

The Wealth Pool

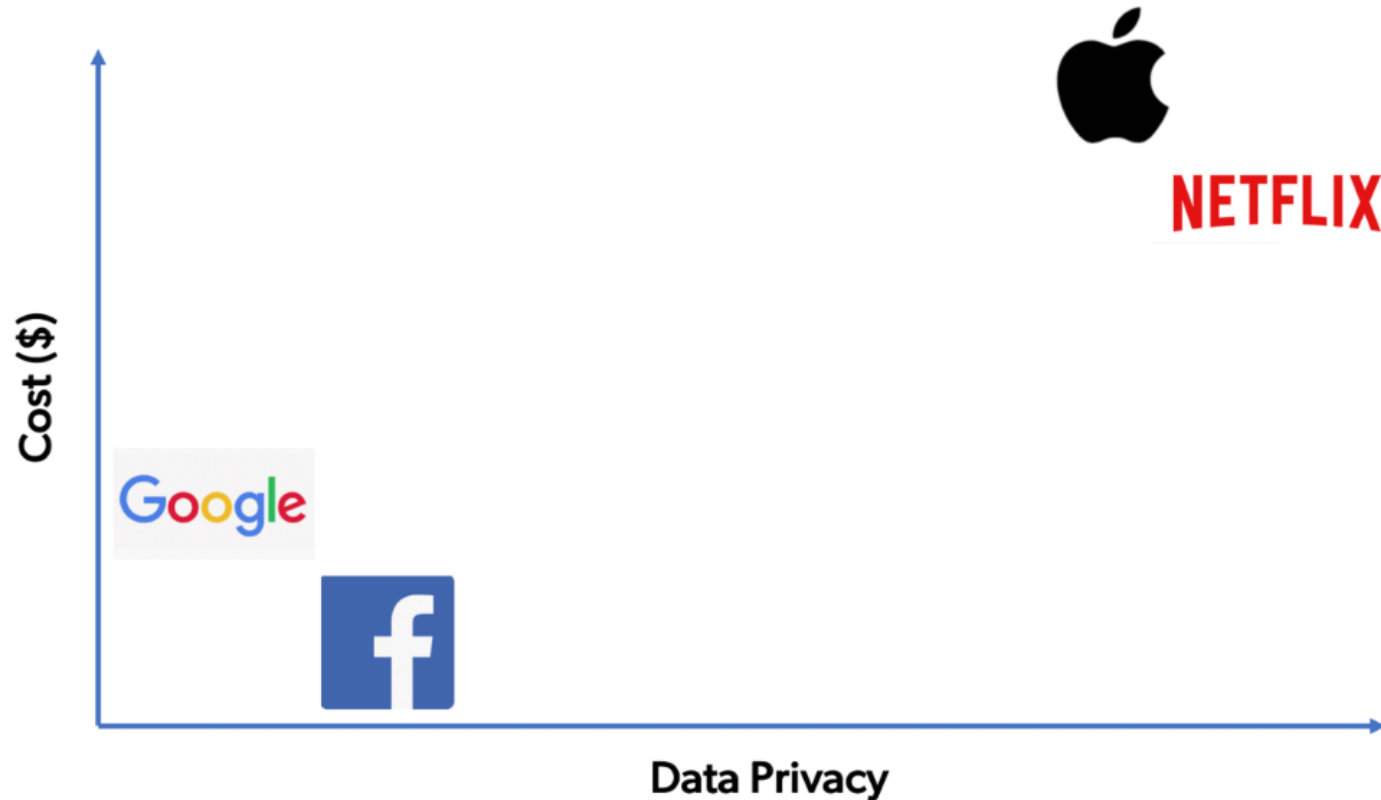
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« Data Privacy and Wealth Management »

