Lesson Plan: Who am I? My digital footprint
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| Title: | Who am I? My digital footprint |
| Group size: | Up to 30 learners |
| Learning outcome(s): | • You will find out what a "digital footprint" is, how is linked with your digital Identity along with ways other people may use this information.  
• You will discover what the Internet knows about YOU and Reflect on your findings  
• You will start constructing a strategy on managing your online reputation by relating theoretical knowledge to practice (optional Assessment) |
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| Aims: | This session primarily aims to give to the learners a space for reflection around their digital identity and the trails they leave in the cyberspace. It also aims to introduce the idea of the level of control learners can have on what is on the web about them and how to deal with the uncertainty. |
| Differentiation | |
| Expected | 2 hours - 160 minutes |
## Activity Description

### Ground Rules:
- You don’t need to share personal data
- All your written contributions are anonymous

### «activity_type»: Technology-based check for learning

**«e-voting activity»**


**Mock Question:** What’s your favorite drink? Coffee, tea, water, beer, spirits

**Link:** [http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/MzY0MDY3Mzg/](http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/MzY0MDY3Mzg/)

**1st question before the lesson starts:**
Do you consider your online activity safe?

**Link:** [http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/LTgxNTc1NTYzNw](http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/LTgxNTc1NTYzNw)

### «activity_type»: Teacher presentation

**Instructor:**
Explains what a digital footprint is showing a YouTube video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DinW62zlWcc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DinW62zlWcc) and reinforces the idea of an **active** and **passive** digital footprint.

### «activity_type»: TEL Resource based individual activity

**«What the Internet Knows about You»**

Learners are given a link to visit an online platform where I have saved a collection of websites for them to start searching their online identity and footprint. The platform I chose is the Only2Clicks at [http://bit.ly/bbkku55](http://bit.ly/bbkku55)

### «activity_type»: Class discussion

Students discuss their findings and spend some time to think the questions in the worksheet.

### «activity_type»: TEL Individual

**« Do you upload your children’s’ images on Facebook? »**

Poll link at
### Practical Activity

**E-voting activity:**

http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/MjE0NzEwOTQ1MQ

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Instructor shows examples of publicly available children images from the unborn ultrasound stage until their first steps. Real photostream from Flickr at [http://www.flickr.com/photos/netjackal/sets/72157594222163168/with/151564569/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/netjackal/sets/72157594222163168/with/151564569/)

Whatever is on the Web cannot be deleted even if you delete images, files, profiles, etc.

What if your children don’t want to live with these photographs publicly available for the rest of their lives?

### Image credits

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### Employability and digital identity

How your current digital footprint may affect your future employability?

[http://www.polleverywhere.com/free_text_polls/LTExNjE0NjY3NZI](http://www.polleverywhere.com/free_text_polls/LTExNjE0NjY3NZI)

**Some Quotes used:**

“Remember that employers who do online searches are looking for reasons not to hire you.” (Resume Solutions; Sandy, Surranna, 2007)

“Just like you’ll put on a good suit for your interview, put your best side out for the Google search” (Gallagher, 2012)
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**«activity_type»**  |  **Class discussion**

**«activity_notes»**  |  Matters arising from content, Instructor or subject, etc.

**Assessment:**  |  **Optional:**

- Unlikely with other Library sessions, this one has an optional homework. Students will be asked to create their own strategy to manage their online reputation.

- Activity: Pick at least one of your digital accounts and think how you can improve your digital footprint in order to:
  - Boost your employability or/and
  - Increase your academic reputation

- **You will not be graded but you will receive feedback!**

**Associated Resources & Further Reading**


How to Protect Your Private Information on Facebook: 10 Steps. *Wiki How.* Available at: [http://www.wikihow.com/Protect-Your-Private-Information-on-Facebook](http://www.wikihow.com/Protect-Your-Private-Information-on-Facebook) [Accessed October 19, 2013].

Just Delete Me: A directory of direct links to delete your account from web services. Available at: [http://justdelete.me/](http://justdelete.me/) [Accessed October 1, 2013].

[http://justdelete.me](http://justdelete.me): A list of links to direct you on the right place in various Social Media platforms in order to delete your account. Sometimes the deletion or deactivation links are deep-hidden in the web platforms. This site will help you to locate them. (You may notice that Facebook, indicates A level of easiness for the link to be found to only realise that "**NO INFO [for this function is] AVAILABLE**").


Sniderman, Z., 2010. 5 Ways to Clean Up Your Social Media Identity. *Mashable.* Available at:
