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THE IDENTITY WIPER: LIBRARY DATABASE RESOURCE LIST

PROPOSAL: The Identity Wiper would consist of software that would change personal information—such as the names of a child and family member, birthdays, city of residence, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses—to bogus values in order to prevent children from giving out information that might be abused by online predators or others who might abuse this information.

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DISCUSSION

These articles discussed the continued problem of online predators and the harm they can do. There currently are a number of products available to help parents protect their children against online predators. These products vary somewhat in their function and scope, but none feature the key proposed feature in the Identity Wiper: the ability to intercept and change personal information entered by the child. This information is useful both in (a) knowing problems that need to be addressed and (b) differentiating this product from those of competitors.