, thus acting as a quick and
easy localisation solution which along with the above makes this probing process
almost non-stop.
00 -74 +84,0 00 The significant information present in a probe request is detailed
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00-76,3+86 00 The significant information present in a probe request is detailed
in Table \ref
         \addlinespace[0.2cm]
         Signal Strength (RSSI) & The strength of the received signal \\
         \addlinespace[0.2cm]
         Received Signal Strength (dBm) & The strength of the received signal \\
@@ -80 +87,0 @@ The significant information present in a probe request is detailed
in Table \ref
         \addlinespace[0.2cm]
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in Table \ref
         \addlinespace[0.2cm]
\mbox{\tt @@} -84,3 +90 \mbox{\tt @@} The significant information present in a probe request is detailed
in Table \ref
         \addlinespace[0.2cm]
         Known SSIDs & Networks that are already known to the device\\
         \addlinespace[0.1cm]
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         Known Networks & Name of networks that are already known to the device\\
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-\marginnote[0.75cm]{\textit{Source: IEEE 802.11 specification}}
00 - 108 + 102 00 Moreover operating systems use the replies they get for these
probe requests and
-Media Access Control (MAC) address is a 12bit unique identifier assigned to a
device on a network.
+Media Access Control (MAC) address is a 6 byte unique identifier assigned to a
device on a network.
60 -111 +105 00 Although the IP address of a mobile device might change regularly,
the MAC addre
-The MAC address has two parts: the first 6bits are known as the Organisationally
Unique Identifier (OUI) and gives us information about the manufacturer of the
network card.
+The MAC address has two parts: the first 2 bytes are known as the
Organisationally Unique Identifier (OUI) and gives us information about the
manufacturer of the network card.
00-113+107 00 Organisations need to register with IEEE to be assigned an OUI
which they can us
-the second 6bits are unique to device itself.
+the second 2 bytes are unique to device itself.
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b/chapters/31__initial_experiments.tex
index 9047a8f..5155b9d 100644
--- a/chapters/31__initial_experiments.tex +++ b/chapters/31__initial_experiments.tex
@@ -26 +26 @@ First, we put the Wi-Fi module of the laptop in `Monitor mode' where
it behaves
-Then we invoke the command line interface of the Wireshark programme tshark to
collect the Wi-Fi probe requests received by the laptop in Character Separated
File (CSV) format.
+Then we invoke the command line interface of the Wireshark programme tshark to
collect the Wi-Fi probe requests received by the laptop in Character Separated
File (CSV) format in the file system.
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-The name of the manufacturer/ vendor of the Wi-Fi module is extracted from the
\textit{wlan.sa\ resolved} field into a separate column and the original field is
hashed using the SHA256 algorithm implemented in R.
+The name of the manufacturer/ vendor of the Wi-Fi module is extracted from the
\textit{wlan.sa\ resolved} field into a separate column and the original field is
hashed using the SHA256 algorithm \cite{gueron2011} implemented in R.
00 - 103 + 103 00 This is where the signal strength shows good promise.
-Looking at the Table \ref{table:collection:proberequests} we can see that two of
these vendors show significantly low average signal strength - Google and Fn-
LinkT, which can easily correspond to the two devices present in the room.
+Looking at the Table \ref{table:collection:proberequests} we can see that two of
these vendors show significantly high average signal strength - Google and Fn-
LinkT, which can easily correspond to the two devices present in the room.
@@ -262 +262 @@ Figure \ref{figure:collection:ucl:signal} also shows the results
of k-means clus
-\marginnote[-1.75cm]{\textit{Class intervals calculated using k-means clustering
with the number of clusters defined as 4.} }
+\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{$m$ as a proxy for distance.}}}
The class intervals calculated using k-means clustering with the number of
clusters defined as 4.} }
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@@ -50 +50 @@ The information collected from each probe request at these locations
-The manual counting at these locations were done using a custom application
\citet{bala2018}. The application was built for recording pedestrian footfall with
precision and accuracy which was not possible when counted manually. The app
records the precise time stamp of every footfall with the precision of micro
seconds which can be aggregated later at different time intervals. The code for
the app is detailed in Section \ref{appendix:clicker}.
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precision and accuracy which was not possible when counted without the
application. The app records the precise time stamp of every footfall with the
precision of micro seconds which can be aggregated later at different time
intervals. The code for the app is detailed in Section \ref{appendix:clicker}.
00 -100 +100 00 Id & Location & Type & Installation notes &
Probes\textsuperscript{*} & Footfall
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minute) ** Total footfall (per minute)}}
+\marginnote[-1.5cm]{\textit{* Total probe requests in \(\times10^{6}\))(per
minute) ** Total footfall counted manually (per minute)}}
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00 -62 +62 00 The fields marked with \textit{-e} are the ones which were collected

