Praxis 2 Activity Guide

Overview

The goal of this activity is to co-create an ontology of data types in order to explore our relationship to data ownership and expand thinking around the value of our data. In the first part of the activity, participants are asked to share a single data store that best defines them. In the second part of the activity, they expand on their articulation of the data that matters most, thinking through what is temporary and what might last 100 years. To conclude the activity, participants are asked to form consensus around which of the discussed ata types are the most critical to take back ownership from big tech.

Resources: [Activity Miro Template](#)

Part 1: Warm-up

Introduce the activity as an icebreaker and a way to get comfortable with the collaboration tool (miro).

Instructions for the Participants:
Pick a workspace and enter your name. We're going to spend 2 minutes brainstorming around the prompt: **What dataset defines you?** Try to choose one source of digital data that best represents you, or an aspect of your personality that you'd like to highlight. After the 2 minutes we'll go around the room and share our answers.

Facilitator Tips:
Set a timer inside miro for 2 minutes and start music to aid concentration (optional). Once the timer is complete, you can lead by example sharing your answer and explanation about why you chose that dataset. Ask for volunteers, and as each person shares ask 'Does anyone have something similar?' or 'Would anyone like to share next'?

Part 2: Access and Longevity

Introduce the activity as a deeper dive into the data that matters most to us, with a focus on how we think of sharing–or keeping private–that data.

Instructions for the Participants:
Pick a workspace and enter your name. Start the brainstorm focusing on what data you've created that you'd like to last 100 years (beyond your lifetime), 50 years (until the end of your lifetime), and 10 years (temporary). Write one data type or data source on each sticky, and arrange them underneath the provided sections. Try to color code data that is public, vs. the data you consider private with the indicated sticky color.

Facilitator Tips:
Set a timer inside miro for 10 minutes and start music to aid concentration (optional). Once the timer is complete you can invite a participant to start, or share your work. As each participant shares, generalize the data types they are sharing on stickies, and group similar types in the miro below for the next activity. You can invite participants to help organize the group's ideas as well. Prompt between participants by asking 'Did anything have something different?' Once everyone has shared, move onto the next section.

Part 3: Data Sovereignty

Introduce the activity as a way to identify consensus on what we feel is the most crucial data to gain sovereignty over to ensure access and preservation.

Instructions for the Participants:
Each person can place 3 stars total, to indicate the 3 most important data types. We'll start a timer for 2 minutes so you can think through all the data types that were shared in the last activity.

Facilitator tips:
Set a timer inside miro for 10 minutes and start music to aid concentration (optional). Once the timer is complete, you can start to summarize what consensus is emerging. As you go through the board, focus on each area and ask participants why they chose that section to highlight.

Activity Conclusion

The activity gives us a shared understanding of how we might focus our energy as we move through the course, considering which data types are most at-risk, valuable, and in need of long-term preservation and care outside of the innovation cycles and extractive tooling of big tech.