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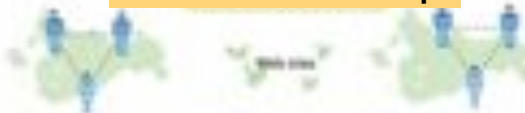
A Framework for the Policy-Oriented Web in Social Networks

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The Five Eras Of The Social Web

Era of Social Relationships



Era of Social Functionality



Era of Social Colonization



Era of Social Context

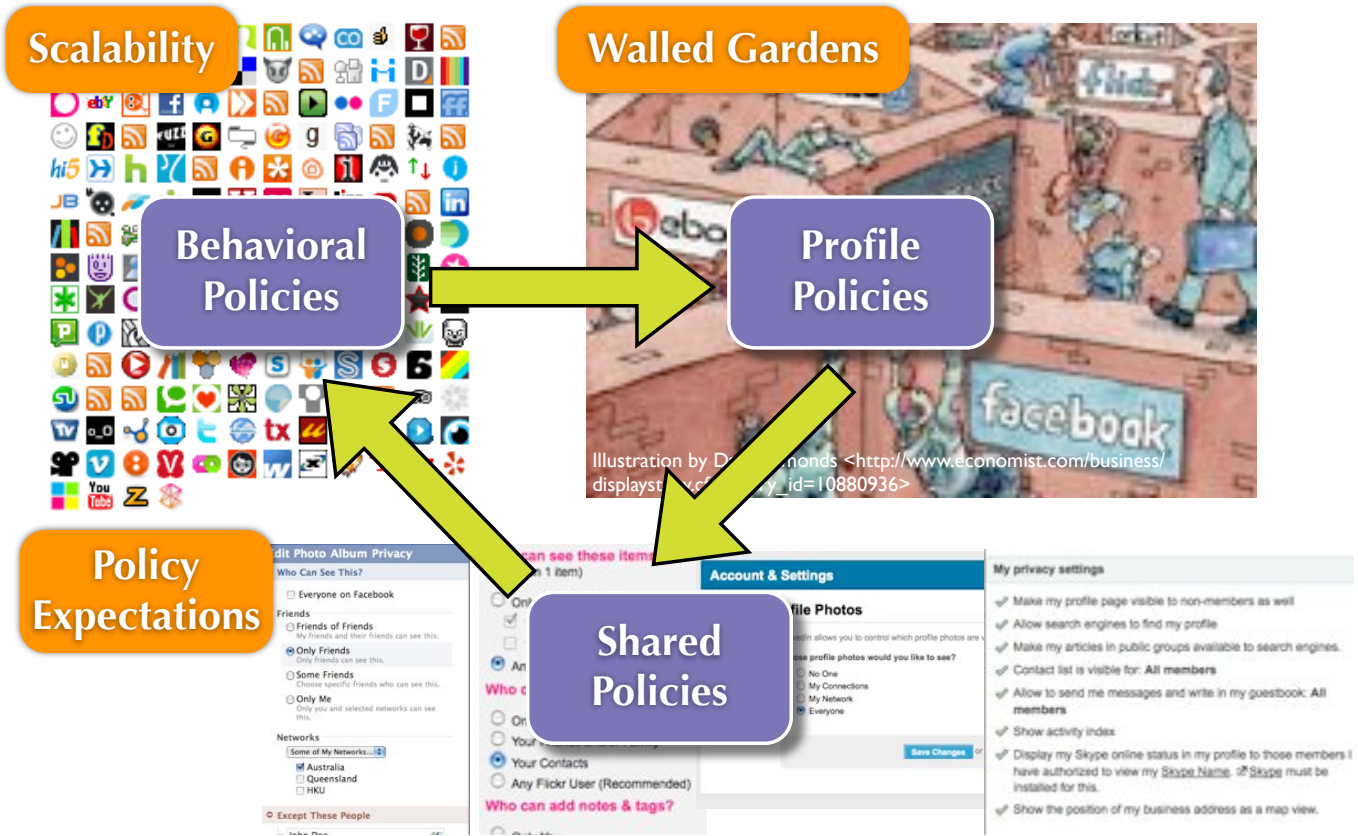


