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Empowering Users to Take Control of Their Data

Abstract: It is becoming increasingly hard for users to use the internet without giving up their privacy -- almost all online interactions involve personal data collection. Users do not have any other option but to trust online services that they will respect their privacy. Unfortunately, protecting user privacy does not align well with the business model of online services, who often use data for undisclosed purposes and trade it with other services on the internet to make revenue.

Bio: Umar Iqbal is a Postdoctoral Scholar at the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington. His research takes a data-driven approach to improve user privacy on the internet. More broadly, he is interested in computer security and privacy issues. His research has garnered significant interest from industry and regulatory bodies. He is a recipient of CRA/NSF Computing Innovation Fellowship (2021), University of Iowa Research Excellence Award (2021), and CSAW Best Applied Research Award, 3rd place (2020). You can find more about him on his website: <https://www.umariqbal.com>