

Privacy and Identity Management for Community Services (PICOS)











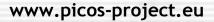














- Research on mobile communities
- How to improve trust and privacy in such communities?
- Exemplary Communities:
 - Anglers
 - Online Gamers
 - Taxi Drivers

Major Questions



- What are the Trust, Privacy and Identity issues in new context-rich mobile communication services, especially community-supporting services?
- How can information flows and privacy requirements be balanced in complex distributed service architectures (e.g. mash-ups)?
- How can these issues be solved in an acceptable, trustworthy, open, scalable, manner?
- Which supporting services and infrastructures do the stakeholders need?

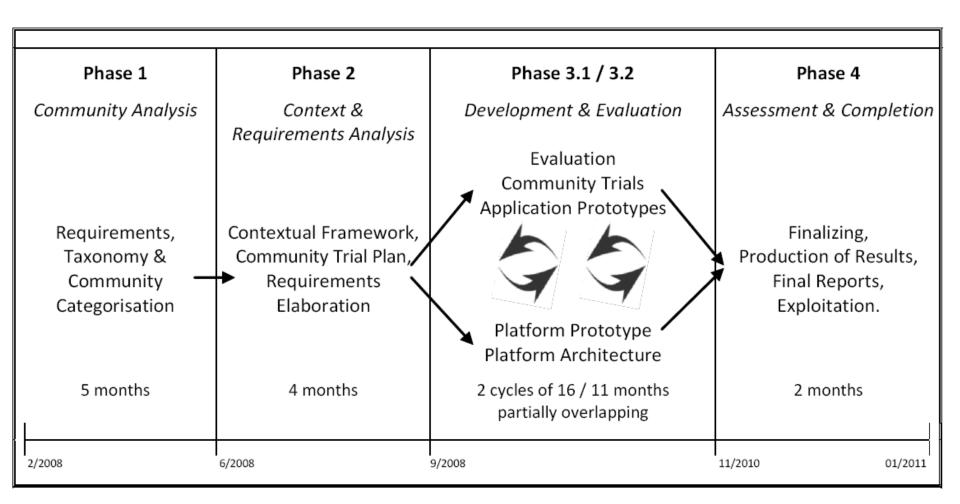




- A set of interdisciplinary requirements for trustworthy, privacy-friendly community transactions.
- A platform prototype that demonstrates the provision of state-of-the-art privacy and trust technology to community applications.
- Community Applications Prototypes to demonstrate the use of PICOS concepts in practice
- User-centric trials that validate the applicability of the concepts.



Phases



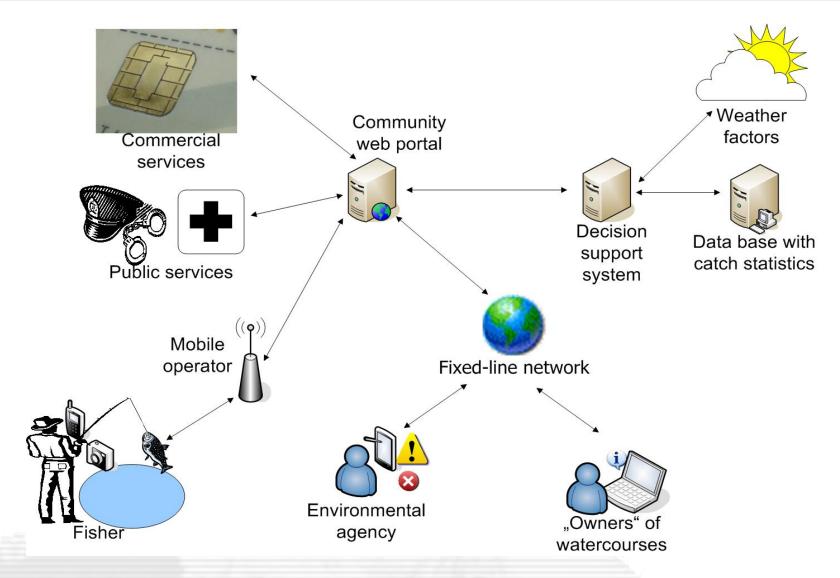




- Gathering requirements of mobile communities
- Developing a community platform, including innovative concepts to support trust, privacy and identity management
- Implementing prototypical mobile community applications
- Test the community applications with users to evaluate feasibility of concepts



Community Example 1: Anglers Community





Community Example 2: Gaming Community - Overview





Community Example 2: Gaming Community - Scope

- Gaming Community Application
 - Social Community for gamers (example game \(\frac{\partial}{2} \)
 - Supporting the existing community of a game to...
 - ...keep contact with other players (outside of the game)
 - ...organise real world meetings
 - ...discuss about games (news, strategies, etc.)
 - ...find new partners for in-game collaboration
 - PICOS focus:
 - Ensuring privacy respecting communication and content sharing among community members
 - Allowing exchange of sensitive, game related information
 - Improving mechanisms for trust and reputation in the community
 - From web and mobile devices
 - Prototype of this application will be developed in PICOS...
 - ...and evaluated in User Trials



Exemplary Concepts

Partial Identities

- Different Partial Identities for different usage contexts
 - e.g. for usage in different sub-communities to reflect various roles of users
- Limited set of personal information disclosed for each Partial Identity





Exemplary Concepts Private Rooms

- A personal area for each user
- Content may be transferred to other users (e.g. data, pictures, contacts).
- Enables users to selectively allow other users to access one's own restricted private resources
- Enhances privacy in communities





Exemplary Concepts Blurring

- Blurring of location data
 - Location is obfuscated on a map to
 - hide one's own (exact) position
 - allow only selected people to view the exact position
 - Different levels of blurring
 - to control degree of obfuscation

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Exemplary Concepts Sub-Communities

- Smaller communities of like-minded users (e.g. fly-fishers, members of local angling club)
- Allow topic related exchange of content
- May be private or public
- Private Sub-Communities are only accessible for a limited group of users





Exemplary Concepts Privacy Advisor

- Provides privacy related guidance to users (e.g. regarding disclosure/sharing of regarding location info)
- Based on the user's current behaviour and context
- To create awareness of privacy related aspects within mobile communities

Conclusion



- Privacy in mobile communities is possible if...
 - Stakeholders are considered
 - Adequate tools for privacy and identity management are provided
 - Awareness for privacy related aspects is increased





- Start: 01-Feb-2008
- Duration: 3 years
- Balanced mixture of industrial and academic partners



- Coordinator: Goethe University Frankfurt
- Receives funding from European Commission 7th Framework Programme



More information

- PICOS Deliverables, e.g.:
 - Community Requirements (D2.4)
 - PICOS Architecture (D4.1)
 - PICOS Platform Prototype (D5.1)
 - PICOS Community Application Prototype (D6.1)

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