



WARP - A members view

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Background - London Borough of Hillingdon



- Hillingdon, > 225,000 citizens, 3 major motorways, 3 airports, 2 major rail routes, as well as London's only beach!
<http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=7700>
- London as a whole approx 7m citizens rising to 13m on a working day.
- 34 “Branches” of local government



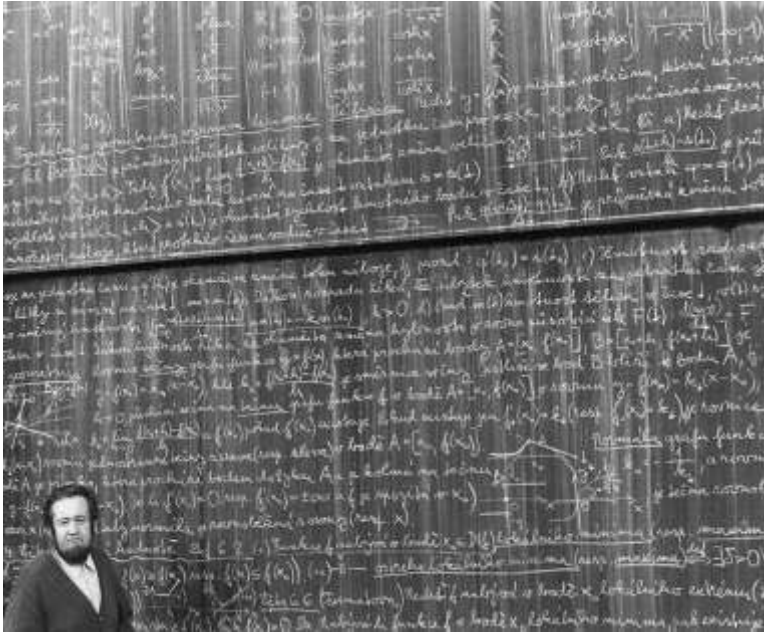
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Early Days of “WARP”

- A few people from the Local Government community in London meeting to discuss this WARP idea...
- Local Government is not competitive (like commercial companies), so you may think building trust would be easy!
- Initial slow progress - trust was the key, but how do you build it?
 - Face to face is a good start



Firstly WARPs are not complex!



- A shared vision or mission is a basis from which to start
- The WARP tool-box is also good, part of this is the FWA, this can be found at www.warp.gov.uk
 - FWA?
- What happens next is up to you and your WARP/...
- But an early mile-stone should be that trusted information sharing! (But note that from time to time this needs to be checked to see if people feel “okay”).



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But what should I say....



- FWA gives real time warnings and updates/... which is a good start, but there is much more value from Warps!
- The possibility of support when things are going wrong, or key advice to prevent problems, but this can be a little complex.



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So Trusted and/or anonymous sharing, and how to build it

- The options are there for both, there is a time and a place for both in a WARP
- Case study “a bad day for Julian”!!

do you fear the ghosts
do you fear the office workers
do you fear the telephone
do you fear the seekers of fame
do you fear the seekers of wealth
do you fear the teenagers
do you fear the handsomely vain
do you fear the holy
do you fear the smiley people
do you fear the last dance
do you fear for your sanity



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Outcomes - can be many/...

- Peer checking of stuff, no matter how odd?
- Development of information sharing protocols.
- Better peer work and policy harmonisation and a consistency of approach to IT Security Stuff!
- Conferences and “Study Days”/...
- WARP Membership now a frequent reference in Codes of Compliance to other networks



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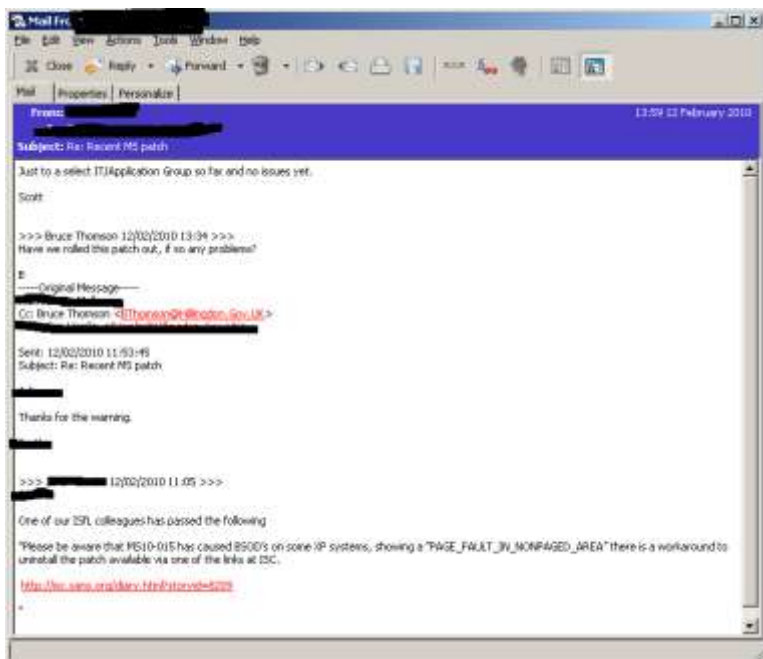
Interconnectedness

