## **Privacy Flag Observatory**

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#### **About CTI**

- One of the major R&D institutes in Greece
- Has undertaken more than 85 R&D projects
- The team involved in Privacy Flag works within CTI's Research Unit 1 (RU1) which consists of 7 Faculty Members, 9 PhD Researchers and 20 Engineers-PhD Students
- The CTI team is involved in relevant FP7 and national projects in the privacy/security, crowdsensing/crowdsourcing and IoT (PROTOS, ABC4Trust, IoT Lab)









#### **Future** Current threats

Third party tracker or advertising company











#### Smartphone Privacy Invasion in action

- It was revealed that the most commonly used flashlight apps are secretively stealing the users' personal information stored on their mobile devices.
- In reality these apps have put the security and privacy of smartphone users at risk just by requesting for fanatical permissions which naïve users adhere to.
- Downloading from Google Play doesn't ensure the security of any app.



















| Flashlight Apps                                   | Super-Bright LED<br>Flashlight | Brightest<br>Flashlight Free | Tiny Flashlight<br>+ LED | Flashlight | Flashlight | Brightest LED<br>Flashlight | Color Flashlight | High-Powered<br>Flashlight | Flashlight HD<br>LED | Flashlight: LED<br>Torch Light |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
|   |                                |                              |                          |            |            |                             |                  |                            |                      |                                |
| Permissions                                       |                                |                              |                          |            |            |                             |                  |                            |                      |                                |
| retrieve running apps                             | ✓                              |                              |                          |            |            | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| modify or delete the contents of your USB storage | ~                              | <b>✓</b>                     |                          |            |            | ~                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| test access to protected storage                  | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            |            | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| take pictures and videos                          | ✓                              | ✓                            | ✓                        | ✓          | ✓          | ✓                           | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                    | ✓                              |
| view Wi-Fi connections                            | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            |            | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          | ✓                    |                                |
| read phone status and identity                    | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            | ✓          | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| receive data from Internet                        | ✓                              |                              |                          |            |            | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| control flashlight                                | ✓                              | ✓                            | ✓                        |            |            | ✓                           | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                    |                                |
| change system display settings                    | ✓                              |                              |                          |            |            | <b>✓</b>                    |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| modify system settings                            | ✓                              |                              |                          |            |            | ✓                           |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| prevent device from sleeping                      | ✓                              |                              |                          |            |            |                             |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| view network connections                          | ✓                              | ✓                            | ✓                        | ✓          | ✓          | ✓                           | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                    | ✓                              |
| full network access                               | ✓                              | ✓                            | ✓                        | ✓          | ✓          | ✓                           | ✓                | ✓                          | ✓                    | ✓                              |
| approximate location (network-based)              | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            |            |                             |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| precise location (GPS and network-based)          | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            |            |                             |                  | ✓                          |                      |                                |
| disable or modify status bar                      | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          |            |            |                             |                  |                            |                      |                                |
| read Home settings and shortcuts                  | ✓                              | ✓                            |                          | ✓          |            |                             |                  |                            |                      | ✓                              |
| install shortcuts                                 | ✓                              | <b>✓</b>                     |                          | ✓          |            |                             |                  |                            |                      | ✓                              |
| uninstall shortcuts                               | ✓                              | <b>✓</b>                     |                          | ✓          |            |                             |                  |                            |                      | ✓                              |
| control vibration                                 | ✓                              |                              | <b>✓</b>                 |            |            |                             |                  |                            |                      |                                |
| prevent device from sleeping                      |                                | ✓                            | <b>√</b>                 | ✓          |            | ✓                           |                  |                            | ✓                    | ✓                              |
| write Home settings and shortcuts                 |                                |                              |                          | ✓          |            |                             |                  |                            |                      | ✓                              |
| disable your screen lock                          |                                |                              |                          | ✓          |            |                             |                  |                            |                      | ✓                              |
| read Google service configuration                 |                                |                              |                          |            | ✓          |                             |                  |                            | ✓                    |                                |







#### Smartphone Privacy Invasion in action









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2014 results







#### Web Privacy Invasion in action

**Device fingerprinting** is the capability of a site to identify a visiting user via configuration settings or other observable characteristics. In the "ideal" case, all web client machines would have a different fingerprint value (diversity), and that value would never change (stability). Panopticlick demonstrates the kind of information obtained:



Your browser fingerprint appears to be unique among the 6,133,141 tested so far.