Era of Social Commerce

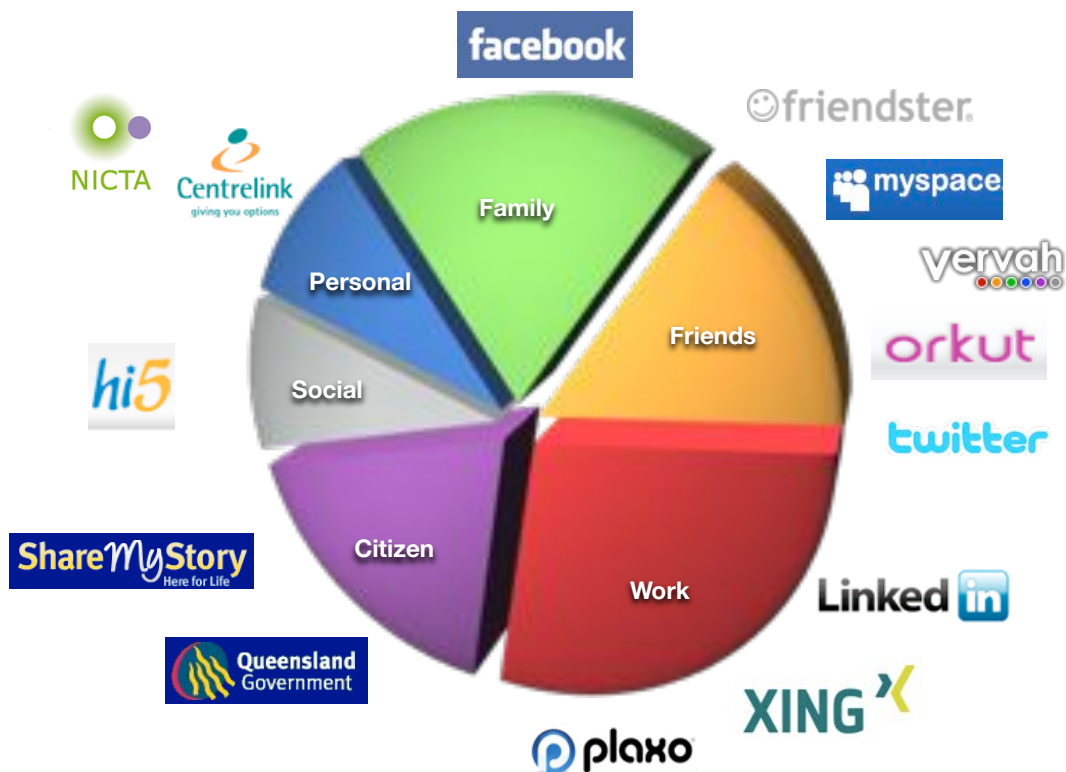


- **Community context:** affiliation with those who share similar interests
- **Location-based context:** mobile or consumer-specified location and time.
- **Social context:** influence from trusted peers
- **Behavioral context:** consumer actions on the Web or network
- **Preferences context:** what consumers say they want