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 $\mbox{@@} -63 +63 \mbox{@@}$ We must also note that the locations are retail and any insight from the data ne

-A custom footfall counting technology using Wi-Fi sensors (Figure \ref{figure:collection:sss:hardware}) was also designed and developed by LDC, and the sensors were installed the identified locations.

+A custom footfall counting technology using Wi-Fi sensors (Figure \ref{figure:collection:sss:hardware}) was also designed and developed by LDC, and the sensors were installed at the identified locations.

00-73+73 00 There are also a small percentage (3\%) of the devices which are installed withi

-Each device collects data independently and uploads the collected data to a central Azure container at regular intervals of 5 minutes through a dedicated 3G mobile data connection.

+Each device collects data independently and uploads the collected data to a central microsoft cloud facility (Azure) container at regular intervals of 5 minutes through a dedicated 3G mobile data connection.

 $\mbox{@@} -84 +84 \mbox{@@}$ We have collected around 2TB of data comprising of around 73 billion probe reque

-Due to the scale and the commercial nature of the project, the sensors collect fewer data than the previous experiments.

 \pm Due to the scale and the commercial nature of the project, the sensors collect fewer data per probe than the previous experiments.

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 $\mbox{\tt @0}$ -7 +7 $\mbox{\tt @0}$ The pilot study extended this further by collecting data for a longer time in re

-The Smart Street Sensor project is the most comprehensive study which collects very small focussed set of data at a national level for very long periods of time. +The Smart Street Sensor project is the most comprehensive study which collects very small focussed set of data in a probe requestat a national level for very long periods of time.

00-127+127 00 Though we can simply aggregate these probe requests based on the unique informat

-We to consider this uncertainty in detail while making any simple assumptions on the relationship between number of probe requests and the number of mobile devices that generated them.

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data tools' which
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to understand their nature and the challenges posed in these dimensions.
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rationale behind c
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literature to understand its definition, nature and the challenges they pose.
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@@ -29 +29 @@ Finally we put together a toolkit to suit our datasets built from
simple small U
-\subsection{What is `Big Data'?}
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\mbox{\tt @Q} \mbox{\tt -52,3} \mbox{\tt +52,3} \mbox{\tt @Q} This approach of looking at 'Big data' is too subjective and
falls short of givi
-One of the most quoted definitions pertains to the scale of the data in the
dimension of volume - size of the data, velocity - speed of the data and variety
- the complexity of the data \cite{laney2001}.
-This has also been extended to include more dimensions such as, veracity - the
reliability or truthfulness of the data, visualisation - the complexity in visual
interpretation and presentation of the data, and others such as visibility
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00 -62 +62 00 Challenges in each one of these processing activity arises due to
the data being
-The data being big in volume, velocity and variety poses challenges in data
acquisition, aggregation, cleaning and analysis \cite{li2016}.
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             & (GB per year) & (GB per year) & (GB per year) & (TB per year) \\
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-\marginnote{\textit{* Measured/ Estimated for each location in gigabytes per
year. ** Measured/ Estimated for 920 locations in terabytes per year} }
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             & (per 5min) & (per 5min) & (Mn per 5min) \\
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per 5 minutes. ** Measured/ Estimated for 920 locations in Millions of requests
per 5 minutes} }
+\marginnote{\textit{* Estimated for 920 locations} }
@@ -218 +220 @@ The first set of variety present in the Wi-Fi probes data set
arises from the 'i
-The structure of a probe request is discussed in detail in the data collection
chapter and is summarised in Figure ?.
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chapter and is summarised in Figure \ref{figure:collection:proberequest}.
00-250+252 00 Since the sensors are part of retail establishments they can be
switched on and
-Figure \ref{figure:toolkit:veracity:gaps} demonstrates the veracity of the data
in terms of missing data for a sample of locations in London.
+Figure \ref{figure:toolkit:veracity:gaps} demonstrates the veracity of the data
in terms of missing data for a sample of 5 locations in London.
@@ -257 +259 @@ It is often not clear if the change in the data is due to actual
changes at the
-For example, Opening of a mobile shop next door to the sensor can increase the
estimated footfall without any change in actual footfall at the location.
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 $\mbox{@@} -402,2 +404,2 \mbox{@@}$ The document based databases are optimised to deal with unstructured data and ca

-In general they can handle large number of columns and are designed to be distributed and scaled horizontally.

