FOOTPRINT

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Introduction

Every day, whether we want to or not, most of us contribute to a growing picture of who we are online; a picture that is probably more public than we think.

Your digital footprint is all the stuff you leave behind as you use the internet. Comments on social media, Skype calls, app usage and email records. It’s part of your online history and can be seen by other people.

This helps companies to find out about what you like and send you advertisements according to your likes, and helps employers to look into your background. Whatever you do online you might be leaving digital footprints behind.

You can learn more about digital footprints by visiting this link [https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/your-digital-footprint-matters/](https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/your-digital-footprint-matters/)
A letter?

You passed the exam.

Wow, A Laptop?

Thank You! I love it.
He continued to create a bad digital footprint.
Did you apply for the prefectship?

Yes. My interview is tomorrow.
This is my dream.

We will let you know.

Impressive Resume.

Thank you.

Best candidate.

I like him.

But...

I checked on him. He has a very bad digital footprint.

Oh then we can't make him a prefect!

Yes, it's not good for the school.

Menura lost his prefectship because of the bad things he shared online.

What you put online is there forever.
Lessons Learned

Managing Footprint

• Be yourself, but speak carefully and respectfully.

• Make sure to check your privacy settings.

• Keep a list of accounts and delete the ones you no longer use.

• Be careful about who has access to your information.

• Google yourself - you may be surprised at what you find.

• Remember that every time you send a message or put up a post, or picture, it is there forever.

• Use digital tools (such as trace my shadow - myshadow.org) to manage your digital footprint.