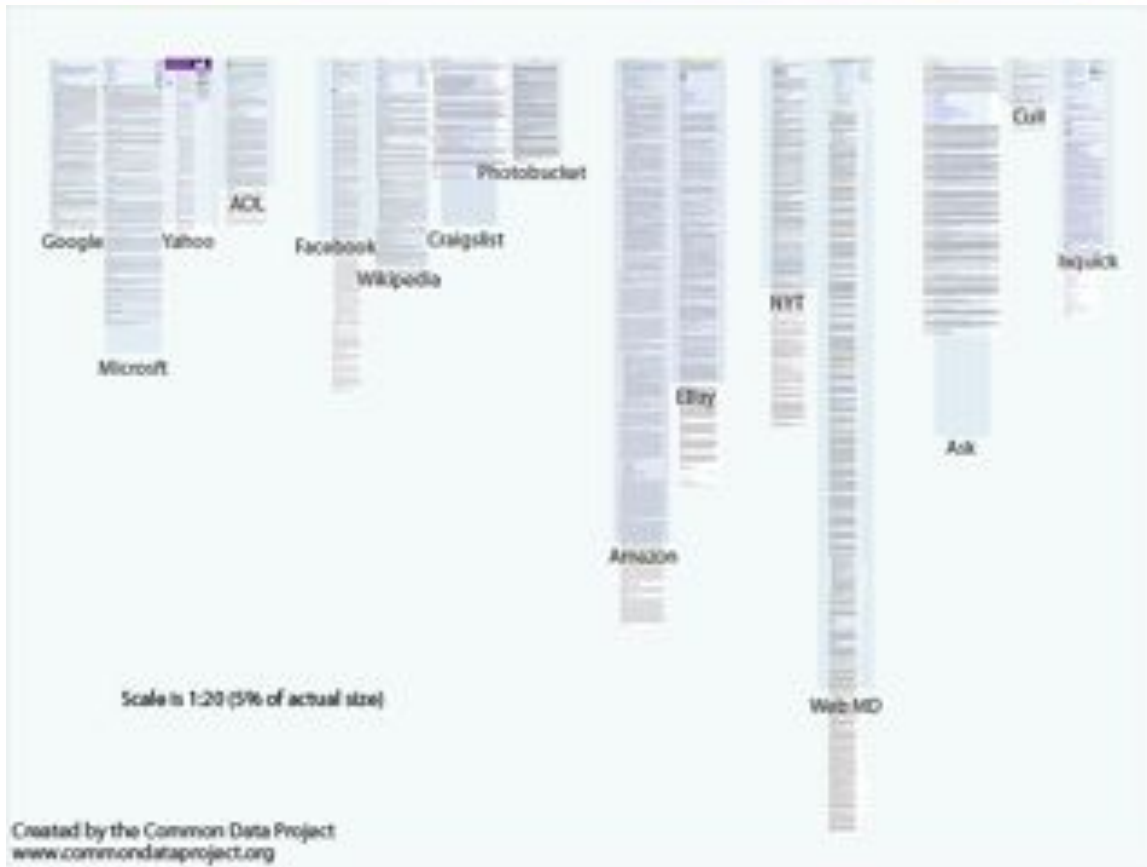
Social Net Challenges



Your Profile Pie



Policies!



Today: Aggregators

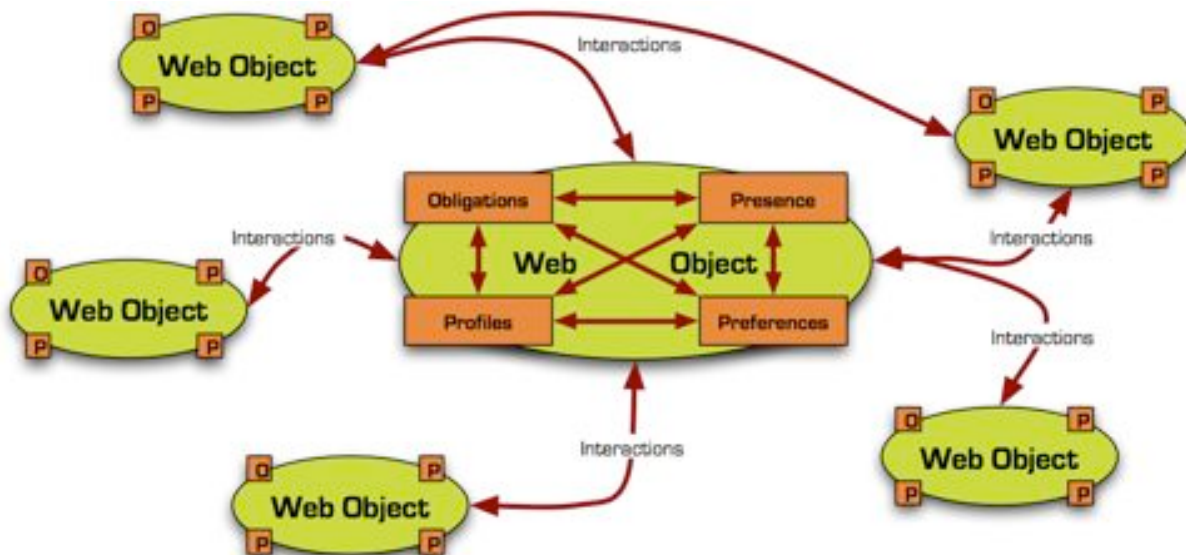


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The Current Web

- There is no support for Policies in the current Web Architecture



Key Challenges

- Policy **Expression**
 - how to unambiguously define the terms and conditions of a policy
- Policy **Transparency**
 - how to ensure all parties are aware of the policy and its implications
- Policy **Conflict**
 - how to detect potential incompatibilities between dependent policies
- Policy **Accountability**
 - how to track policy exceptions and obligations