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us flexibility
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veracity of the dat
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00 -492 +495 00 On the other end we have big data analysis tools which are built
for dealing wit
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Unix tools along
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of locations. diff --qit a/chapters/42 data cleaning.tex b/chapters/42 data cleaning.tex index 1d45d3a..e3e3a51 100644 --- a/chapters/42__data_cleaning.tex +++ b/chapters/42_data_cleaning.tex 00-12,6+12,6 00 The next step was to explore the extent of the noise generated by looking at bot -\begin{marginfigure}[-7cm] - \includegraphics[trim={10 10 10 10},clip]{images/processing-error-signal.png} - \caption{The share of noise present in the data from outside the field of measurement in the initial experiment.} - \label{figure:processing:error:signal} -\end{marginfigure} +% \begin{marginfigure}[-7cm] +% \includegraphics[trim={10 10 10 10},clip]{images/processing-error-signal.png} +% \caption{The share of noise present in the data from outside the field of measurement in the initial experiment.} +% \label{figure:processing:error:signal} +% \end{marginfigure} +% 00 - 28 + 28 00 It was observed that about 53\% of the total probe requests collected were from -As such the errors could be enormously reduced by simply filtering out the noise as shown in Figure \ref{figure:processing:error:signal}. +As such the errors could be enormously reduced by simply filtering out the noise %as shown in Figure \ref{figure:processing:error:signal}. 00 -83 +83 00 That is, in configurations where a specific source of background noise was at a -For example, imagine a sensor in the middle of room such as in the initial experiment in this thesis, with devices in and outside the room. +For example, imagine a sensor in the middle of a room such as in the initial experiment in this thesis, with devices in and outside the room. $\mbox{00} \mbox{0} \mbox{0}$ distribution -Identification of these breaks in the data can be carried out using traditional one-dimensional clustering algorithms such as 'jenks natural breaks', 'k-means', 'quantile' and 'hierarchical clustering', etc. +Identification of these breaks in the data should be carried out using traditional one-dimensional clustering algorithms such as 'jenks natural breaks', 'k-means', 'quantile' and 'hierarchical clustering', etc. 00 -173 +173 00 On a project with a large scope, such as the Smart Street Sensor project, since -The three methods — signal strength filtering, sequence number clustering, and manual calibration - together provide a unified methodology for converting the Wi-Fi probe requests into footfall.

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     K-Means
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$\mbox{@@} -234 +234 \mbox{@@}$ These concerns needed to be addressed with a larger survey with multiple locatio

- \caption{Finding the optimum time threshold \$\alpha\$ and sequence threshold \$\alpha\$ through trial and error.}
- + \caption{Finding the optimum time threshold (s) \$\alpha\$ and sequence threshold \$\beta\$ through trial and error.}

$\mbox{\tt @@} -263,0$ +264,3 $\mbox{\tt @@}$ A comparison of minute by minute counts resulting from different filtering proce

