Facebook as a problem

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Research Question

Facebook as a problem: Facebook groups directed at Facebook: What moves do they make, what spaced do they go to?

Reformulated questions:

Focus on the alternative platforms:

1. How do they resonate on Facebook?

2. What type of spaces or environments are they?

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Method

1. Which platforms resonate on Facebook?

Make list of alternative platforms

Query this list in Facebook

Analyse content of top group and/or pages for their discourse, based on list of categories (e.g. privacy, decentralisation, surveillance, censorship)

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the problem

- Query the names of the platforms in Discover text

  Canceled because of personalised results despite new Facebook account and because lack page description

- Query the names of platforms in Google Scraper, query for member count and analyse top groups

Query: "keyword" site:facebook.com
Method: Query names platforms in Google Scaper in facebook.com

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Map generated by tools.digitalmethods.net

Google wave (91900)
Thimble (75000) Crabgrass (24100) Elgg (23800) xmpp (20800) identi.ca (14400) Buddypress (20400)

Diaspora (8890) status.net (5820) Pinax (3560) Cynapse (1410) Appleseed (312) Lorea (60)

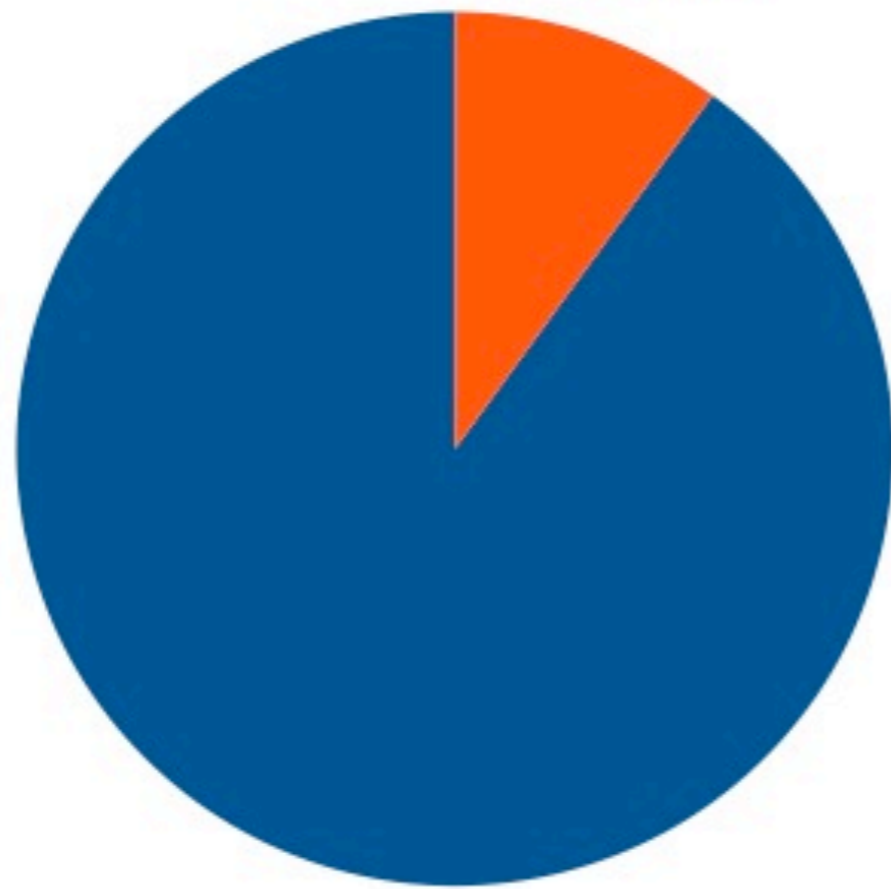**Resonance platforms in Facebook groups 07-07-11**

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Platforms

Code Maturity

■ Production
■ Beta

Alternative platforms

2. What kind of environments are they?

Make screenshots of default settings

Print and Compare

Overview: settings, interoperability, visbility to whom, findability,
amount of privacy features, amount of steps to get to privacy settings,
location of privacy settings, documentation/transparancy of settings.

Choose Your Privacy Settings

🖼 Connecting on Facebook

Control basic information your friends will use to find you on Facebook. View Settings

🔒 Sharing on Facebook

These settings control who can see what you share.