## Crowdsourcing monitoring of privacy risks with distributed agents

The Top25 Web Privacy Threat Matrix

|    | The problem to address   | Output                |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 1  | Does the website provide data encryption (SSL/TLS)?  | True / False          |
| 2  | Does the website provide HSTS?   | True / False          |
| 3  | Is the encryption method (cipher suite) negotiated between client and server considered as secure? | True / False          |
| 4  | What information does the website/server directly learn about a user (using forms)?                | submitted information |
| 5  | Does the website use a trustworthy certification chain?  | True / False          |
| 6  | Does the website use Certificate pinning?  | True / False          |
| 7  | Which communication parties is data transferred to?  | list of parties       |
| 8  | Does the website use HTTP cookies?   | [0n]                  |
| 9  | Does the website use Third party cookies?  | [0n]                  |
| 10 | Does the site exploits users Web history?  | True / False          |
| 11 | Does the website use HTML5 Web SQL database  | True / False          |
| 12 | Does the website use LSOs?   | [0n]                  |
| 13 | Does the website use Supercookies?   | [0n]                  |

|    | The problem to address   | Output       |
|----|--|--------------|
| 14 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - PDF?                          | True / False |
| 15 | Does the website use known fingerprinting techniques?  | [0n]         |
| 16 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Flash?                        | True / False |
| 17 | Does the website contain links to malicious sites (Google's Safe browsing API)?              | [0n]         |
| 18 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: Web Audio API?               | True / False |
| 19 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: WebRTC?                      | True / False |
| 20 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: Geolocation (GPS)?           | True / False |
| 21 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - ActiveX?                      | True / False |
| 22 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Java?                         | True / False |
| 23 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Silverlight?                  | True / False |
| 24 | Does the website use HTML5 Local Storage?  | True / False |
| 25 | Does the website comply with any known privacy policy eTrust, P3P, published privacy policy? | True / False |









#### Browsers: The weak link in Web Privacy

Browserscope is a community-driven project for profiling web browsers. The goals are to foster innovation by tracking browser functionality and to be a resource for web developers.

| Top Browsers ▼     | score   | postMessage | JSON.parse | toStaticHTML | httpOnly<br>cookies | X-<br>Frame-<br>Options | X-Content-<br>Type-<br>Options | Block<br>reflected<br>XSS | Block<br>location<br>spoofing | Block<br>JSON<br>hijacking | Block<br>XSS in<br>CSS | Sandbox<br>attribute | Origin<br>header | Strict<br>Transport<br>Security | Block cross-<br>origin CSS<br>attacks | Cross Origin<br>Resource<br>Sharing | Block visited link sniffing | Content<br>Security<br>Policy | #<br>Tests |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| ☐ Chrome 32 →      | 15/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 797        |
| ☐ Firefox 26 →     | 13/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | no                             | no                        | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | no               | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | yes                           | 873        |
| □ IE 9 →           | 13/17   | yes         | yes        | yes          | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | no                   | no               | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 3640       |
| □ IE 10 →          | 14/17   | yes         | yes        | yes          | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | no               | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 1291       |
| □ IE 11 →          | 14/17   | yes         | yes        | yes          | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | no               | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 2325       |
| ☐ Safari 7.0.1 →   | 14/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | no                             | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | yes                           | <u>57</u>  |
| ☐ Chrome 34 →      | 16/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | yes                           | <u>793</u> |
| ☐ Firefox 27 →     | 13/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | no                             | no                        | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | no               | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | yes                           | 604        |
| ☐ Android 2.3 →    | 10/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | no                  | yes                     | no                             | no                        | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | no                          | no                            | 494        |
| ☐ Android 4 →      | 12/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | no                             | no                        | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 1415       |
| ■ Blackberry 7 →   | 13/17   | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | no                             | no                        | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 26         |
| Chrome Mobile 18 — | , 16/17 | yes         | yes        | no           | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | yes                  | yes              | yes                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | yes                           | <u>58</u>  |
| ☐ IEMobile 9 →     | 13/17   | yes         | yes        | yes          | yes                 | yes                     | yes                            | yes                       | yes                           | yes                        | yes                    | no                   | no               | no                              | yes                                   | yes                                 | yes                         | no                            | 33         |
| ☐ IEMobile 10 →    |         |             |            |              |                     |                         |                                |                           |                               |                            |                        |                      |                  |                                 |                                       |                                     |                             |                               | 0          |
| ☐ iPhone 7 →       |         |             |            |              |                     |                         |                                |                           |                               |                            |                        |                      |                  |                                 |                                       |                                     |                             |                               | 0          |
| Compare Browsers   |         |             |            |              |                     |                         |                                |                           |                               |                            |                        |                      |                  |                                 |                                       |                                     |                             |                               |            |







#### Browsers: Security != Privacy

All modern browsers have a "Do not track" option

#### Chrome



- Has discrete privacy settings
- Google stores a lot of information on their servers but none of it is used to identify users according to google
- There is no clear indication for the duration these data are stored.

