

Making Progress on Mobile Privacy

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Abstract

Mobile privacy is one of the hottest areas in technology policy today, and one of the most complex. Navigating this issue requires us to integrate technical, policy, legal, and economic factors. This talk will offer the perspective of a computer scientist working on mobile privacy in the Federal Trade Commission, a leading agency for policymaking and enforcement on mobile privacy and other issues. The talk will survey the current state of practice and policy thinking, and will discuss how we might make progress toward a future that supports innovation while protecting consumers.

Bio

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