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00 - 42 + 42 00 First the probe requests were separated into global and local based
on the OUI p
-The global probe requests were then aggregated into ambient population estimation
employing the following steps,
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@@ -12,0 +15,2 @@ Finally the chapter briefly describes a way to calculate the
flow of pedestrians
+\subsection{UK Footfall Index}
\mbox{@@} -29 +33 \mbox{@@} In addition to showing larger trends, this footfall index also
showed sudden sho
-One such as example was the storm in February 2018 which corresponded with some
of the lowest footfall experience across the UK.
+One such as example was the storm in February 2018 named - "Beast from the East",
which resulted in a week of unusually low footfall experience across the UK.
00-41,3+45 00 It can be observed that April 2019 has been slower than last year
in most towns
-This kind of granular insights into trends in footfall could be valuable for
local authorities who can measure and monitor the health of their retail areas
closely.
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closely. The difference in even smaller intra-day patterns in cities could be
derived from footfall data which could show the nature of their economies
@@ -46,0 +49 @@ Figure \ref{figure:applications:cities:profiles} shows an average
daily footfall
@@ -52 +55 @@ It can be observed that all three locations have completely
different patterns o
-Leicester Square was mostly a night time destination where the footfall peaks
around evening while Regent street is a mostly office location with three distinct
peaks corresponding to morning commute, evening commute and lunch.
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corresponding to morning commute, evening commute and lunch.
00 - 121 + 124 00 This coincided with the cold wave in UK named 'Beast from the
East', which b
-The other identifiable events are bank holiday weekends which result in higher
than normal footfall, and the holiday shopping season when footfall is at its
+The other identifiable events are bank holiday weekends which result in higher
than normal footfall, and the Christmas shopping season when footfall is at its
highest.
00 -141 +144 00 This not only shows the usefulness of the data in understanding
the effect event
- \includegraphics[trim={0 0 0 0},clip]{images/applications-football-sample.png}
+ \includegraphics[trim={0 24 0 70},clip]{images/applications-football-
sample.png}
@@ -157,2 +160,2 @@ This research specifically removes any personally identifiable
information becau
-However, this problem can be solved by examining the movement of people in the
Smart Street Sensors network at a fine spatial and temporal resolution using a
novel methodology in the field of Big Data which uses mathematical models from
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@@ -160,0 +164,7 @@ The methodology was formulated by Murcio; this author worked
on the implementati
+\begin{figure*}
+ \includegraphics[trim={0 0 0 0},clip]{images/applications-transfer-entropy.png}
+ \caption{Illustration of transfer entropies between set of locations along
Edgware Road, London.}
+ \label{figure:applications:transent}
+\end{figure*}
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@@ -177,6 +186,0 @@ This measure is applied directly to our people's movement problem and \$X\$ = loca -\begin{figure*} - \includegraphics[trim={0 0 0 0},clip]{images/applications-transfer-entropy.png} \caption{Illustration of transfer entropies between set of locations along Edgware Road, London.} - \label{figure:applications:transent} -\end{figure*} @@ -187,2 +191,2 @@ The numbers at each line represent the \$TE\$ measured between each pair of sensor -The largest \$TE\$ value found was between 117 and 115. -The asymmetry of the TE is clear here, as the value in the opposite direction (115 to 117) is considerably lower. +The largest \$TE\$ values found were from 114,115 and 117 to 116. +The asymmetry of the TE is clear here, as the values in the opposite direction (from 116 to 114,115 and 117) are considerably lower. diff --git a/chapters/60 conclusions.tex b/chapters/60 conclusions.tex index 5915aaa..42dd29e 100644 --- a/chapters/60_conclusions.tex +++ b/chapters/60_conclusions.tex 00 -10,0 +11,4 00 This thesis identifies Wi-Fi probe requests as a source of data from which infor +%-----+\section{Summary of Findings} +%______ 00 -39,0 +44 00 Using all these methods for filtering, cleaning and adjusting Wi-Fi data, this t +Finally this research also provides a gallery of examples showing the possible use of such granular and continuous data on footfall on a national level. 00 -41,2 +46,7 00 Using all these methods for filtering, cleaning and adjusting Wi-Fi data, this t -Finally this thesis provides a gallery of examples showing the possible use of such granular and continuous data on footfall on a national level. -The data were used to devise a 'footfall index' at various levels - national,

city, area and micro site locations showing how the retail related footfall have been distributed in the UK and how this distribution has been changing over time +In addition to this, we have also demonstrated the usefulness and application of such footfall estimate with various examples.

+The footfall estimates derived from the method were used to devise a 'footfall index' at various levels - national, city, area and micro site locations showing how the retail related footfall have been distributed in the UK and how this distribution has been changing over time in high granularity both spatially and temporally.

$\mbox{\tt @@-46,0+57,20}$ $\mbox{\tt @@}$ Finally, it was also demonstrated that such detailed and continuous footfall vol

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+\section{Further Work}

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+As we discussed in the literature review, the research on collecting and using data on population distribution and dynamics have closely followed the advances and changes in the consumer technology.

+Every new technology adopted for mainstream use spurred new wave of research in using those technology.

+It is also noted that every new technology not only brought many advantages over the previous ones but also introduced unique challenges.