#### **Firefox**



- Clearly explains in their privacy policy what information is collected based on the features used.
- All of the information sent is opt-in, not opt-out, and none of it is personally identifiable
- The privacy policy also includes information about what Mozilla shares with third parties upon request.

#### Other browsers:



European Union

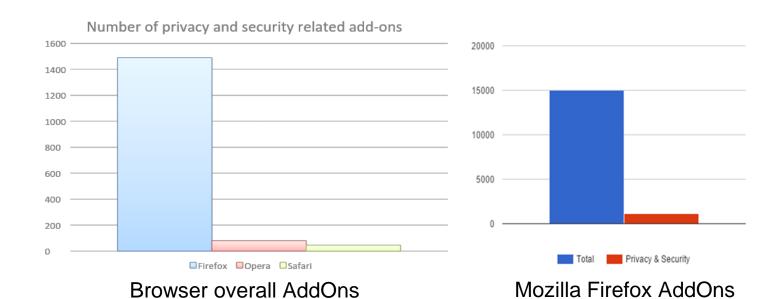
- Opera collects very little information and all of it is stored as aggregate
- Apple has a global privacy policy, as well as a commitment to customer privacy
- Internet explorer has different privacy policies with each new version

Bottomline: Firefox is the most privacy enabled browser, with a clear privacy policy. But, in essence all browsers are similar regarding privacy issues.





### Browsers: The weak link in Web Privacy



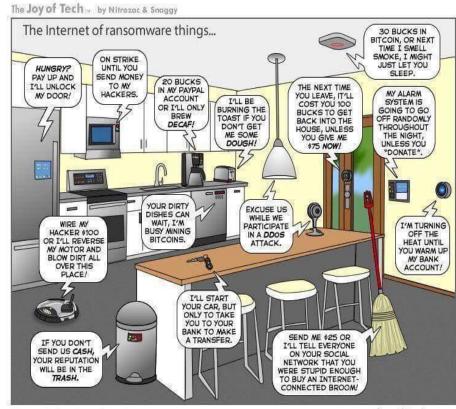






#### lessons NOT learned: IoT (in)security

- "Internet of things" becomes part of our life
  - Animate and inanimate will be interconnected
  - Unique identification between each other
- Billion devices are connected already
- More and more devices will be connected in the near future
- The more the devices the largest the **ATTACK** surface



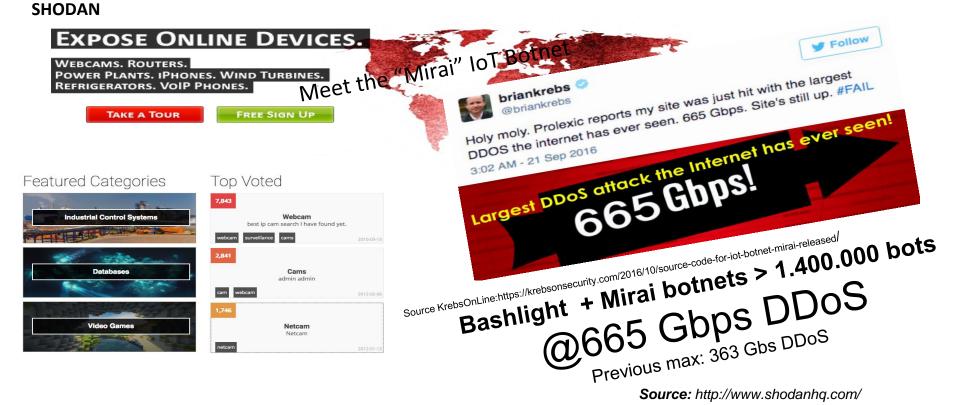
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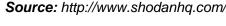






## lessons NOT learned: IoT (in)security





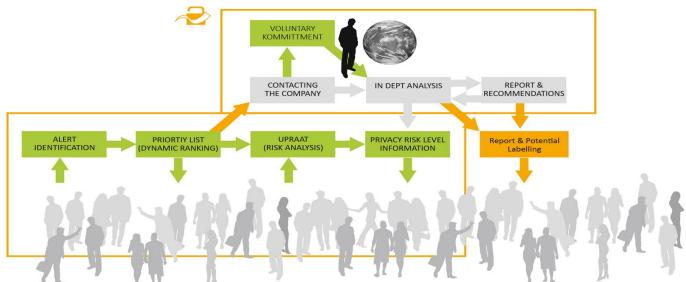






#### **Privacy Challenges**

- None of the above solutions provides a holistic approach (web, mobile, IoT)
- Techno-legal challenges
- Technical vs Human solution

















