

Manage your online identity.

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claimID | What is claimID?

- ClaimID is a web-service that lets you manage your online identity.
- With claimID, you can track, classify, annotate, prioritize and share the information that is about you online, giving people a better picture of your online identity and influencing search engine results.
- ClaimID gives people a voice in how their online identity is portrayed by the search engines.

claimID Why?

• We're trying to raise the bar of awareness about online identity.

o Consider:

- How is the various information out there about you being aggregated and made available through the search engines?
- Are you happy with your "egosurfing" results?

claimID Our Goal

- To provide a service that is:
 - Simple
 - Understandable
 - Standards-based
 - Useful to many people

claimID Development

- Team
 - Fred Stutzman, SILS doctoral student
 - Terrell Russell, SILS doctoral student
- Technology
 - Ruby on Rails
 - MySQL
 - Ajax
- o Timeline
 - From idea to public beta in 5 months
 - In spite of class

claimID Scope

• What claimID is:

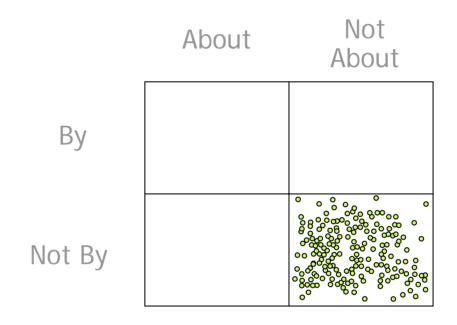
- Relevant
- Personal
- Public
- Harvestable

• What claimID is not:

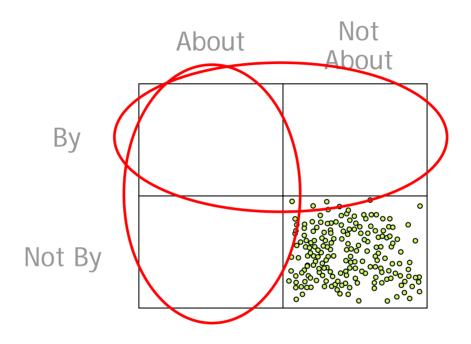
- Authenticated
- Secure
- Enterprise
- Private

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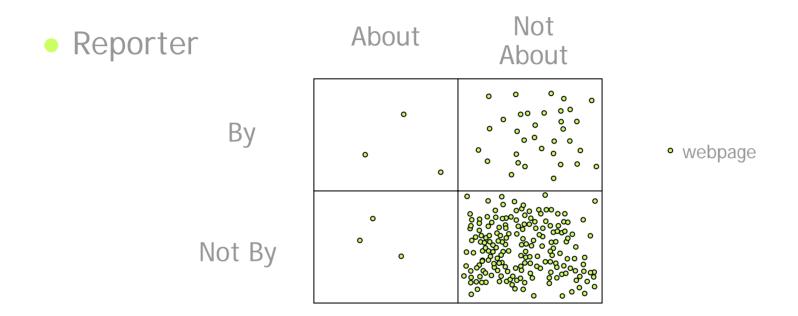
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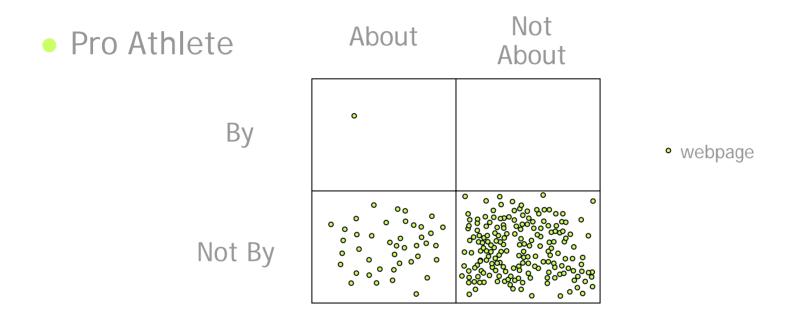
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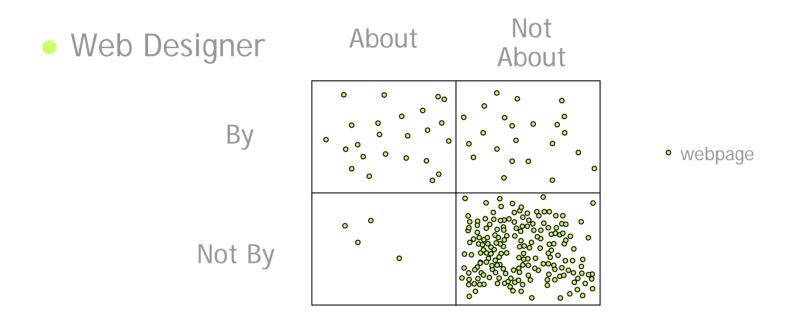
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- But not too many things are online about him personally.



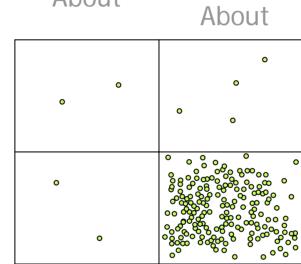
- Doesn't create much on the internet herself.
- But she's the subject of lots of discussion.



- She has created multiple sites and found modest notoriety within her field.
- A more balanced distribution than Reporter and Pro Athlete.

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claimID Microformats

- Currently supporting
 - hCard
 - rel-tag
 - rel-nofollow
- Imminently supporting
 - rel-home
 - rel-license
- Investigating
 - OXOX
 - xmdp
 - MicroID



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claimID Benefits of claimID

- Priority in presentation and ordering
- Relatedness via groupings
- Name disambiguation
- Description / Explanation
 - Self description is different from others' descriptions
 - Not better or worse, different
- Gets people thinking about how they're being viewed online

claimID Current Status

o Web

- Public Beta
- 1000s of users
- No advertising
- Glowing sporadic coverage
- We're very pleased

Academic

Poster accepted for JCDL2006

claimID Future Work

o Web

- Feature request evaluation/implementation
- Code audit
- Payment gateway
- Generate (some/any?) revenue

Academic

- Paper submission expected early Summer 2006
- Ongoing investigation concerning perception of and actions surrounding online identity



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