The image shows a screenshot of a social media privacy settings page, likely from Facebook or Flickr. The page is titled "Edit Photo Album Privacy" and "Who Can See This?". It features several sections with radio button options:

- Who Can See This?**
 - Everyone on Facebook
 - Friends**
 - Friends of Friends (My friends and their friends can see this.)
 - Only Friends (Only friends can see this.)
 - Some Friends (Choose specific friends who can see this.)
 - Only Me (Only you and selected friends can see this.)
- Networks**
 - Some of My Networks...
 - Australia
 - Queensland
 - HKU
- Except These People**
 - John Doe

On the right side, there are three sections with radio button options:

- Who can see these items?**
 - Only You (Private)
 - [Unreadable]
- Who can comment?**
 - Only You
 - Your Friends and/or Family
 - Your Contacts
 - Any Flickr User (Recommended)
- Who can add notes & tags?**
 - Only You
 - Your Friends and/or Family
 - Your Contacts (Recommended)
 - Any Flickr User

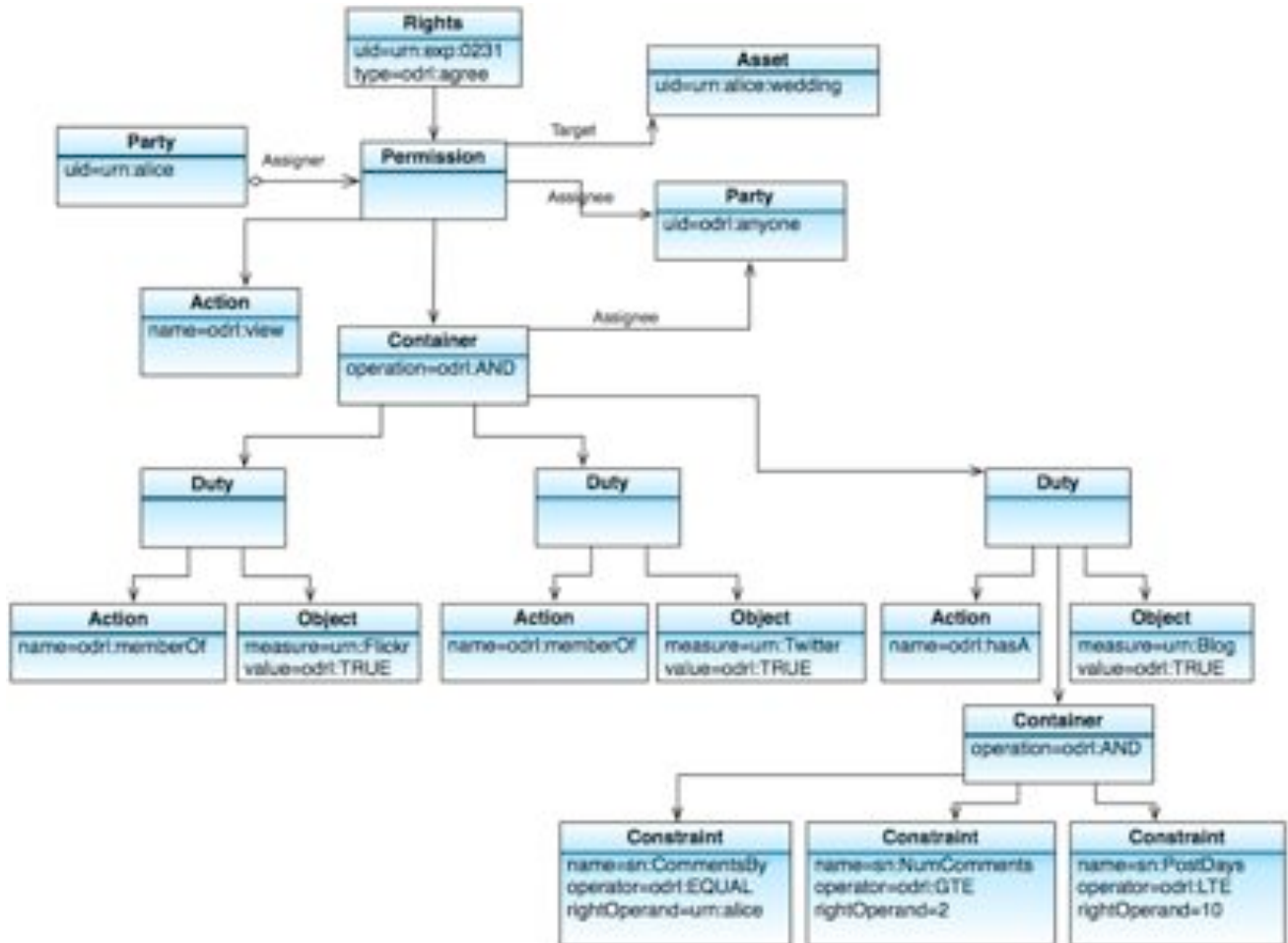
At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled "CHANGE PERMISSIONS".