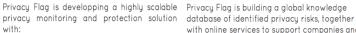
#### **About PrivacyFlag**

#### MAIN GOALS OF THE PROJECT









- Crowdsourcing mechanisms to identify, monitor and assess privacy-related risks;
- Privacy monitoring agents to identify suspicious activities and applications;
- Universal Privacy Risk Area Assessment Tool and methodology tailored on European norms on personal data protection;
- Personal Data Valuation mechanism;
- Privacy enablers against traffic monitoring and finger printing;
- User friendly interface informing on the privacy risks when using an application or website.

Privacy Flag is building a global knowledge with online services to support companies and other stakeholders in becoming privacyfriendly, including:

- In-depth privacy risk analytical tool and
- Voluntary legally binding mechanism for companies located outside Europe to align with and abide to European standards in terms of personal data protection;
- Services for companies interested in being privacy friendly;
- Researching the potential standardization, labelling and certification.

Privacy Flag will work in close interaction with standardization bodies and will actively disseminate towards the public and specialized communities, such as ICT lawyers, policy makers and academics.

11 European partners, including SMEs and a large telco operator, bring their complementary technical, legal, societal and business expertise; strong links with standardization bodies and international fora: and outcomes from over 20 related research projects. It intends to pave the way to a privacy defenders community.

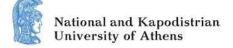












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#### Crowdsourcing

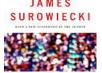
- **Crowdsourcing** characterizes large scale experimental set-ups which engage large numbers of individuals.
- For people to be willing to engage in the crowdsourcing scheme they need to **trust** the crowdsourcing authority.
- Individuals can be offered diverse **incentives** (monetary or other) to compensate for their participation and the use of their mobile phones and other devices
- Machine learning and other techniques can be used to process the individuals' data and extract useful information
- Using internet enabled devices, they interact with specialized information systems that collect and process information.

  OF CROWDS

  JAMES









#### Crowdsourcing - How can help PrivacyFlag

- Collect and process few bits of information from a large number of systems (crowdsourcing) rather than a vast amount of data from a limited number of systems (traditional approach)
- The sum of the PrivacyFlag manual and automatic analysis is the crowdsourced decision
- The more users , the better the accuracy









# Based on the Task 4.2 CROWDSOURCING MONITORING OF PRIVACY RISKS WITH DISTRIBUTED AGENTS

















# Top20 become more generic to be more effective

The Top20 Web Privacy Threat Matrix has been completed

|    | The problem to address  | Output       |
|----|---|--------------|
| 1  | Does the website provide data encryption (SSL/TLS)?                   | True / False |
| 2  | Does the website provide HSTS?  | True / False |
| 3  | Is backward compatibility with insecure SSL or TLS versions disabled? | True / False |
| 4  | Does the website use a trustworthy certification chain?               | True / False |
| 5  | Does the website use Certificate pinning?                             | True / False |
| 6  | Does the website use HTTP cookies?                                    | [0n]         |
| 7  | Does the website use Third party cookies?                             | [0n]         |
| 8  | Does the site exploit users Web history?                              | True / False |
| 9  | Does the website use HTML5 Web SQL database?                          | True / False |
| 10 | Does the website use LSOs?  | [0n]         |
| 11 | Does the website use Supercookies?                                    | [0n]         |
| 12 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - PDF?   | True / False |

|    | The problem to address   | Output       |
|----|--|--------------|
| 13 | Does the encrypted user traffic is prone to fingerprinting when accessing this website?      | True / False |
| 14 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Flash?                        | True / False |
| 15 | Does the website contain links to malicious sites (Google's Safe browsing API)?              | [0n]         |
| 16 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: Web Audio API?               | True / False |
| 17 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: WebRTC?                      | True / False |
| 18 | Does the website use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs: Geolocation (GPS)?           | True / False |
| 19 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - ActiveX?                      | True / False |
| 20 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Java?                         | True / False |
| 21 | Does the website use technologies with known security issues - Silverlight?                  | True / False |
| 22 | Does the website use HTML5 Local Storage?  | True / False |
| 23 | Does the website comply with any known privacy policy eTrust, P3P, published privacy policy? | True / False |
| 24 | Is SDNS enabled?   | True / False |