- You maybe alone, but there are others/... Alan always has a policy, one of the Daves may know, Bens always reading stuff from Sans, ENISA etc!
- What someone says may not always fit, but at least there is access to information, both digitally and at forums and events!



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Speeds and Feeds:



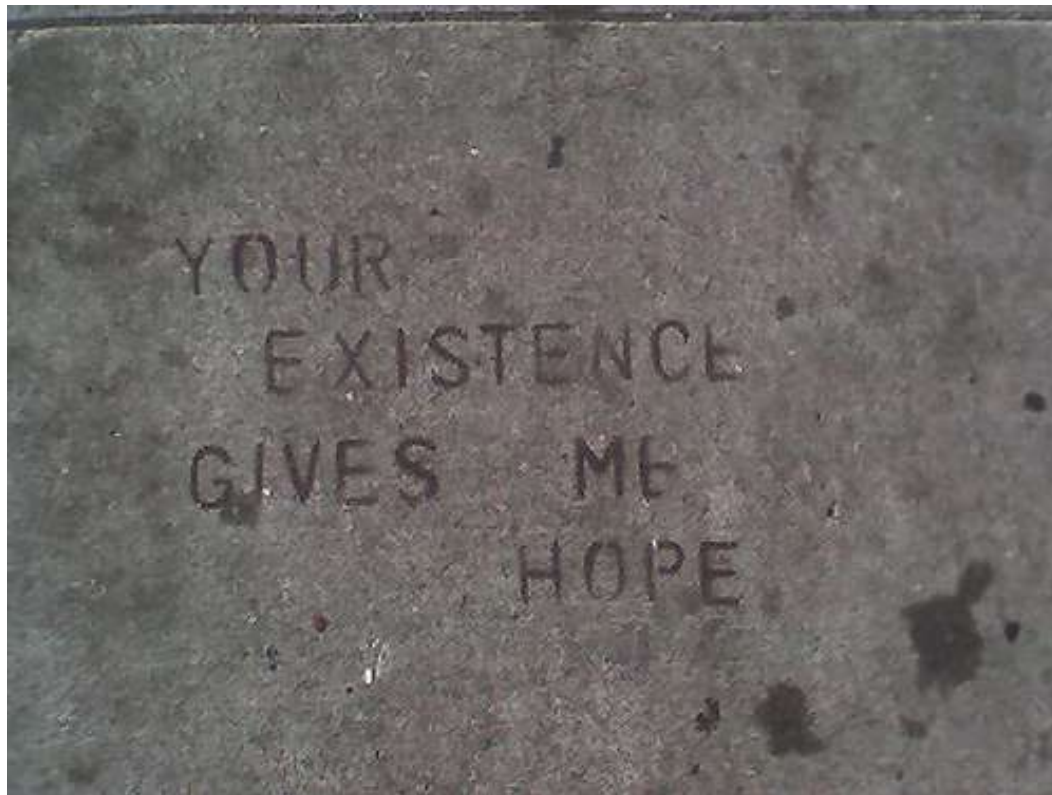
- Feeds - FWA
- Feeds and feedback!
- Speed - MS Patch alert, testing failed, discussion and feedback on systems running similar services (apps for local govt).
- Lots of local govt WARPS on regional models..

- <http://www.nlawarp.gov.uk/Pages/WARPS/GL.htm>



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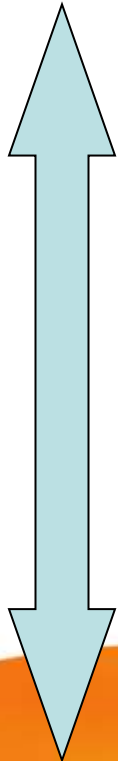
Information sharing can be easy!!



