

## Homework 4

**Due Date:** May 10, 2011

**Points:** 5

*Privacy* and *anonymity* are goals of some security policies, particularly those relating to certain types of *confidentiality*. But as with any security policy, they are neither always good nor always bad. They just are.

1. Please find a significant incident involving the breach of privacy or anonymity, from the news or in web postings, and describe the effects of the breach. Say how the breach took place and what the consequences were. Also say what steps could have been taken to prevent or limit the effects of the breach. Particularly discuss both means related to the technology, as well as means related to the data (e.g., anonymization or sanitization).
2. Please find a significant incident involving the *consequences* of information being private, from the news or in web postings, and describe the effects of the that information not being public or more broadly available. Say what the consequences of the policy on the data were. Also say what steps could have been taken to satisfy a more open policy such as anonymization or sanitization.