Privacy Considerations for Web Feed Readers

draft-nottingham-feed-privacy-00

Mark Nottingham, IETF 114
The death of Web feeds has been greatly exaggerated.
NEW PROJECT: I got sick of using Twitter to track things that I used to use a feed reader for. It turns out almost 1/3 of the people/orgs/projects I follow here have feeds that can easily be discovered from their bio! Check it out for yourself:

[Python Package Index]

pypi.org
friends2feeds
Creates OPML files from your social media friends

6:26 PM · Dec 21, 2021 · Twitter Web App
Feeds are a latent platform on the Internet
Unlike much of the Web, feeds aren't advertising-driven.
What can be done to improve / protect that platform?
Privacy Considerations for Web Feed Readers

Abstract

This specification collects privacy-enhancing guidelines for Web feed readers.

1. Introduction
   1.1. Notational Conventions

2. Feed Readers

3. Making Feed Requests
   3.1. Encryption
   3.2. Cookies
   3.3. ETags
   3.4. User-Agent
   3.5. Client IP Address

4. Handling Feed Content
   4.1. Requesting Remote Resources
   4.2. Executing Scripts
   4.3. Reporting
   4.4. Following Links
Discussion