

Security & Social Media

#oxymoron :)



assume everything is public



but organising & change need
“publics” - so no choice la

1) What are you using social media for?

Dissemination

Mobilising support

Information sharing

Community building

Discourse shaping

Strategising

Some need more “public than others”, so make your decision on which platform to choose based on what you want it to do.

Some provide more privacy and control than others

Activity: Have an open discussion: Write down the main uses



2) Do a risk assessment

Who: Your connections

What: Potential threats

Who: Potential Asshats

What: Potential impacts

How likely: Manage your paranoia

Make a decision based on these risks, likelihood, to yourself and others.

The bigger the risk, the more careful you have to be around choosing your platform

Activity: Depending on time, can ask them to do one for something they care about. And which platform did they chose for this. Or do one in plenary

3) Get intimate with your chosen platform

Read the fine print

Spot data leaks

Play with settings

Know their politics

The more we know, the more we can try and exercise control over the spaces we choose



Know to what extent they own your data

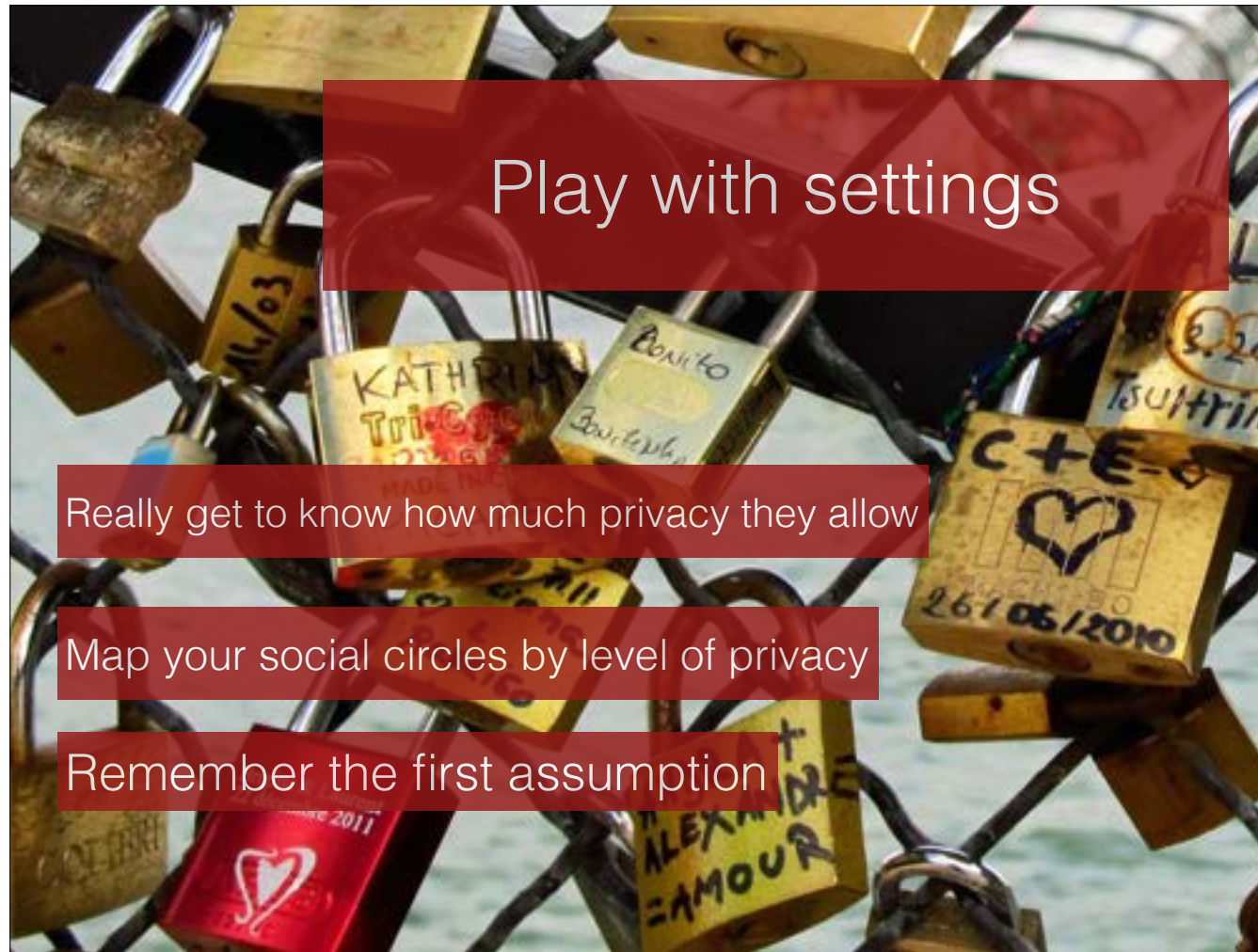
To what extent they can share your data, with whom, with or without your permission

To what extent they can track your movements: between browsers, between sites, and consolidate this

Knowledge is powah!



- Because they can track between, important to do different strategies to anonymise yourself
- E.g. if you have 2 twitter accounts, one pseudonym, one real name, and use something like tweetdeck, can kena kanto when accidentally post. Build walls between them to avoid leaks
- Browsers can also track, so use different ones for different social media platforms
- Use a privacy by default browser or search engines
- Do they need “real name” policies? How would it work? FB: Trans people (act on complaint, strict)
- Go through a few sites to dox themselves
 - <http://lullar-com-3.appspot.com/en> OR
 - <http://checkusernames.com/>
 - <https://pipl.com/>
- Screen caps, email forwards. Pause before you post. Is there anything that can link you? Location, topic, style of conversation etc



Play with settings

Really get to know how much privacy they allow

Map your social circles by level of privacy

Remember the first assumption

- Again, the more you know, the better you are able to control your privacy
- Privacy setting is your friend
- Social circle: draw out (concentric circles). Make decisions based on that. Will take a day to sort this out on FB
- First assumption: People are your data leaks. They tag you. They share you.

	Open	Closed	Secret
Who can join?	Anyone can join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone can ask to join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone, but they have to be added or invited by a member
Who can see the group's name?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see who's in the group?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members
Who can see the group description?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see the group tags?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see what members post in the group?	Anyone	Only members	Only members
Who can find the group in search?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members
Who can see stories about the group on Facebook (like in News Feed and search)?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members

- How secret is a secret group?
- Any group member can add another person, and then the person can remove themselves.



- Go to transparency reports
 - <https://www.google.com/transparencyreport/userdatarequests/MY/>
 - <https://transparency.twitter.com/country/my>
 - <https://govtrequests.facebook.com/country/Malaysia/2015-H2/>
- Check their corporate policies
 - GNI
 - SR on FOE
- How likely will they respond to your concerns on complaints by non-state actors?
- Do they only see you if you have money sign on you? Global markets, numbers game.



- Technical community and internet activists busy building technology that is technology conscious
- Support them by getting to know them, using them, giving them feedback
- Give them some love and some pleasure in play