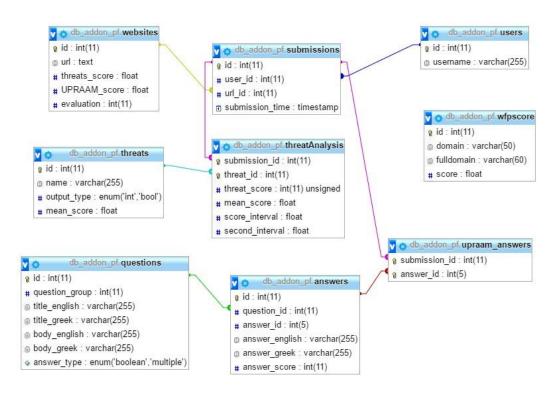






## The Top20Threat Matrix has been schematized to provide input to the Evaluation Component regarding the Web Privacy Threats













## The JSON Quest!

Has been translated to the required JSON files

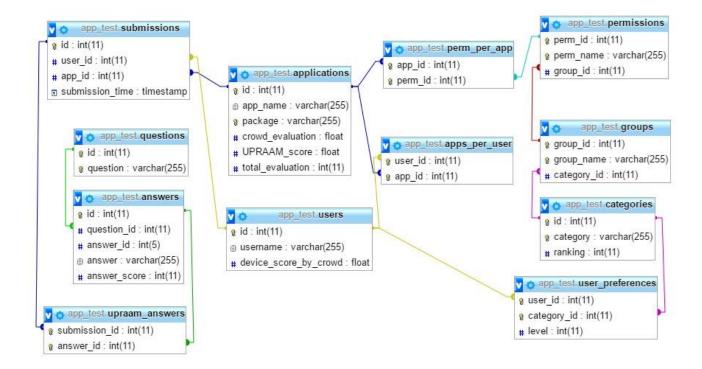
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              "question id" : "NO"
              "question id" : "a,b"
    ],
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# An example of the internal representation of the PF System











## **Privacy Flag**

### Threat Observatory / Early Warning System

The PrivacyFlag Observatory is focused to provide a holistic overview of the privacy landscape in the modern Internet. The basic idea is to inform users, developers, stakeholders and researchers on the level of adoption of best practices as well as how prevalent are insecure, obsolete and deprecated technologies. Furthermore, interested parties can observe the rate of commitment in privacy related technologies for the most important web sites, since PrivacyFlag is based on crowdsourcing.

PrivacyFlag Observatory is organized in three distinct categories, Confidentiality, Security and Privacy of Data.

All of them are related to the Privacy of your Data in direct or indirect way. Find why:











Confidentiality

Security

Privacy

#### Confidentiality

Confidentiality means to ensure that unauthorized access to information is not permitted and that accidental disclosure of sensitive information is not possible. Common confidentiality controls are user IDs, passwords and encryption. Data encryption is the basic mechanism to protect the confidentiality of your information to remain private. It is absolutely necessary to encrypt sensitive data as passwords, credit card number etc but it is even better to encrypt everything. Modern web sites provide various encryption mechanisms. In PrivacyFlag we check whether a website respects users privacy by encrypting his/her data. The following information helps you to made aware of common confidentiality mechanisms next time you visit a website!

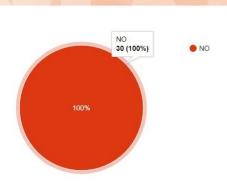






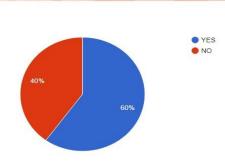


#### Percentage of websites that provide data encryption (SSL/TLS).



Transport Layer Security (TLS) and its predecessor, Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) are standard security technologies for establishing an

#### Percentage of websites that use a trustworthy certification chain.

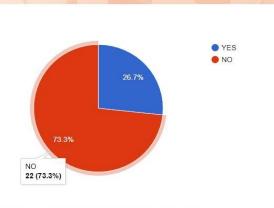


Digital certificates are electronic credentials that are used to assert the online identities of individuals, computers, and other entities on a network. Digital certificates function similarly to identification cards such as passports and driver's licenses. They are issued by certification authorities (CAs) that is trusted by the connecting client (web browser). The root certificate is generated by a CA and is embedded into browsers. The list of SSL certificates, from the root certificate to the website certificate, represents the SSL certificate chain. [for more information read Certificates for dummies]



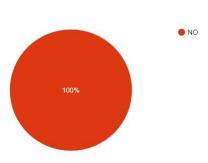


#### Percentage of websites that provide HSTS.



"https" is the standard way of securing website traffic, and providing confidence to users that are on a website. However, the default for

#### Percentage of websites that use Certificate pinning.



HTTP Public Key Pinning (HPKP) is a security mechanism which allows HTTPS websites to resist impersonation by attackers using mississued or fraudulent certificates. For example, attackers might compromise a certificate authority (i.e., the entity that issues soft authentication certificates for websites) and then miss-issue certificates for any domain. To combat this risk, the webserver can provide a list of "pinned" public key hashes; on subsequent connections web browsers expect that server to use one or more of those public keys in its certificate chain.