Four purple callout boxes are overlaid on the image:

- Expression**: Points to the "Only Friends" option.
- Transparency**: Points to the "Friends of Friends" option.
- Conflict**: Points to the "Only Me" option.
- Accountability**: Points to the "John Doe" entry in the "Except These People" section.

SN Use Case

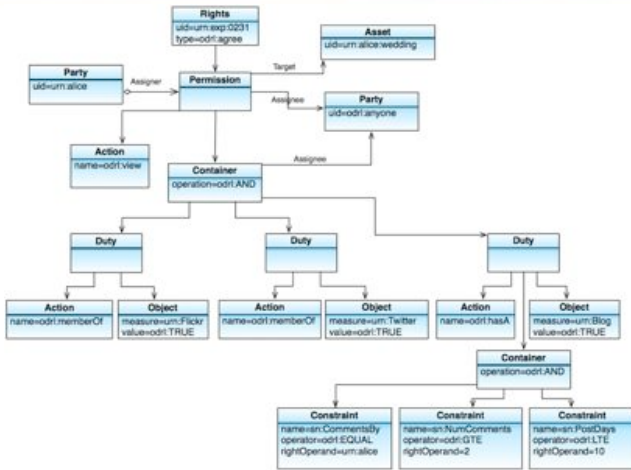
- Use Case from W3C Future of Social Networks Workshop (Jan 2009):
 - “Alice wants to give access to her wedding pictures only to people that are fellows on both Flickr and Twitter and that have a blog she commented at least twice during the last 10 days.”
 - <http://www.w3.org/2008/09/msnws/papers/trustprivacy.html>
- Focus on obligations on people