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Where do WARPs fit in?

Corporate & public sector



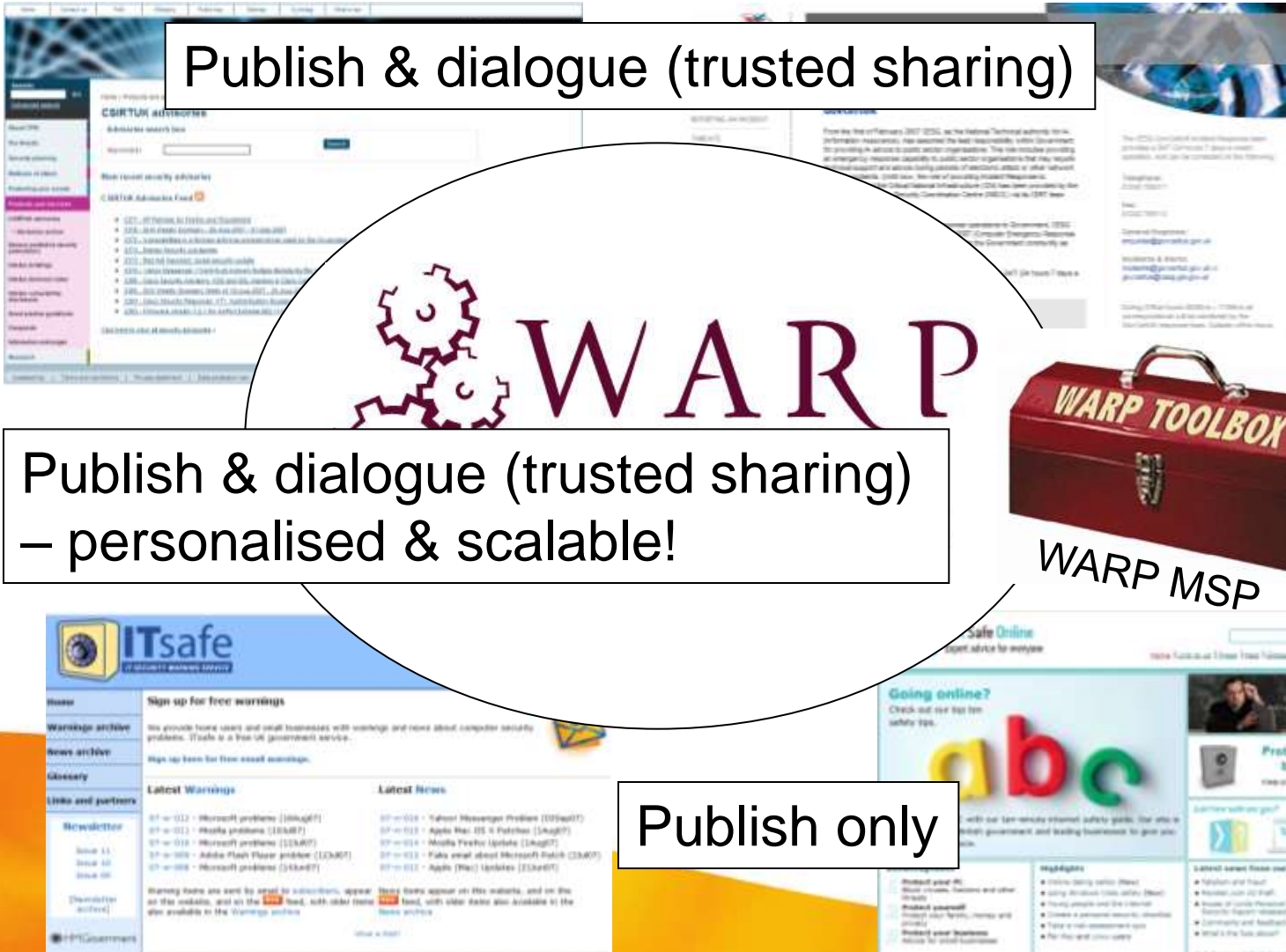

Individuals

Publish & dialogue (trusted sharing)

WARPs

Publish & dialogue (trusted sharing) – personalised & scalable!

Publish only



Thanks/..



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“Founder Member ISfL (Information Security for London), the very first WARP, established circa April 2003... This is also the WARP formally known as the London Connects WARP...”



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