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Security

Privacy

#### Security

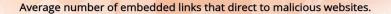
In Internet nothing can be 100% secure. On the other hand, there are some technologies that are less secure than others. Usually, more prone to security defects are either obsolete and deprecated solutions that are no longer up to modern standards or new untested solutions that despite good design intentions do not meet always all the requirements. Nonetheless, some of these technologies are quite prevalent but they should be used with caution.

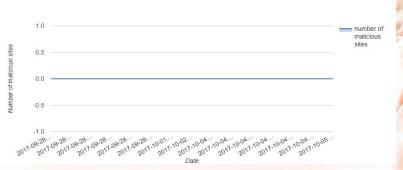












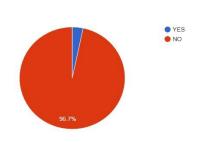
PrivacyFlag scans every website for links which direct users to malware infected web sites. During a malware epidemic it is possible many innocent sites to became infected and unknowingly to their owners to host malware. Generally, the average number of infected sites should be minimal. Close to zero in comparison to the vast amount of web sites.

Percentage of websites that use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs - Web Audio API.



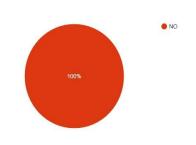
HTML5 Web Audio is a very useful technology to capture and store sound streams form various audio input sources as well as the microphone. Naturally, a great deal of care must be taken to protect users from unauthorized recordings, thus this specific functionality should be used with caution.

Percentage of websites that use technologies with known security issues - Flash.



Flash was once the king of multimedia content and was used thoroughly in the Web. Most web sites delivered multimedia video almost exclusively in Flash. Unfortunately, Flash protocol was also ranked high as the major source of vulnerabilities and other security risks. Therefore, most modern web sites tend to abandon the Flash protocol in favor of a new multimedia codecs. So, though not always possible to avoid Flash at all, try to use web sites with HTML5 video native players to enjoy your web video experience safely.

Percentage of websites that use potentially dangerous advanced HTML5 APIs - WebRTC.



HTML5-WebRTC is a very effective mechanism for providing real time communication but is also used by hackers to leak sensitive information or deanonymize users. This is a promising and useful technology, but whenever privacy is absolute necessary, WebRTC should be avoided.



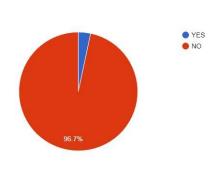




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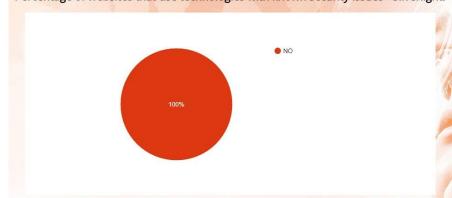


Percentage of websites that use technologies with known security issues - ActiveX.

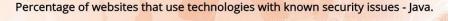


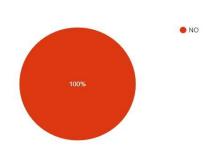
ActiveX is a Microsoft technology supported in older Microsoft browsers. It can be used to build complex scripts to automate many tasks. ActiveX normally operates from the web site directly to the users systems. As a consequence, many security issues arise from this approach. If you are using Internet Explorer, you can disable this. For more information on how to disable ActiveX, read How to disable ActiveX controls in Internet Explorer 1

Percentage of websites that use technologies with known security issues - Silverlight.



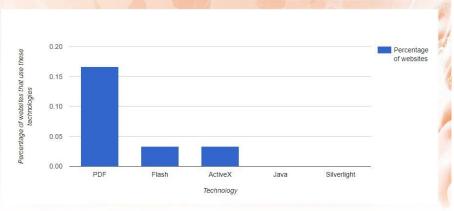
Silverlight is a new Microsoft technology based on the .NET framework. It is used for the development of highly interactive applications to enrich user experience .NET as every middleware with direct access to your PC may be a security risk. Better avoid it, if not absolutely necessary.