 $+ {\rm In}$ this context, the larges opportunity in furthering the research exists in identifying, evaluating and adopting new technologies.

+There is a significant opportunities in applying these new technologies for old challenges and device methods to make them suitable to answer the questions raised by research.

+Few such technologies are detailed below,

+\begin{itemize}

- + \item \textbf{5G} is the new generation of technology which aims to bring even higher speeds of data transfer to mobile devices through cellular networks. This may lead to the gradual decline and phasing out of Wi-Fi technology. Though this cellular based technology doesn't provide the similar detail and flexibility offered by Wi-Fi it has the potential to offer much more comprehensive picture of the world if it gets widely adopted.
- + \item \textbf{Bluetooth Low energy (BLE)} is the upcoming short-range, wireless personal area network technology. With emphasis on being the technology used by the Internet of Things (IOT) devices, this technology has the potential to displace Wi-Fi as the choice of short-range communications. The explosion of wearables and smart devices at home, the amount of data that could be available form this technology could be staggering in the next decade.
- + \item \textbf{Ultra wide band radar} is another short-range technology which has been developed for motion and object detection. Being primarily used to design sensors for proximity and motion detection, this has the potential to become a standard for vehicles. Moreover, with the recent uptick in self driving car research and development, the cost of these devices has gone significantly down thus providing amazing opportunities in creating comprehensive sensor networks similar to Smart Street Sensor project.

+\end{itemize}

+In spite of being developed since 1980s, machine learning techniques have received extraordinary interest in the last decade.

+This interest, along with advancements in the Big data tools and technologies has set up the stage for research by applying supervised and unsupervised machine learning techniques on large scale datasets collected through the above mentioned technologies.

+There is a significant opportunity for applying unsupervised learning techniques such as anomaly detection and neural networks in passively collected digital data to improve data cleaning, interpolation, population estimations and time series based predictions etc.

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+Research ethics, safety and privacy are going to be the next big areas of concern for advanced machine learning based techniques and big data analysis in the next decade

+The era of uninhibited large scale production, collection and consumption of

personal data through connected devices over internet without oversight is almost over.

+People are increasingly concerned with protecting their privacy and are opposed to the exploitation of their personal data.

+ This concern has been addressed by legislation such as GDPR and technologies such as cryptography and randomisation.

+All these developments provide us with various opportunities in further research.

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+Firstly there is opportunity study the above mentioned technologies form a privacy point of view to evaluate the advantages and risks presented by them and advance the research in terms of both mitigation the risks while maintaining some kind of usefulness.

+These inquiries can not only be done in terms of techniques but also on the lines of legal compliance of such techniques.

+There is also opportunity for researching on the uncertainties and limits of datasets when subject to robust privacy control methods.

+Secondly the immense research, innovation and advancements made in peer to peer technologies in solving the various trust problems could be applied in the field of sensor based population estimation or pedestrian flow detection.

+There is an opportunity for research into building a peer to peer network of sensors where the data collected by the sensors never leave the device themselves but the analyses are taken to the source of data.

+This act of "moving the analysis to data" can solve numerous problems of safety of the personal data since there is not central point of failure and it can also scale up indefinitely without overwhelming a central repository of data.
+Through these further research, we could take the field forward by not only following the improvements in the technology of data collection but also push the envelope in terms of developing more ethical and sage research environment while

handling large amounts of data.