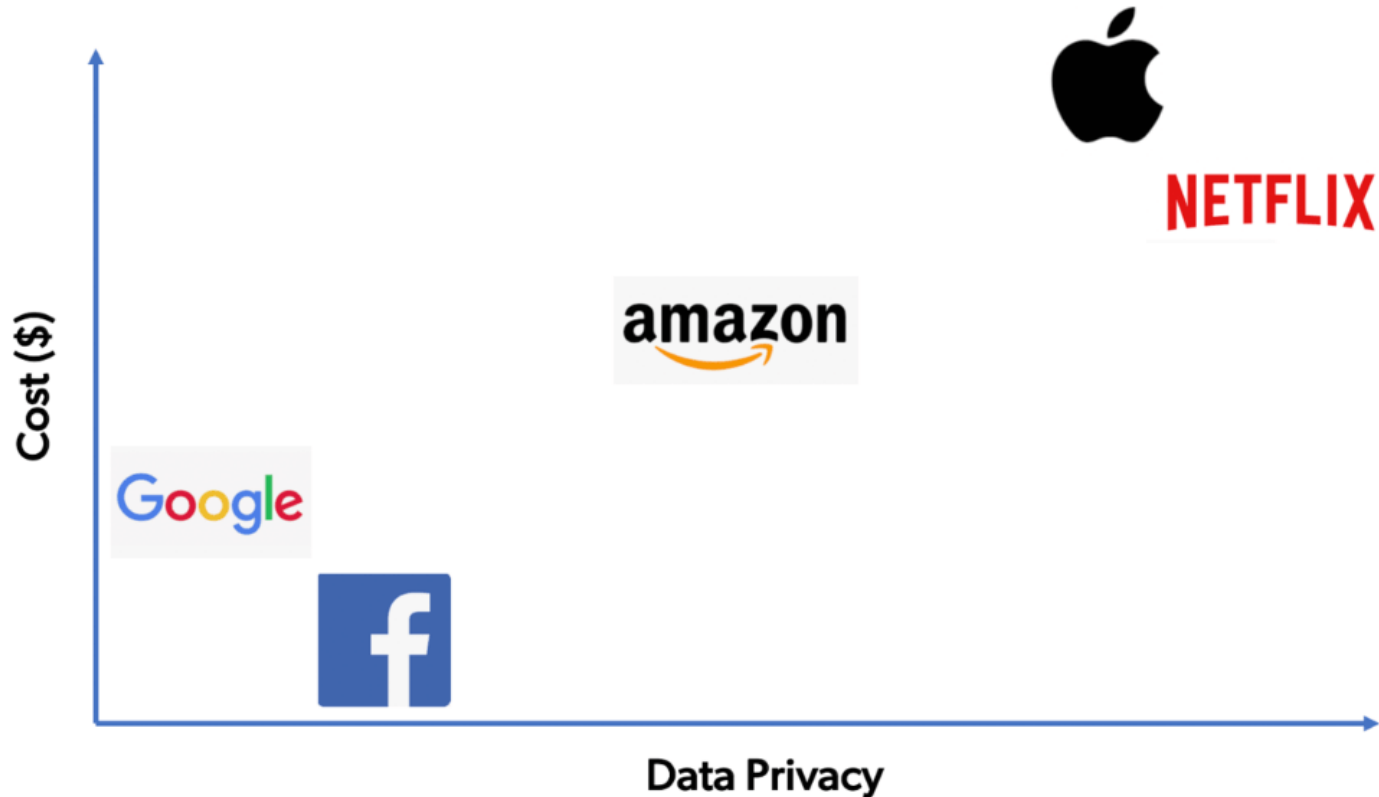
The Great Tech Divide

If the service is FREE, YOU are the product



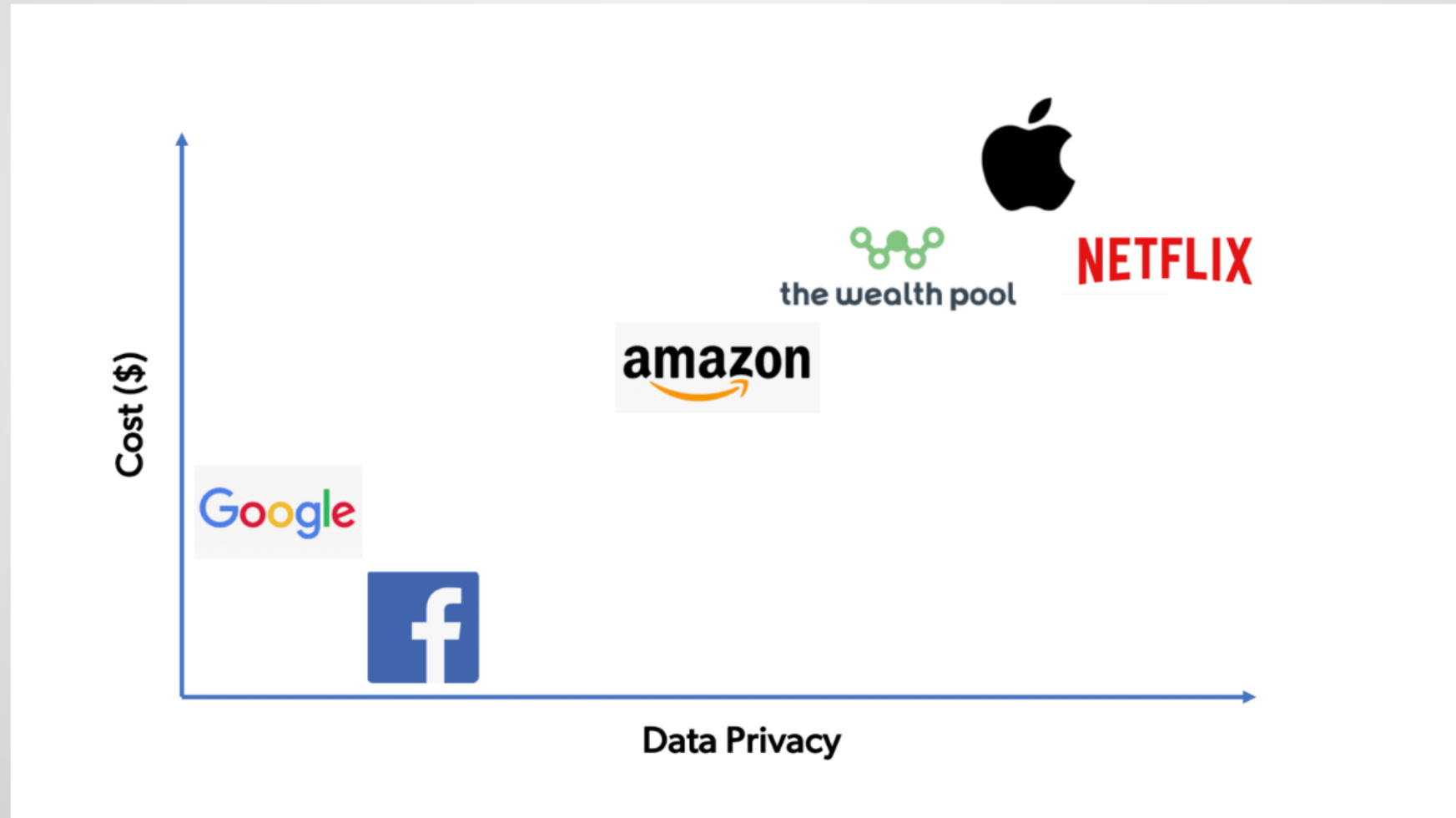
The Death Star

FREE movies and shipping for \$119/year



The Wealth Pool (TWP)

Improve your financial well-being through a wealth of DATA



The Subscription Economy

Consumers increasingly SUBSCRIBE to use products, rather than own them...

	Goodbye "Ownership"	Hello "Usership"
Innovation:	Hit products	Never-ending products
Marketing:	Big blitz launch day	Ongoing brand experiences
Sales:	Selling products	Selling outcomes
Finance:	Unit margins	LTV
IT:	Obsolete systems	Systems of innovation

But users must never forget that they own their DATA!

Data-Driven Financial Decisions

Technology should help you reach Clarity for Financial Decisions

Data Requirements	Consumer Willingness(?)
Collect	Yes
Analyze	No
Organize	No
=====	=====
"Clarity"	"Confusion"

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Clarity for Financial Decisions



