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 - Your digital afterlife
 - Digital immortality?
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/34015307/eter9-social-network-learns-your-personality-so-it-can-post-as-you-when-youre-dead>

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- Cross-border by nature
 - Examples: digital bank accounts (paypal), accounts with webshops, facebook, e-mail accounts
 - Where is your account “located”?
 - Is it “property” that may be inherited?
 - What about privacy concerns?

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- European and even global harmonisation absolutely necessary
 - UFADAA as the starting point for a model:
<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Fiduciary%20Access%20to%20Digital%20Assets>
 - Needs to overarch legal traditions
 - Consensus with IT industry

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