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Abstract: The purpose of this project was to develop educational tools and activities in a module to help teachers demonstrate the principle: “Only you have an interest in maintaining your privacy.” This module is part of TROPE (Teachers’ Resources for Online Privacy Education) and the Teaching Privacy project.

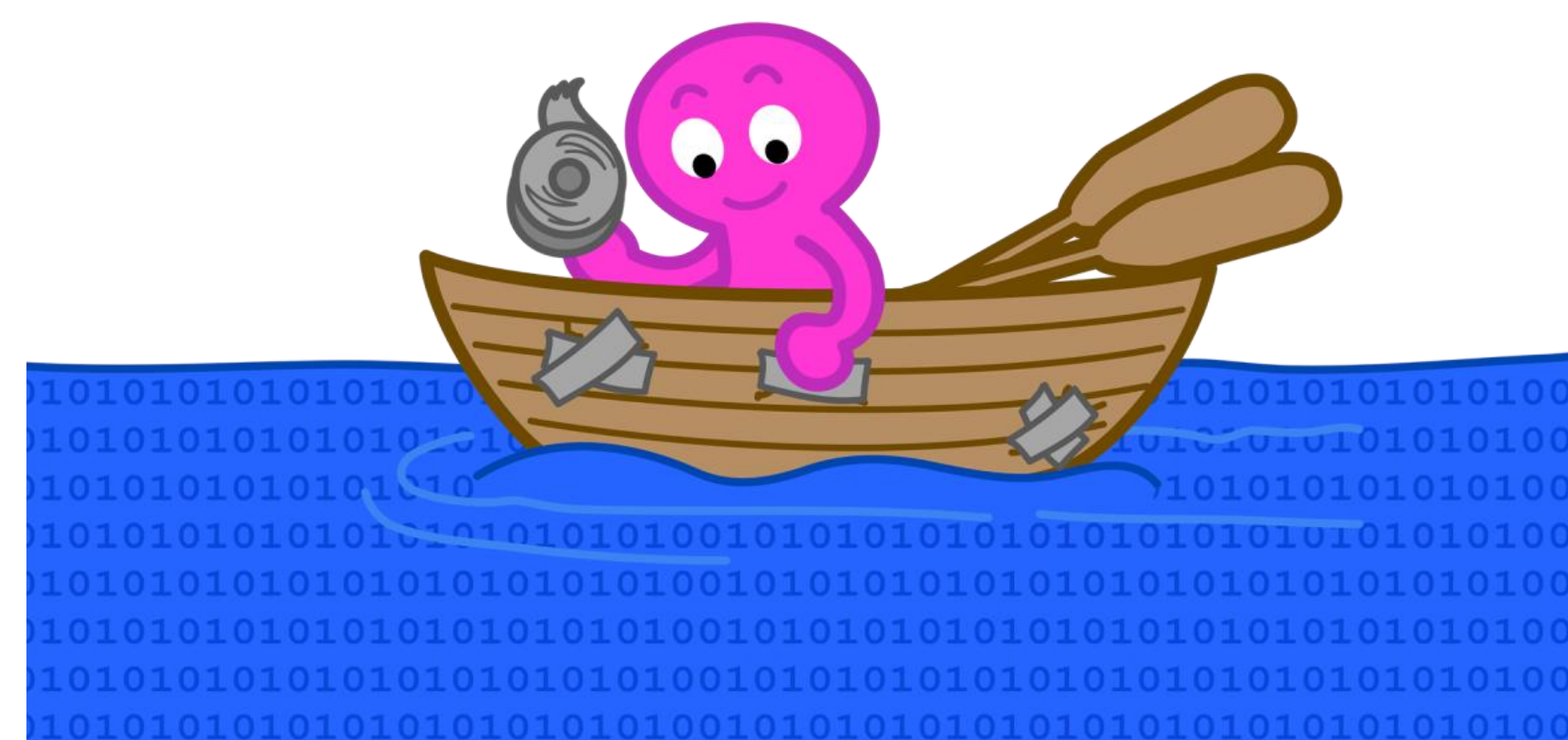
Summary of Learning Objectives: Students can articulate why technology design, laws, and business policies do not inherently protect their privacy; students have the capacity to acquire new privacy-management skills as technology and policies change.

Whole-Group Discussions

How Can You Protect Your Privacy?

Ask students to name some actions they can take to better protect their privacy online. Pick a few interesting examples and ask:

- How does this action help protect your privacy?
- Are there any risks or costs to you if you do this?
- Given the benefits and costs, is it worth it?



News Stories You Can Use

You Can’t Sue Family Over Unwanted Facebook Photos, Says Judge

Person tries to sue his uncle for posting an embarrassing childhood photo, but the suit is unsuccessful; the uncle eventually removes the tag, but the photo is still on Facebook.

Families Struggle to Delete Loved Ones’ Online Presence After Death

A dead woman’s email account is hacked and the hacker starts sending spam to her family; it takes two months to get through the post-death account-closing process.

Slide Deck

How Can I Protect Myself Better?



- Don’t rely on others to protect your personal information.
- But it doesn’t hurt to inform others about your privacy preferences, including friends, family, and the online services you use.
- Keep track of your privacy settings.
- Inform those with the power to make laws: Write, call, or email!

Classroom Activities

Investigating Privacy Policies

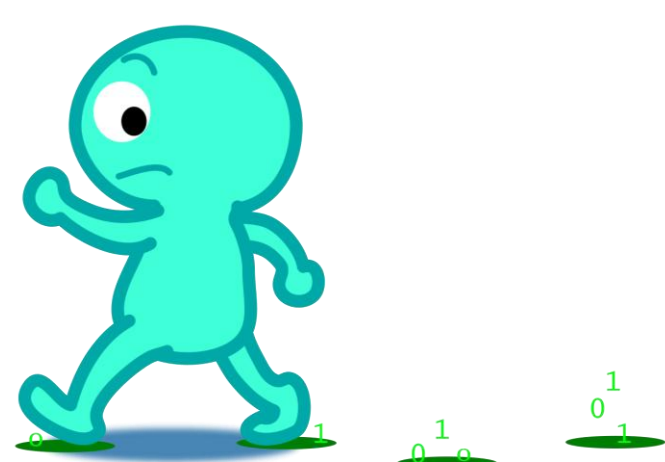
Students break up into groups and analyze the privacy policy for a popular social media site, app, or service.

Write to Policy Makers

Students each write a letter to a policy maker expressing their views on online privacy.

Additional Teaching Privacy topics and resources can be found online at

www.teachingprivacy.org



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