CLARITY FOR FINANCIAL DECISIONS

Data-Driven Wealth Management

More technology, less financial advice

Robust Financial Planning

AI-powered Expense
Management

Insightful Pool
Comparisons

TWP's three core data-driven solutions to help consumers

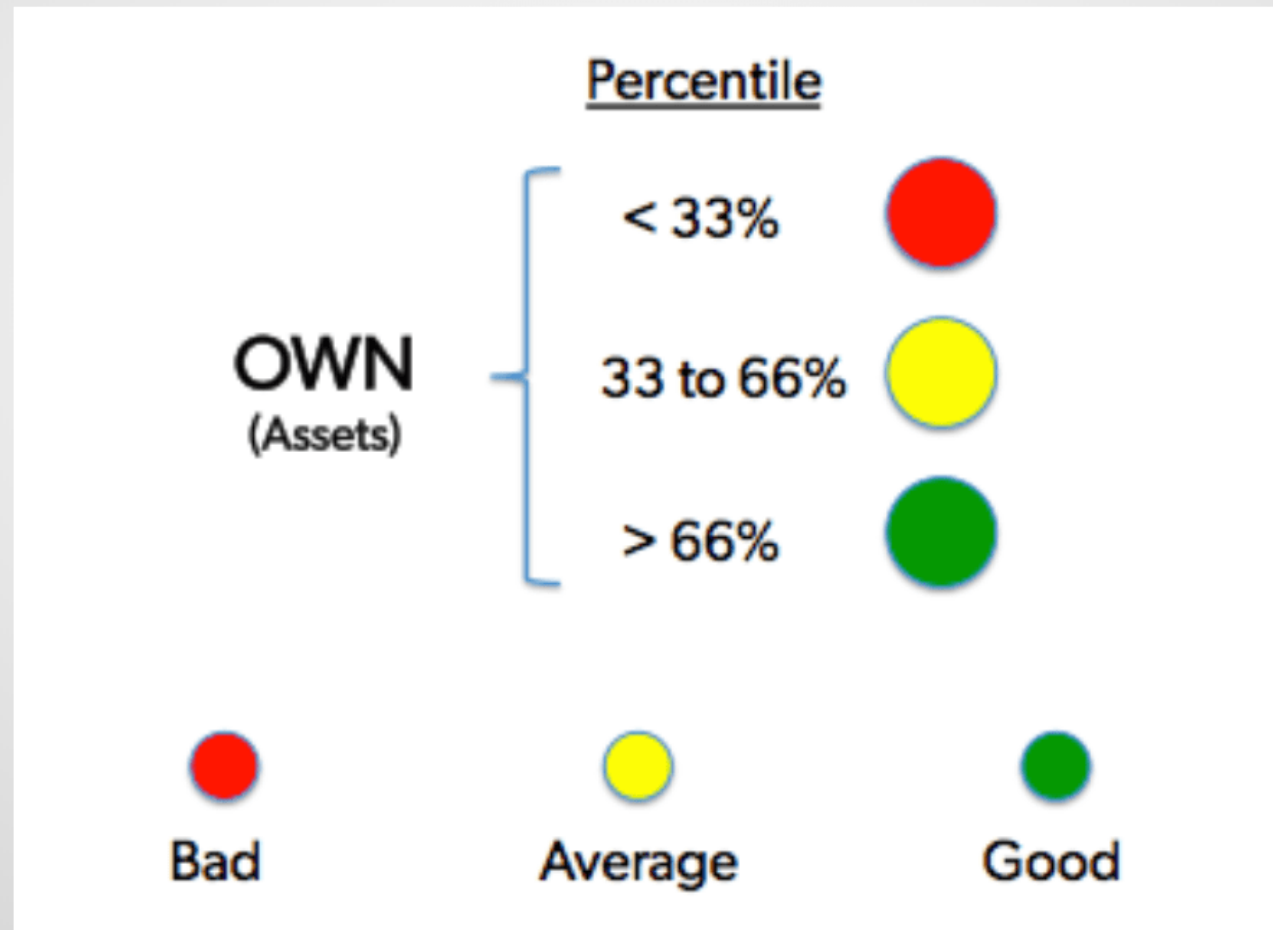
Principals to Data Privacy

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) sets new standards

Anonymity	De-identify users through aggregated & anonymized datasets
Transparency	Disclose data collected and how it is used
Ownership	Empower users to access, export, and delete THEIR data
Security	Protect at Network, Application, and Data levels

