How do we give Users Control and Transparency over their Personal Data on the Web?

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The problem: We've lost control over our data.

- Regulation like GDPR doesn't fix everything.
  - Processing, collection and analysis of ever increasing amounts of data
- **Take-it-or-leave-it** decisions regarding our personal data
  - Materialized in dark patterns, vague wording and lengthy privacy policies
- **Bilateral protections** are needed in order to realize data protection
  - Users need choice and transparency in order to restore the balance of power
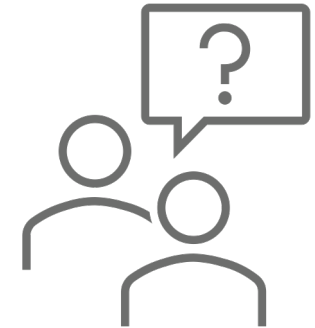
The Solid Project

- **Restoring** end-users' control over their data
- **Goal**: Develop a **specification** for decentralized personal data storage servers (Pods)
- A new way of building applications and services on the Web
  - Separating apps and data
- A new model for data governance
  - Returning user choice to the Web
- By building upon existing Web standard
  - We're not inventing a new Web, mostly just putting the pieces of the puzzle together
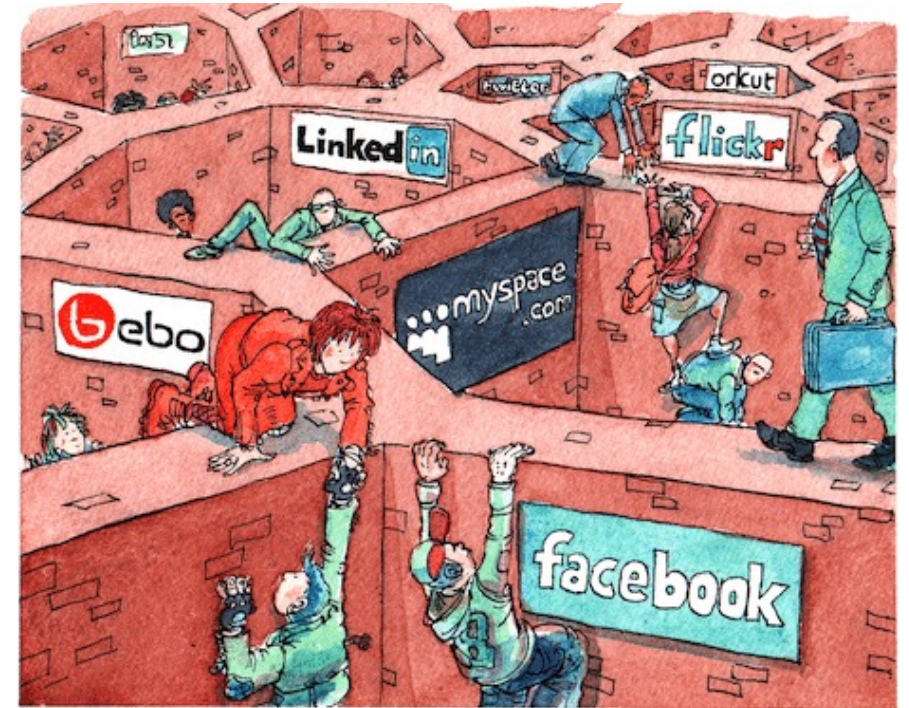
Social Networking Sites as Walled Gardens by David Simonds, The Economist, 19 March 2008

Towards a Solid W3C Working Group

- **Currently**: W3C Community Group status
  - More **informal**, no strict deadlines or timeline
  - **Ad-hoc** collaborative model
- [W3C Working Group Charter](#) proposed
  - **Formalize** collaboration, process, scope and timeline
- Working Group and Community Group will go **hand-in-hand**
  - Community Group as **breeding ground for fresh new ideas**
  - **Working group aims to reach consensus** and formalize specification

How can I get involved?

Solid Project homepage

solidproject.org

Proposed WG Charter

solid.github.io/solid-wg-charter/charter/

Solid Gitter Chat

gitter.im/solid/chat

Community Solid Server
Open Source implementation of the Solid Protocol

github.com/solid/community-server

Any questions?

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