

Tightening the Fist on Open Handshakes

Intensive sharing of personal information, thoughts and media has left us at the mercy of griefers, identity thieves and code designed to wreak havoc upon our lives. The open social activity and eager seeking out of new contacts over the net that once were the norm, are but a distant memory.

Wary users require any social networking site worth visiting to use rigorous identity verification procedures in order to protect them, as anyone unknown to them is any number of potential threats. As a result, increasingly intrusive identity verification systems are spreading over the Internet. To access people's personal spaces, communities and services, visitors identities must be verified both technically and socially tools; Cards, access codes and other people's recommendations or certifications are frequently made use of. This slows down communication and makes accessing information increasingly difficult, which makes people used to fast access unwilling to meet new people online.

The buying and selling of personal Internet identities is a booming trade on the international black market. Due to feeling insecure in their surroundings, people become increasingly careful with building new social relationships over the Internet. Forums have become more exclusive and restricted. Sharing of different types of media is rare. People become more conscious with what they place on the Internet. No social activity is engaged in prior to verification, and the line deparating safe and unsecured sites becomes more obvious.

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