Anonymity & Transparency in TWP

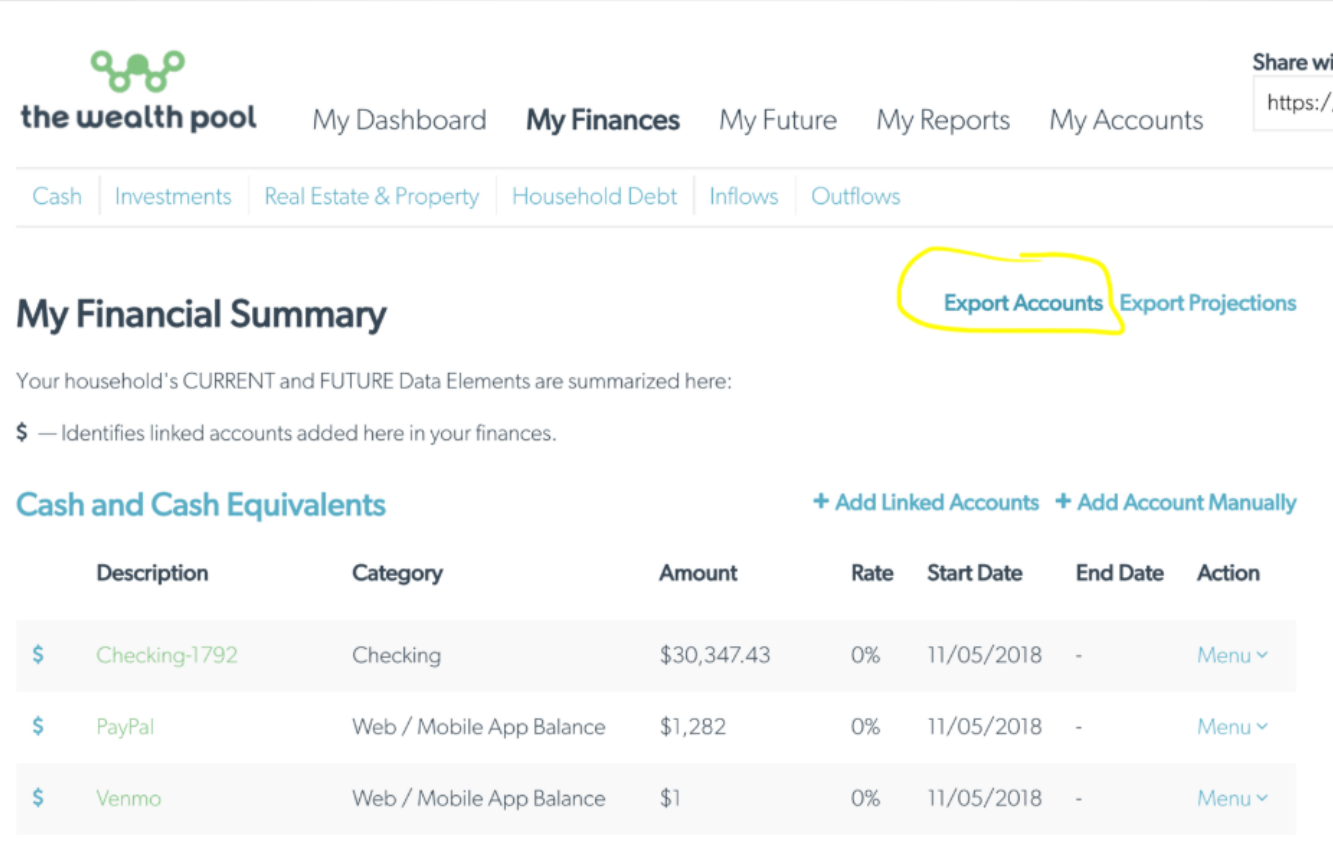
Household data is aggregated and anonymized for insightful comparisons



Video: “Pool Comparisons Nov 2018”

Ownership in TWP

Users must have swift data portability options!



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[Cash](#) [Investments](#) [Real Estate & Property](#) [Household Debt](#) [Inflows](#) [Outflows](#)

My Financial Summary

[Export Accounts](#) [Export Projections](#)

Your household's CURRENT and FUTURE Data Elements are summarized here:

\$ — Identifies linked accounts added here in your finances.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