Java is a popular programming language. It has been used since the earliest days of the web to develop powerful web applications known as Java Applets. Due to many vulnerabilities that Java suffered during the last years, it is considered bad idea from security perspective for a web site to use Java. Most web browsers deprecate Java code. In case you absolute need to work with a web site which is based on Java Applet, better use a dedicated second browser for that and not your daily use browser.

#### Percentage of websites that use technologies with known security issues.



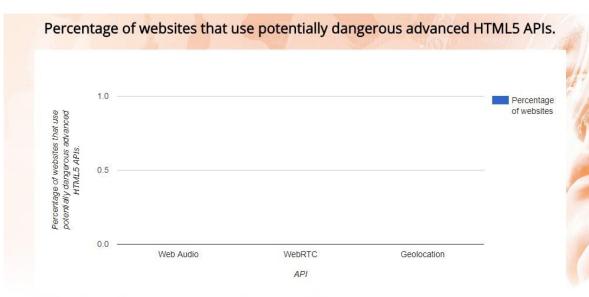
A short overview of technologies with bad security record. A more detailed explanation is available in the respective sections.



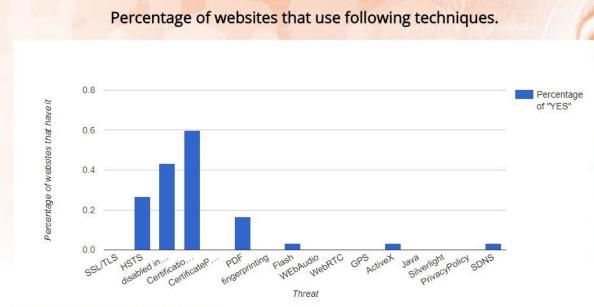








HTML5 is the newest Web standard, it is definitely the future of the WWW and is here to stay. As it happens with any new powerful technology it provides a set of new impressive features. On the other hand, some of them might have some security and privacy issues. PrivacyFlag have identified some potential problematic, from privacy perspective, technologies. Unless there is a good reason for a web site to use this functionality it is better not enable them yet.



A summary of the powerful technologies used in websites.











Confidentiality

Security

Privacy

#### Privacy

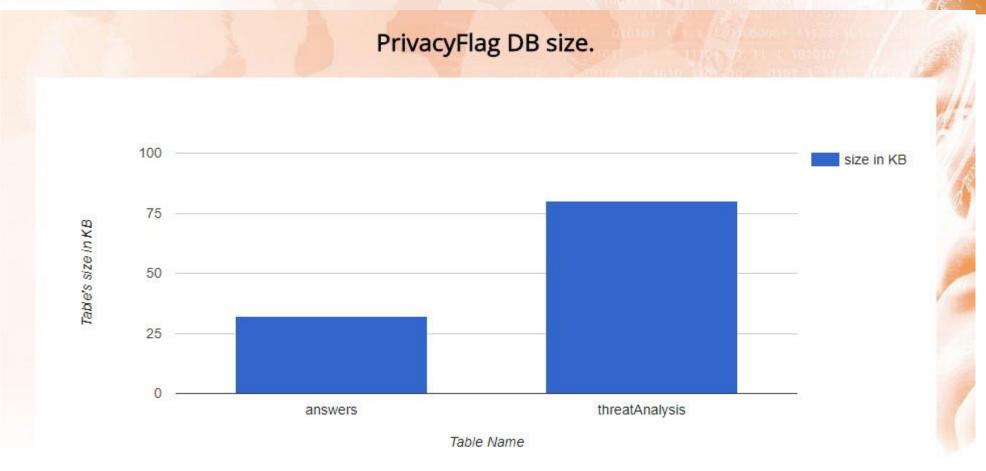
All web sites use some mechanisms to store information regarding users preferences. This information should be related only to viewing and browsing preferences and not to store personal identifiable data of the users or their overall browsing activity. PF analyzes various tracking mechanisms.













The size of the PrivacyFlag DataBase indicates the total amount of information that we have processed so far. The more websites and application our users visit and evaluate, the larger our DataBase gets and more accurate are our predictions. A large PrivacyFlag DataBase help us to provide you with the best privacy recommendations.







#### CTI's Threats Detection: Web Scraper

http://150.140.193.133:5000/CTI\_demo/threats/

A **web service** is developed to detect the following threats by scrapping the websites (text pattern matching, html parsing).