	Everyone	Friends of Friends	Friends Only
Everyone			
Your status, photos, and posts	•		
Friends of Friends			
Bio and favorite quotations	•		
Family and relationships	•		
Friends Only			
Photos and videos you're tagged in		•	
Religious and political views		•	
Birthday		•	
Recommended ✔			
Permission to comment on your posts			•
Places you check in to [?]			•
Contact information			•

☑ Let friends of people tagged in my photos and posts see them.

✏ Customize settings   ✔ This is your current setting.

⊞ Apps and Websites

Edit your settings for using apps, games and websites.

⊖ Block Lists

Edit your lists of blocked people and apps.

🚩 Controlling How You Share

Learn more about your privacy on Facebook.

Profile settings

You can update your personal profile info here so people know more about you.

Nickname

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1-64 lowercase letters or numbers, no punctuation or spaces.

Full name

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Homepage

URL of your homepage, blog, or profile on another site.

Bio

Describe yourself and your interests in 140 characters

Location

Where you are, like "City, State (or Region), Country"

☑ Share my current location when posting notices

Tags

Tags for yourself (letters, numbers, -, ., and _), comma- or space-separated.

Language

English (British)

Preferred language.

Timezone

UTC

In which timezone are you?

☐ Automatically subscribe to whoever subscribes to me (best for non-humans).

