How to Promote PET Usage

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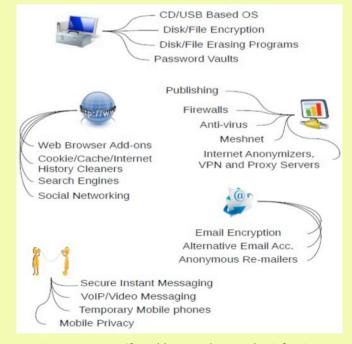
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- **Counter-Attacking Technologies (CATs?)**
- **Assault Technologies (ASSes?)**





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PETs are Innovations

- After invention, a new idea has to be applied
- PETs are interventions in complex environments
- PETs are strange
- PETs are change, which is always threatening
- There are bodies of knowledge relating to:
 - Diffusion of Innovations
 - IT Adoption
 - IT Avoidance
 - Usability of Computer-Based Technologies





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Drivers

Perceived Need – justified and/or delusive paranoia RA: Threats, Vulnerabilities, Safeguards, Residual Risks





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User Segmentation for PETs

Categories of 'Persons-at-Risk'

Social Contexts

- Victims of domestic violence
- Celebrities and notorieties at risk of extortion, kidnap, burglary
- Short-term celebrities such as lottery-winners, victims of crime
- Victims of harassment, stalking
- Individuals subject to significant discriminatory behaviour
- People seeking to leave a former association, e.g. ex-gang-members

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- Whistleblowers
- Dissidents

http://www.rogerclarke.com/EC/eHlthRes.html#PAR

Who is harmed by a %22Real Names%22 policy%3F

http://geekfeminism.wikia.com/wiki/

Does EveryPerson Really Need a PET?

- PETs are needed by particular kinds of people, or people in particular situations
- Such people fall into various categories
- Those categories have different needs
- PETs need to be targeted at those categories



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Organisational Contexts

- Corporate executives
- Government executives
- Undercover operatives
- Law enforcement and prison staff
- Mental health care prof'ls, counsellors

Legal Contexts

- Judges, lawyers and jurors, particularly in highly-charged cases
- Witnesses, including people in protected witness programs
- Ex-prisoners re-integrating with society

Social Contexts

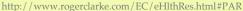
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A Strategy to Achieve Greater PET Adoption

- Focus on one or more relevant user segments
- Conduct risk assessments for those segments
- Design suites of tools with the relevant features / Adapt existing suites of tools to retro-fit those features
- Embed those features in the targeted user segment's working environment
- Provide clear explanations, examples and training
- Identify and sell to opinion leaders, change agents and change aids





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