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Subject: Against unique id's

To whom it may concern:

If a radio frequency identification tag has a unique number even without any links to a database it would be possible for someone to build there own database. If I can read the number in a shoe and I note who is wearing that shoe I can now track that person with sensors.

Any tag should be brought to the attention of the consumer.

It is important that any warranty not be voided by the removal or disabling of a rfid tag.

Any place that uses rfid readers should make there use common knowledge in areas that you would expect to be anonymous.

No person, other than public agencies with prescribed rights, should be able to set up a rfid reader off their property. The penalties for these clandestine readers should be severe. It is legal to receive radio signals but the transmission of the signal to interrogate the tag should be licensed. If the location of the readers where then tracked by the fcc the public would know where they were.

The problem comes down to the reduction in privacy do to the increase in location certainty.

If we knew what databases where linked and could find all the entries that our names where associated with the fear would be less. How can the government assure that data is not collected by agencies for illegal purposes. If I go to a union meeting will my employer call me into their office the next day because they know I bought a certain pair of sneakers that where at the meeting.

Thank you for your time.

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