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The amount of data produced by individuals and corporations has dramatically increased during the last decades. This generalized gathering of data brings opportunities but also new privacy challenges. Nowadays, data are often organized as graphs with an underlying semantic to allow efficient querying and support inference engines. Such is the case in, for example, linked data and semantic web typically relying on RDF.

The SEmantic Networks of Data: Utility and Privacy (SEND UP) project focuses on such databases and will follow two main goals: (1) prevent illegitimate use of private data while querying semantic data graphs and (2) publish useful sensitive semantic data graphs while preserving privacy.

### Context and goals

More and more private information collected: threatening privacy yet useful => needs for privacy guarantees and utility preservation.

- **Two main scenarios:**
  - Publishing a useful anonymised data-base
  - Accurately answering queries without jeopardizing privacy
- **Target data-base** = graph data-base with an underlying semantic
  - used in linked data, semantic web...
  - e.g. RDF

### Evaluating utility

- Related to topology preservation (e.g. diameter, degree distribution)
- Minimal transformation
- Issue: still semantic and inter-relations!
- Possibility: add-hoc or user defined metrics (e.g. [3])
- **Target utility metrics:** Knowledge and usage-based

### Updating semantic data graphs

Anonymizing a graph → graph instance updates. Not that easy!

- Incomplete information?
- Structuring (e.g. RDF/S, ShEx) and integrity constraints:
  - Forbidding updates?
  - **Target constraints management:** Triggering instance side-effects [4]
    - Non-determinism
    - Impact of the initial update on the utility?
    - Should allow schema/constraints updates?

### Targeted software and scenarios

Sanitization of query on undisclosed data:

- A. A user queries the data-base.
- B. The "Sanitization" module (M1) gets the result.
- C. M1 perturbs the results according to the "Privacy and utility metrics" module (M2), with constraints provided by a dedicated module (M4).
- D. The user gets a curated answer.

**Publishing anonymised graph data-bases**:

- I. M1 updates the database to meet privacy guarantees provided by M2 (e.g. delete c and transform d into b)
- II. Driven by M4, M3 infers possible side-effects (e.g. delete b or delete edge b→b)
- III. The set of side effects with the best utility/privacy trade-off as evaluated by M3 is picked (e.g. delete edge b→b)
- IV. A graph transformation module (M5) applies the selected modifications and the anonymised data-base is published.

**Project information**

- **Partners and expertise:**
  - LIFO, INSA Centre Val de Loire → privacy
  - LIFO, Université d’Orléans → updates on RDF databases
  - LIG, Université Rhone Alpes → graph rewriting and transformation
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