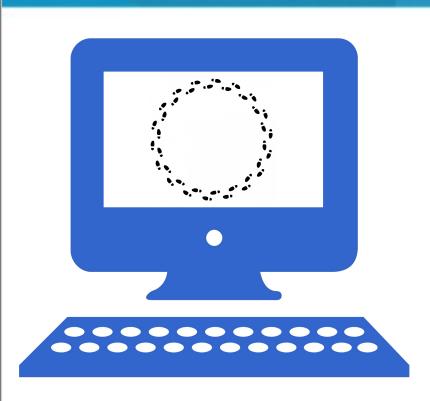
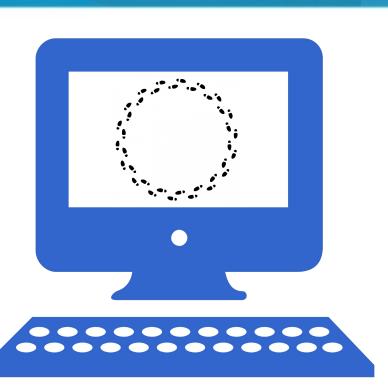
# What is a Digital Footprint?



The information about a particular person that exists on the Internet as a result of their online activity.

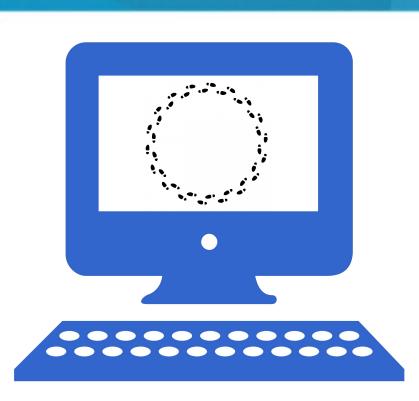
# What is a Digital Footprint?



- Emails you send
- Comments you leave
- Pictures you post
- Topics you search
- Apps you use



As you use the Internet, you are building your digital footprint.



It's important that your digital footprint tells a positive story about who you are!

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#### The Internet is Public

- When you post to the Internet, you don't have control over who sees it
- Privacy settings help limit your audience, but your posts can still be shared (screenshots, sharing, etc)
- Posts by other people can also impact your reputation online

#### The Internet is Permanent

- Deleting something doesn't mean that it's completely removed
- Deleted content can still exist in digital archives, website servers, or screenshots

delete 🖾

Think before you post!

- Your posts are permanent
- Your posts are public
- You are adding to your digital footprint

Who looks at your digital footprint?

- Colleges
- Scholarship committees
- Potential employers
- Acquaintances

#### Social Media Guidelines:

- Don't be a bully
- Don't post illegal activities (or hint at it)
- Don't use inappropriate or hateful language
- Don't use social media to vent about school, teachers, or work

Use common sense!

## Maintaining Your Digital Footprint

- Use privacy settings to limit exposure
- Review posts you are tagged in and take action if needed
- Permanently delete old social media accounts you don't use
- Google yourself on a regular basis

What does your digital footprint say about you?



#### CompTIA ITF+ Alignment

#### 6.3 Summarize confidentiality, integrity and availability concerns.

- Expectations of privacy when using:
  - The Internet
    - Social networking sites
    - Email
    - File sharing
    - Instant messaging
  - Mobile applications
  - Desktop software
  - Business software
  - Corporate network

- Written policies and procedures
- Handling of confidential information
  - Passwords
  - Personal information
  - Customer information
  - Company confidential information