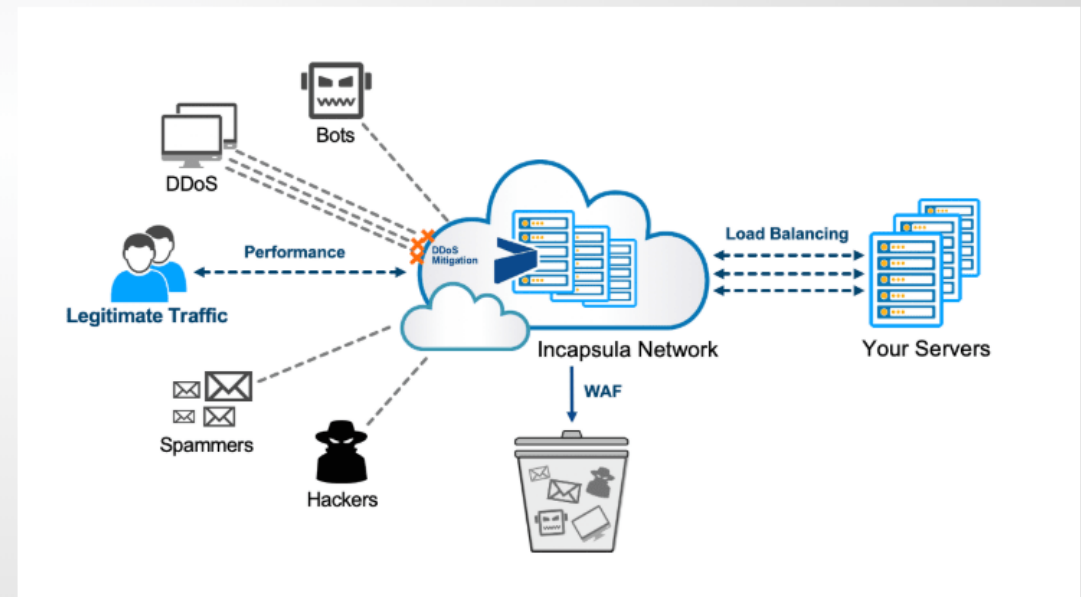
[+ Add Linked Accounts](#) [+ Add Account Manually](#)

Description	Category	Amount	Rate	Start Date	End Date	Action
\$ Checking-1792	Checking	\$30,347.43	0%	11/05/2018	-	Menu ▾
\$ PayPal	Web / Mobile App Balance	\$1,282	0%	11/05/2018	-	Menu ▾
\$ Venmo	Web / Mobile App Balance	\$1	0%	11/05/2018	-	Menu ▾

Video: “Export Accounts”

Security in TWP

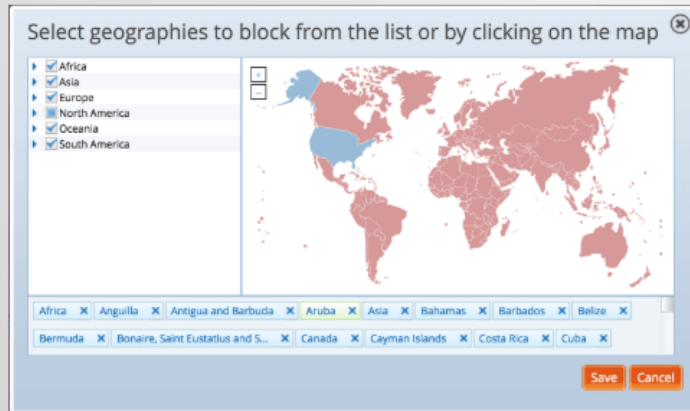
Protect at the Network, Application and Data levels



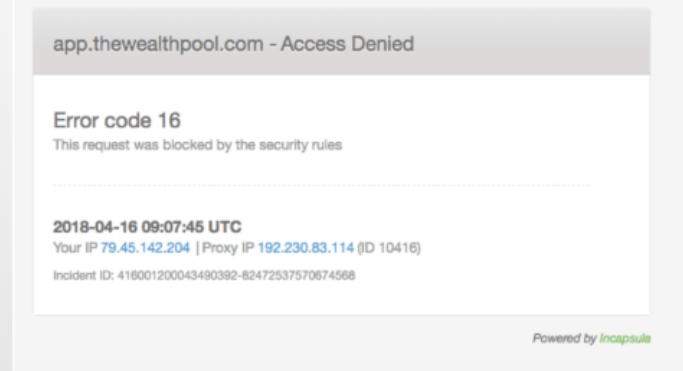
TWP employs the Incapsula Web Application Firewall (WAF)

Traffic Blocked from Outside the U.S.