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EDIT OPTIONS

General	Channel	Account

PRIVACY

Geolocation ☑

APPLICATION

Sounds ☐

Show all friends ☐

Media integration ☑

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Activity

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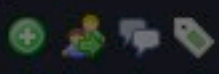
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| Group: Cadavre exquis |
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| pregunta_paper |
| avanza |
| Group: Acción |
| Group: Dinamización/Cuidados |
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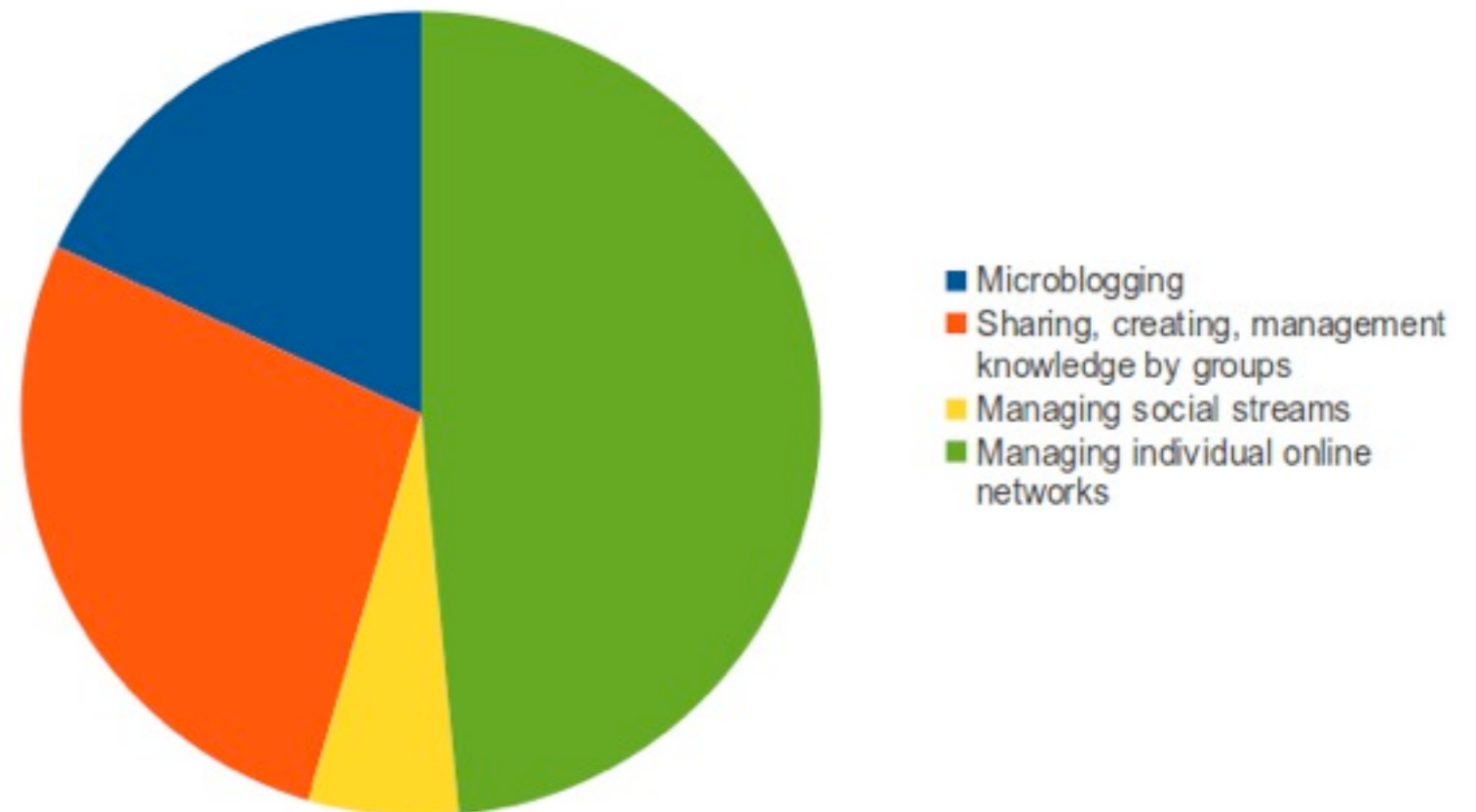
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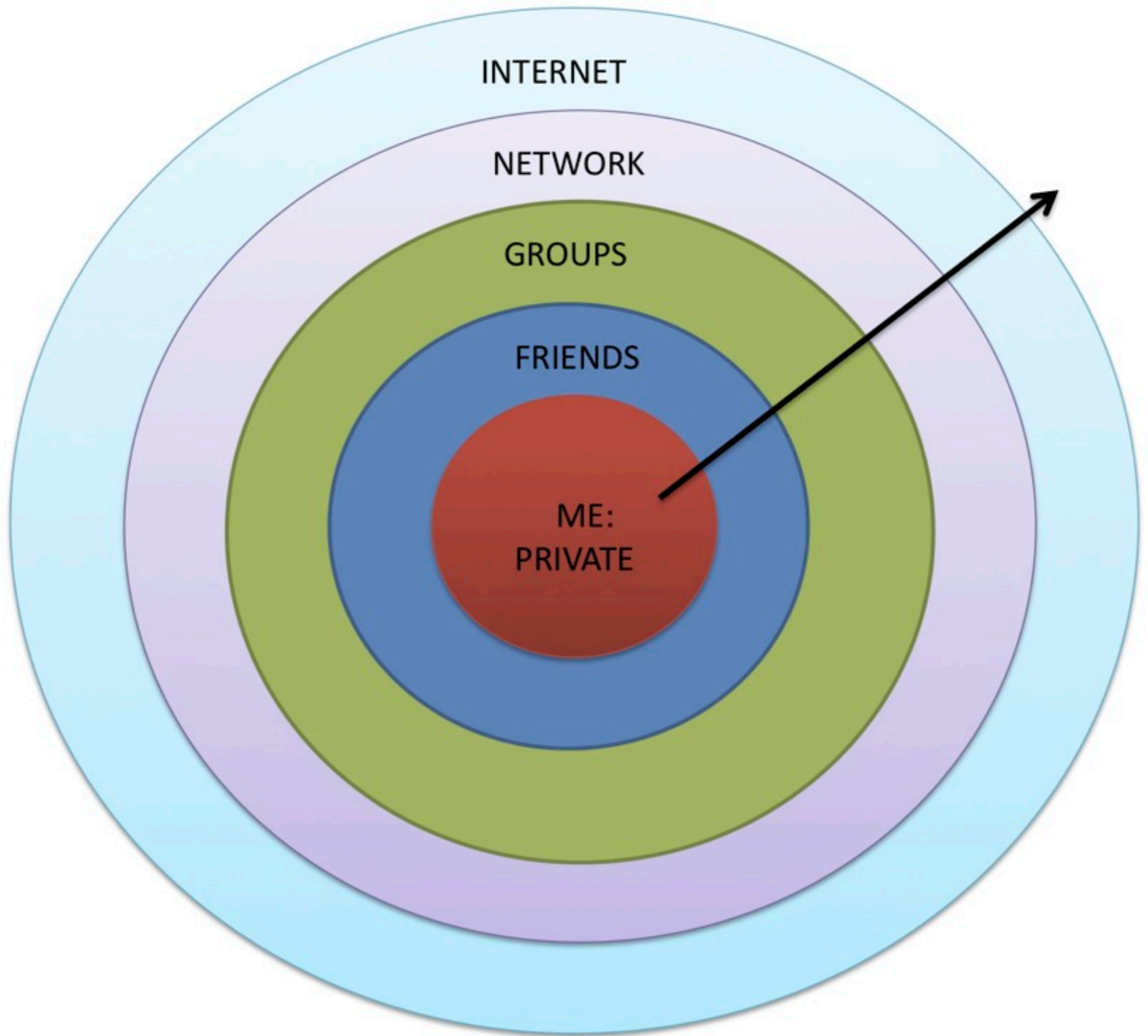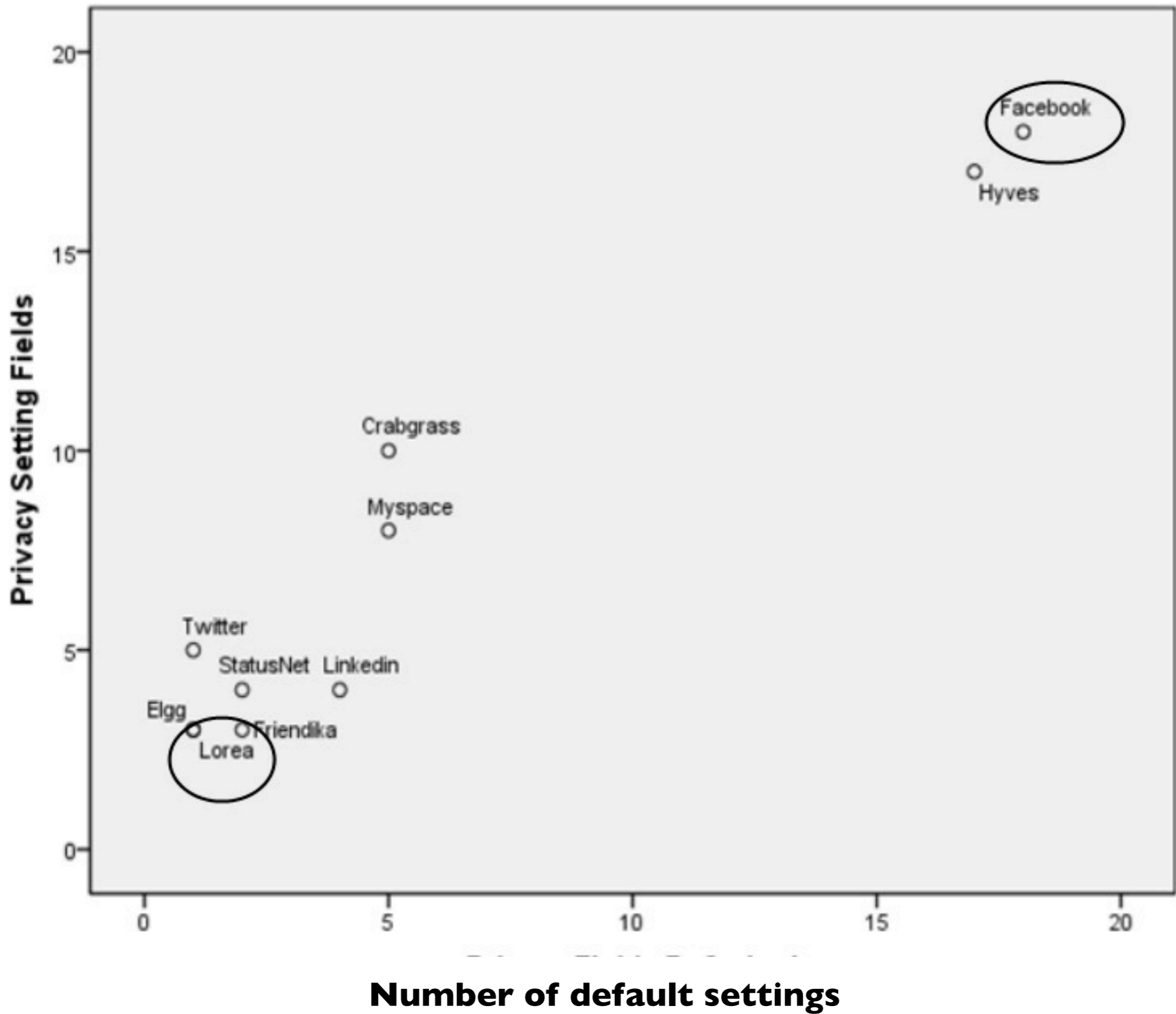| Platform	Code maturity	Privacy Support	Encryption of network (http or https)	Encryption by users	Actions to use it	License	Distance: How many clicks since you log in to privacy settings?	How many fields inside privacy settings?	Page entitled privacy settings? (Yes, No)	Name of the page where are the privacy settings	Geolocalisation (Yes/No)	How many settings activated by default?	Visibility by default (private, friends, network, internet, customized)
StatusNet	Production	Content and data of The riseup.net Status Network are private and confidential. But the Privacy page is empty.	http	No	Enter your email for instant access	GNU Affero General Public License.	2	4	No	Profile settings	Yes	2	network
Crabgrass	Production	Simple permissions to add contacts or join working groups	https	No	Download and install software in your server	GNU Affero General Public License.	2	10	No	Settings	No	5	network
Diaspora	Production	Planned but couldn't verify it – Diaspora makes sharing clean and easy – and this goes for privacy too. Inherently private, Diaspora doesn't make you wade through pages of settings and options just to keep your profile secure.	https	No	Sign up for an invitee account+ Download and install software in your server	GNU Affero General Public License.	?	?			?	?	?
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Cyn.in	Production	Profiles, customizable access control + but terms of privacy tells that "Cynapse collects personal data about its customers in a number of ways."	http	No	Download and install on your server + install in a virtual machine hosted by cyn.in	GNU General Public License, version 3.	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