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+\section{Open-source Software Used}\label{appendix:software}
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saved in the JSON forma
+This section provides a non-exhaustive list of the key open-source/free software
that have been used in this research.
+\begin{itemize}
+\item \textbf{R} - programming language for statistical computing
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       \item \textbf{tidyverse} - An opinionated collection of R packages designed
for data science.
       \item \textbf{imputeTS} - Package for imputation missing values in
univariate time series.
       \item \textbf{tmap} - A flexible, layer-based, and easy to use package to
create thematic maps.
       \item \textbf{lubridate} - Package for working with date-times and time-
spans
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       \item \textbf{ggplot2} - A system for declaratively creating graphics,
based on The Grammar of Graphics.
      \item \textbf{classInt} - Package for choosing univariate class intervals
for mapping or other graphics purposes.
       \item \textbf{Cairo} - 2D graphics library with support for multiple output
devices.
      \item \textbf{fmsb} - Package with methods and functions for demographic
analysis.
       \item \textbf{digest} - Package for the creation of hash digests of
arbitrary R objects.
       \item \textbf{ggrepel} - Package that provides geoms for ggplot2 to repel
overlapping text labels.
       \item \textbf{ggridges} - Package for creating ridge plots.
       \item \textbf{maptools} - Package for manipulating geographic data.
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       \item \textbf{tidyquant} - Package that brings financial analysis and
charting to tidyverse.
       \item \textbf{treemapify} - Package for creating tree-maps.
       \item \textbf{spatial features} - Package for manipulating geographic data
within tidyverse.
       \item \textbf{RJSONIO} - Package for manipulating JSON objects.
       \item \textbf{rgdal} - Wrapper for the Geospatial Data Abstraction Library.
       \item \textbf{rgeos} - Wrapper for the Geometry Engine - Open Source.
       \item \textbf{viridis} - Package providing pretty color scales for
visualisations.
       \item \textbf{xtable} - Package for coercing data to LaTeX and HTML tables.
       \item \textbf{scales} - Package for providing graphical scales mapping data
to aesthetics.
       \item \textbf{showtext} - Package for managing fonts.
       \item \textbf{reshape2} - Package for transforming data between long and
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wide format.
       \item \textbf{rmarkdown} - Package for integrating markdown with R
assisting reproducible research.
     \end{itemize}
  \item \textbf{Python} - An interpreted, high-level, general-purpose programming
language.
+ \item \textbf{PHP} - A general-purpose programming language originally designed
for server-side web development.
+ \item \textbf{JavaScript} - A high-level, interpreted scripting language for
client-side web development.
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       \item \textbf{node.js} - JavaScript based runtime built on chrome's V8
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engine.
       \item \textbf{socket.io} - web sockets implementation for real-time,
bidirectional and event-based communication.
       \item \textbf{moment.js} - JavaScript library for dealing with date-time
and time-spans.
       \item \textbf{pm2} - Process management library for working with node.js
applications.
      \item \textbf{express} - A fast, unopinionated, minimalist web framework
for Node.js
       \item \textbf{Data Driven Documents} - A JavaScript library for visualizing
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data with HTML, SVG, and CSS.

- \item \textbf{jQuery} A JavaScript library designed to simplify HTML DOM manipulation.
- \item \textbf{Bootstrap} A framework for building responsive, mobile first websites.
- \item \textbf{highcharts} A JavaScript library for drawing interactive charts from data.
- \end{itemize}
- \item \textbf{GNU/Linux} An operating system and an extensive collection of open source and free computer software.
- \begin{itemize}
- \item \textbf{Arch Linux} A lightweight and flexible Linux distribution.
- \item \textbf{CentOS} A community supported computing platform compatible with Red Hat Enterprise Linux.
- \item \textbf{Debian} A Linux distribution focussing on stability.
- \item \textbf{Ubuntu} A Debian based Linux distribution focussing on ease of use.
- \item \textbf{Alpine Linux} Ultra minimalistic Linux distribution focussing on resource efficiency.
- \end{itemize}
- \item \textbf{git} A simple distributed version control system.
- \item \textbf{imagemagik} Suite for displaying, converting and editing images.
- \item \textbf{ffmpeg} Suite for converting and editing video files.
- \item \textbf{fzf} A general-purpose command-line fuzzy finder.
- + \item \textbf{ripgrep} Rust based grep implementation for searching the content of files.
- + \item \textbf{MySQL} A relational database management system focussing on speed and ease of use.
- + \item \textbf{Postgres} A relational database management system emphasizing extensibility and technical standards compliance.
- + \item \textbf{PostGIS} Extension providing spatial objects for the PostgreSQL database.
- + \item \textbf{QGIS} Geographic Information System for creating, editing, visualising, analysing and publishing geospatial information.
- + \item \textbf{gdal} Geographic Data abstraction library.
- \item \textbf{geos} Geometry Engine Open Source.
- \item \textbf{igraph} R and Python library for dealing with networks / Graphs.
- + \item \textbf{OpenStreetMap} A collaborative project to create a free editable map of the world.
- + \item \textbf{Leaflet} A JavaScript library for mobile-friendly interactive
- \item \textbf{Android } Open source mobile operating system based on Linux.
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 + \item \textbf{vim} Vim is a highly configurable, modal text editor built with focus on efficient.
- \item \textbf{Latex} A high quality professional typesetting system.
- \item \textbf{jq} A command line based JSON processor.
- \item \textbf{Apache} A feature rich web server.
- + \item \textbf{nginx} A asynchronous, event-driven web server focussing on resource efficiency.
- \item \textbf{OpenJDK} An open source implementation of the Java Platform.
- + \item \textbf{Wireshark} A free and open-source packet analyzer
- + \item \textbf{OpenSSH} A connectivity tool for remote login with the SSH
- + \item \textbf{OpenSSL} A full-featured toolkit for the Transport Layer Security and Secure Sockets Layer protocols.
- + \item \textbf{GNUPG} A complete and free implementation of the OpenPGP standard.
- + \item \textbf{gnu-parallel} A shell tool for executing jobs in parallel using one or more computers.
- + \item \textbf{Libreoffice} A free and open-source office suite built by The Document Foundation.
- + \item \textbf{RaspberryPi} A series of low-cost, flexible single-board computers.
- + \item \textbf{Docker} A platform for doing OS level virtualisation for delivering software.
- + \item \textbf{termux} A terminal emulator and Linux environment for Android. +\end{itemize}