We check if the html code of the website includes specific object or file extension patterns for the following threats:

- Flash player
- Silverlight
- ActiveX
- Geolocation
- ❖ PDF

The web service output is:

- Threat output
  - > 1 (true) or 0 (false)
- The time needed for each website to check for the threats.
- Finally, the total elapsed time is reported.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUyF2oGFIEM

Flash: 1 Silverlight: 0 ActiveX: 0

Geolocation: 0

PDF: 0

0.00577116012573

http://www.speedtest.net

Flash: 1 Silverlight: 0

ActiveX: 0 Geolocation: 0

PDF: 0

http://www.net-tech-group.com/actxdemo.htm

Flash: 0 Silverlight: 0 ActiveX: 1 Geolocation: 0 PDF: 0

0.000352144241333

https://www.ceid.upatras.gr/el/announcements

Flash: 0 Silverlight: 0 ActiveX: 0 Geolocation: 0 PDF: 1

0.00209403038025

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Geolocation/Using geolocation

Flash: 0 Silverlight: 0 ActiveX: 0 Geolocation: 1 PDF: 0 0.0023500919342

https://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/iis-smooth-streaming/demo/

Flash: 0 Silverlight: 1 ActiveX: 0 Geolocation: 0 PDF: 0 .00129199028015 Total running time (secs):

4.5202319622









#### A historical perspective of PrivacyFlag evaluation:

- PF Observatory version 1:
  - link: <a href="http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/metrics.php">http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/metrics.php</a>
  - ❖a small list of graphs is included (only 5 graphs)
  - sgraph library: JpGraph (http://jpgraph.net/)
- PF Observatory version 2:
  - link: <a href="http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/new\_metrics.php">http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/new\_metrics.php</a>
  - ❖17 new graphs were implemented.
  - new graph library: Google Charts (<a href="https://developers.google.com/chart/">https://developers.google.com/chart/</a>)







#### **Final Version:**

#### PF Observatory version 3 (current version):

- Ink: <a href="http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/observatory.php">http://app.privacyflag.eu:2080/privacy/addon/observatory.php</a>
- According to the report from pilots that took place, there were the three following recommendations, regarding to Privacy Flag Observatory:
  - A more detailed information about each chart.
  - Having some guidelines about what each risk entails
  - Splitting the charts into categories

All of them have been addressed.







#### **PF Early Warning System:**

#### **Outlier Detection and Epidemic modeling:**

- \* Peirce criterion and Euclidean distance -> to detect outliers
- ◆ Epidemic Curves → for malware links and possible for other high risk threats
- Some simple outlier detection methods are researched
- New more effective outlier detection mechanisms have been employed {**z-score**, Chebyshev's theorem, Iglewicz-Hoaglin Method)









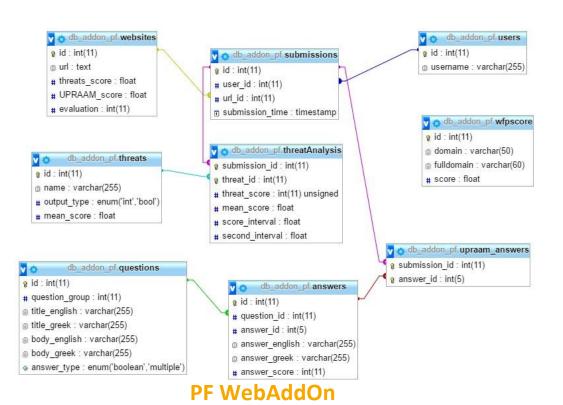
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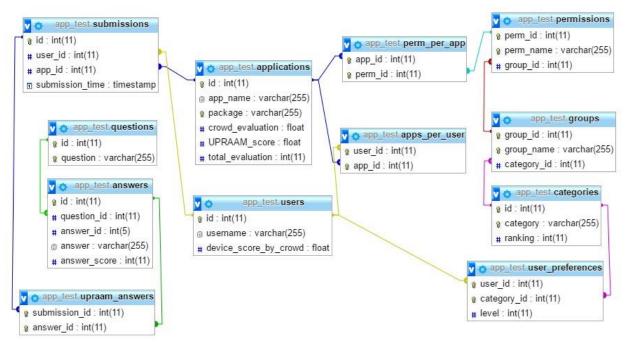




#### T4.5 Database and server implementation

More efficient PF DataBase Schema both for the PF AddOn and thr PF SmartPhoneApp





PF SmartPhoneApp







#### PF Infrastructure

Server Information

**♦ OS:** Ubuntu 14.04 LTS

❖ Database: MySQL

HTTP Server: Apache2

API implementation

Javascript with Node.js: v6.2.1 (<a href="https://nodejs.org/">https://nodejs.org/</a>)

**PHP** v5.5.9

HTML5 and CSS3

API documentation and demonstration

Swagger Framework (<a href="http://swagger.io/">http://swagger.io/</a>)











# Thank You! Q&A