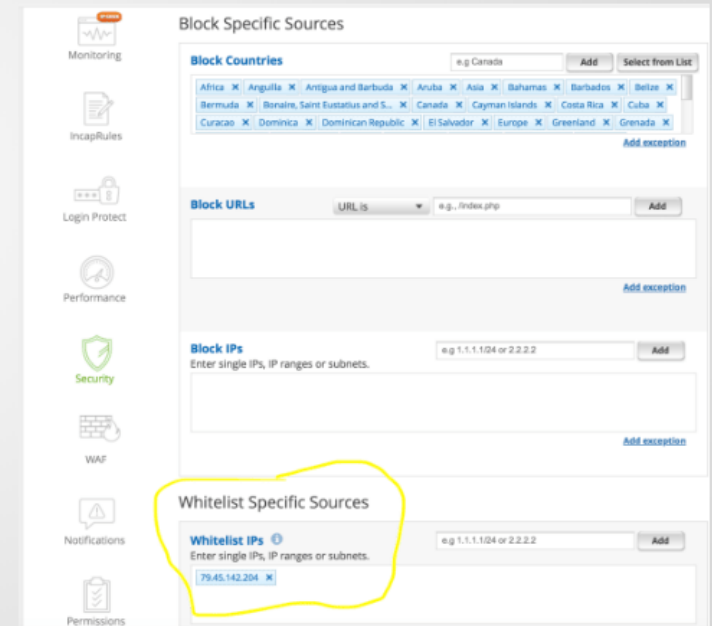
TWP is technically GDPR compliant via Geo-location restriction.



U.S. users only (for now)!



Access Denied! The WAF works.



Permission granted at IP or country level

Follow the ~~Money~~ DATA!

Most consumer data are OUTFLOWS -- that's where the problems lie

B/S	I/S
Assets	Inflows
(Liabilities)	(OUTFLOWS)
=====	=====
+ Net Worth	+Cash Flow

Technology can help consumers get a handle on their SPENDING data!

Video: “Netflix Added”

IIT in TWP

Students will soon experience TWP for FREE!

Illinois Tech alumni to launch The Wealth Pool financial app

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ed Lamark graduated from Illinois Tech's Stuart School of Business with a Master's of Science in Financial Markets and Trading in 1997. From there, he enjoyed a dynamic career as a trader, building various software tools to help his institutional employer's bottom line. However, it is his latest endeavor that is the focus of this article – he has traded in his corporate career for entrepreneurship and app development.

With The Wealth Pool (TWP), Lamark looks to help individuals of various financial statuses with an app that allows you to see “how you stack up financially with your peers” in “an anonymous pool of shared financial data [that] gives you greater clarity on your finances and helps improve your financial well-being.”

TWP accomplishes this by first helping users organize their finances, on both individual and social levels. Users can see their total financial picture in one place and truly get a handle on their spending through the app, but users are also asked to anonymously share their organized financial data and have it displayed in a “pool” where all users compare their financial choices to peers and non-peers.

This insightful level of transparency

for members is generated with security top of mind. TWP employs multiple layers of security to protect users' financial data but also allows a robust level of comparison. This, Lamark believes, sets TWP from other financial planning tools by introducing a level of social comparison (just without names or specific financial points attached). For example, TWP users could compare how much they spend on coffee or on car service rides relative to other

all saving and spending accounts, including banks, credit cards, and investment accounts into one constant stream from which users organize their finances in one place.” Additionally, TWP can even run simulations and other “what-if scenarios” to help users make financial decisions and answer essential questions like “when will I run out of money?”

The “Fine Print” section of TWP's overview



the wealth pool

Image courtesy of The Wealth Pool

users of the same demographic. “How are my debt levels and savings levels?” TWP answers these questions through over 600 pooling categories that are all possible points of comparison.

TWP “consolidates activity from

lays out a lot of the points mentioned above, but some worth repeating here are how the app uses “bank-level security to protect your personal and confidential data,” that TWP does “not dispense financial advice or sell financial products,” that “no financial login or

credit card credentials are stored on the app,” and that “no private information or financial data is sold” (only anonymized and shared in unidentifiable formats).

On a direct-to-consumer basis (B2C), TWP users can choose to be either free members (with full access to its core financial planning module and educational content) or subscribe as a paid member for five dollars per month (or \$50 per year) to receive all free features plus TWP's AI-powered expense manager as well as the signature pooling comparison tools.

However, Lamark is also focused on reaching consumers in a business-to-business-to-consumer framework (B2B2C) through their established, trusted communities – employer, school, or financial service provider – and positioning TWP as a financial wellness benefit for its business partners' constituents. For this reason, TWP's full feature suite will be available to Illinois Tech students for free upon its launch.

Lamark is still a few weeks from welcoming Illinois Tech students to the pre-launch of TWP, but further questions and considerations can be directed to him at ed@thewealthpool.com.

Thank you!