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+Vanhoef
+We present several novel techniques to track (unassociated) mobile devices by
abusing features of the Wi-Fi standard. This shows that using random MAC
addresses, on its own, does not quarantee privacy.
+First, we show that information elements in probe requests can be used to
fingerprint devices. We then combine these fingerprints with incremental sequence
numbers, to create a tracking algorithm that does not rely on unique identi- fiers
such as MAC addresses. Based on real-world datasets, we demonstrate that our
algorithm can correctly track as much as 50% of devices for at least 20 minutes.
We also show that commodity Wi-Fi devices use predictable scram- bler seeds. These
can be used to improve the performance of our tracking algorithm. Finally, we
present two attacks that reveal the real MAC address of a device, even if MAC ad-
dress randomization is used. In the first one, we create fake hotspots to induce
clients to connect using their real MAC address. The second technique relies on
the new 802.11u standard, commonly referred to as Hotspot 2.0, where we show that
Linux and Windows send Access Network Query Protocol (ANQP) requests using their
real MAC address.
+Matte
+MAC address randomization is a common privacy protec- tion measure deployed in
major operating systems today. It is used to prevent user-tracking with probe
requests that are transmitted during IEEE 802.11 network scans. We present an
attack to defeat MAC address randomization through observation of the timings of
the network scans with an off- the-shelf Wi-Fi interface. This attack relies on a
signature based on inter-frame arrival times of probe requests, which is used to
group together frames coming from the same de- vice although they use distinct MAC
addresses. We propose several distance metrics based on timing and use them to-
gether with an incremental learning algorithm in order to group frames. We show
that these signatures are consistent over time and can be used as a pseudo-
identifier to track devices. Our framework is able to correctly group frames using
different MAC addresses but belonging to the same device in up to 75% of the
cases. These results show that the timing of 802.11 probe frames can be abused to
track individual devices and that address randomization alone is not always enough
to protect users against tracking.
+Martin
+Media Access Control (MAC) address ran- domization is a privacy technique whereby
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mobile de- vices rotate through random hardware addresses in or- der to prevent

observers from singling out their traffic or physical location from other nearby devices. Adop- tion of this technology, however, has been sporadic and varied across device manufacturers. In this paper, we present the first wide-scale study of MAC address ran- domization in the wild, including a detailed breakdown of different randomization techniques by operating sys- tem, manufacturer, and model of device.

+We then identify multiple flaws in these implementa- tions which can be exploited to defeat randomization as performed by existing devices. First, we show that devices commonly make improper use of randomization by sending wireless frames with the true, global address when they should be using a randomized address. We move on to extend the passive identification techniques of Vanhoef et al. to effectively defeat randomization in ~96% of Android phones. Finally, we identify a previ- ously unknown flaw in the way wireless chipsets handle low-level control frames which applies to 100% of de- vices we tested. This flaw permits an active attack that can be used under certain circumstances to track any existing wireless device.

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+Cunche

+Wi-Fi has imposed itself as one of the key radio technology in portable devices such as smartphones, tablets, and other wearable devices. Because they periodically scan for nearby access points, Wi-Fi devices act as portable radio beacons emitting short messages, called probe requests. The latter contain a unique identifier: the MAC address of the Wi-Fi interface. It can be used to passively track individuals. Owners of such devices are thus exposed to passive tracking in the physical world.