Formalisation

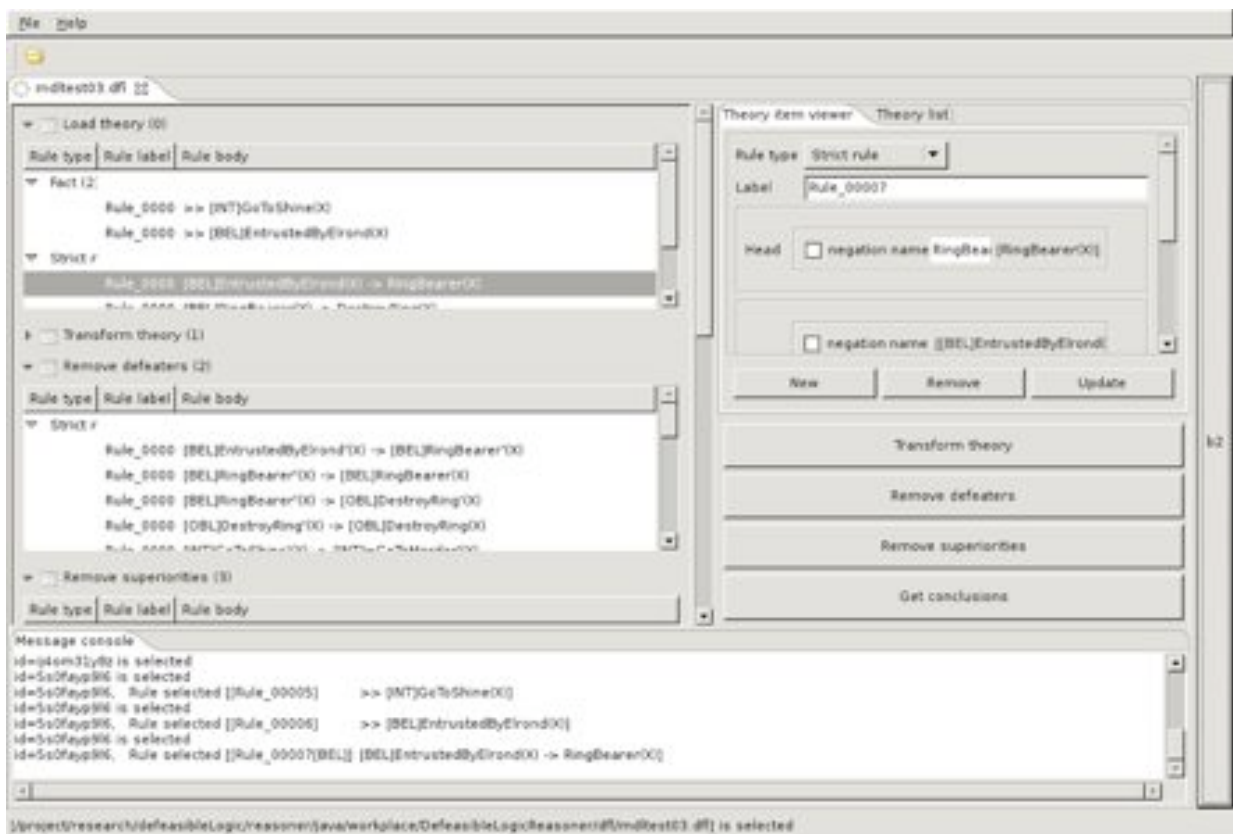


- Today: Policy management (eg privacy & rights) are site specific and provide no conflict detection services
- Expressive Policy Language with conflict detection and resolution
- Combine **Deontic Logic** (to capture norms) with Rule-based **non-monotonic logic** (defeasible logic to capture exceptions and priorities)
- Computational **feasible** and **scalable** reasoning for **dynamic** (time based) policies



$p_1 : wedding_photo(x), flickr(y), twitter(y),$
 $blog(z, y), posted(a, z, t_1), posted(a, z, t_2),$
 $t_1 > Now - 10, t_2 > Now - 10 \Rightarrow P_{yaccess}(x)$

Demo SPINDle



Next Steps



- **W3C Social Web Incubator Group** 
 - <http://www.w3.org/2005/Incubator/socialweb/>
- **W3C Policy Languages Interest Group** 
 - <http://www.w3.org/Policy/pling>
- **Propose a new Working Group**
 - **Web Policy Language**
 - **Simple**
 - **Standardised**
 - **Browser-Aware**

Policy Commons



SN	Policy Terms	Policy Type	Constraints
Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See (eg view Photos) 	Permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only Me • Everyone • Only Friends • Some Friends • Friends of Friends • All my Networks • Some of my Networks
Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Sections (eg Basic, Personal, Wall posts, etc) • Contact Information Sections (eg Phone, Address, etc) • Search Discovery 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone • My Networks and Friends • Friends of Friends • Only Friends • Customise
Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Results (eg what is shown in results) 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Profile Picture • My Friend List • A link to add me as friend • A link to send me a message • Pages I am a Fan of
Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Activity (what gets shown to friends) 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Posts • Comments/Like a Note • Comments/Like a Photo or Album • Comments/Like a Video • Comment/Like a Link • Changed Relationship Status • Remove Profile Info • Post on a Discussion Board • Add a Friend • Chats

Flickr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Items 	Permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only You • Anyone • Your Friends • Your Family
Flickr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment • Add Notes/Tags 	Permission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only You • Your Friends and/or Family • Your Contacts • Any Flickr User
Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Updates 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only People you approve • Any Twitter User
LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Photo visibility • Status Update visibility 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone • My Network • My Connections
LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Sections (eg Current Positions, Past Positions) 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public • Private
LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Views (other people's) 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Only • Anonymous Information • None
LinkedIn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Status Updates • Notify Profile Updates 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
Pixxo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Information (About, Work, Home, Jobs, Edu) 	Privacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone • All Connections • Business Connections • Family & Friends • Only Me • Customise

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