Platforms

Number of federation protocols
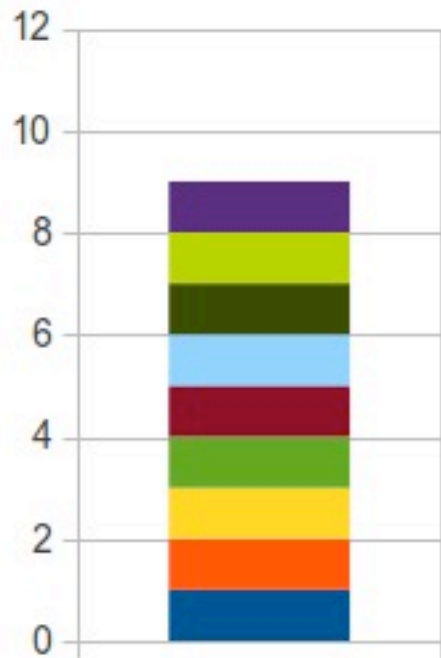
Legend:
- 10 Lorea
- 8 Elgg, Mistpark – Decentralised Friend Network
- 6 Diaspora, Elgg
- 4 Smob
- 3 StatusNet
- 2 Thimbl, Twitter
- 1 Pinax, Friendika, Google Wave, hyves, Linkedin, Facebook, Myspace
- 0 Buddypress, Crabgrass, cyn.in, Noosfera, OpenAtrium
- Number of Protocols federation Platform

Legend:
- Microblogging
- Sharing, creating, management knowledge by groups
- Managing social streams
- Managing individual online networks

Number of default settings

	Visibility	Findability	Ambiguity	Difficulty
StatusNet	orange	green	orange	green
Crabgrass	orange	green	orange	orange
Diaspora				red
Elgg	green	green	green	orange
Cyn.in				orange
Lorea	green	green	green	green
Pinax				orange
Smob				red
Open Atrium				orange
Buddypress	red	orange	red	orange
Noosfero				
Friendika	green	green	green	red
Mistpark				orange
Thimbl				
google wave	red	red	orange	green
Linkedin	orange	red	red	orange
Hyves	orange	orange	orange	orange
Twitter	red	red	green	green
Facebook	red	red	red	red
Myspace	red	orange	orange	orange

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Conclusions

Not much information on privacy on ASP's

Complex default visibility settings

Privacy not at one place with one explanation (distributed)

ASP based on decentralization are not very inclusive (many technical steps, own servers, installation processes, etc.)

Two beta-platforms are very visible on Facebook

It is not just about keeping things "private": visibility related to the issue of trust in collectives or groups

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Thank you.

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