+MAC address randomization has been proposed as a way to prevent passive tracking, and is being progressively adopted by the industry. However, the MAC address is not the only piece of information that can be used for tracking. For instance, it has been recently shown that exploiting the content of frames as well as their timing could still lead to tracking despite MAC address randomization.

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+Xu

+This paper presents a new simple mobile tracking system based on IEEE802.11 wireless signal detection, which can be used for analyzing the movement of pedestrian traffic. Wi-Fi packets emitted by Wi-Fi enabled smartphones are received at a monitoring station and these packets contain date, time, MAC address, and other information. The packets are received at a number of stations, distributed throughout the monitoring zone, which can measure the received signal strength. Based on the location of stations and data collected at the stations, the movement of pedestrian traffic can be analyzed. This information can be used to improve the services, such as better bus schedule time and better pavement design. In addition, this paper presents a signal strength based localisation method.

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+Musa

+Smartphones with Wi-Fi enabled periodically transmit Wi-Fi messages, even when not associated to a network. In one 12-hour trial on a busy road (average daily traffic count 37,000 according to the state DOT), 7,000 unique devices were detected by a single road-side monitoring station, or about 1 device for every 5 vehicles.

+In this paper, we describe a system for passively tracking unmodified smartphones, based on such Wi-Fi detections. This system uses only common, off-the-shelf access point hardware to both collect and deliver detections. Thus, in ad-dition to high detection rates, it potentially offers very low equipment and installation cost.

+However, the long range and sparse nature of our oppor- tunistically collected Wi-Fi transmissions presents a signif- icant localization challenge. We propose a trajectory es- timation method based on Viterbi's algorithm which takes second-by-second detections of a moving device as input, and produces the most likely spatio-temporal path taken. In addition, we present several methods that prompt passing de- vices to send additional messages, increasing detection rates an use signal-strength for improved accuracy.

+Based on our experimental evaluation from one 9-month deployment and several single-day deployments, passive Wi- Fi tracking detects a large fraction of passing smartphones, and produces high-accuracy trajectory estimates.

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+Kontokosta

+New streams of data are being generated by a range of in-situ instrumentation, mobile sensing, and social media that can be integrated and analyzed to better understand urban activity and mobility patterns. While several studies have focused on understanding flows of people throughout a city, these data can also be used to create a more spatially and temporally granular picture of local population, and to forecast localized population given some exogenous environmental or physical conditions. Effectively modeling population dynamics at high spatial and temporal resolutions would have significant implications for city operations and policy, strategic long-term planning processes, emergency response and management, and public health.

+This paper develops a real-time census of the city using Wi-Fi data to explore urban phenology as a function of localized population dynamics. Using Wi-Fi probe and connection data accounting for more than 20,000,000 data points for the year 2015 from New York City's Lower Manhattan neighborhood — combined with correlative data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey, the Longitudinal Employer—Household Dynamics survey, and New York City administrative records — we present a model to create real-time population estimates classi—fied by residents, workers, and visitors/tourists in a given neighborhood and localized to a block or geolocation proximate to a Wi-Fi access point. The results indicate that the approach has merit: we estimate intra-day, hourly worker and resident population counts within 5% of survey validation data. Our building-level test case demonstrates similar accuracy, estimating worker population to within 1% of the reported building occupancy.

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+With the explosive growth and wide-spread use of smartphones with Wi-Fi enabled, people are used to accessing the internet through Wi-Fi network interfaces of smartphones. Smartphones periodically transmit Wi-Fi messages, even when not connected to a network. In this paper, we describe the Mo-Fi system which monitors and aggregates large numbers of continuous Wi-Fi message transmissions from nearby smartphones in the area of interest using nonintrusive Wi-Fi sniffer sensors. In this paper, we propose an optimized Wi-Fi channel detection and selection method to switch the best channels automatically to aggregate the Wi-Fi messages based on channel data transmission weights and human presence activity classification method based on the features of human dwell duration sequences in order to evaluate the user engagement index. By deploying in the real-world office environment, we found that the performance of Wi-Fi messages aggregation of CAOCA and CACFA algorithms is over 3.8 times higher than the worst channel of FCA algorithms and about 76% of the best channel of FCA algorithms, and the human presence detection rate reached 87.4%.

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