

Google Service in privacy deep dive

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Background

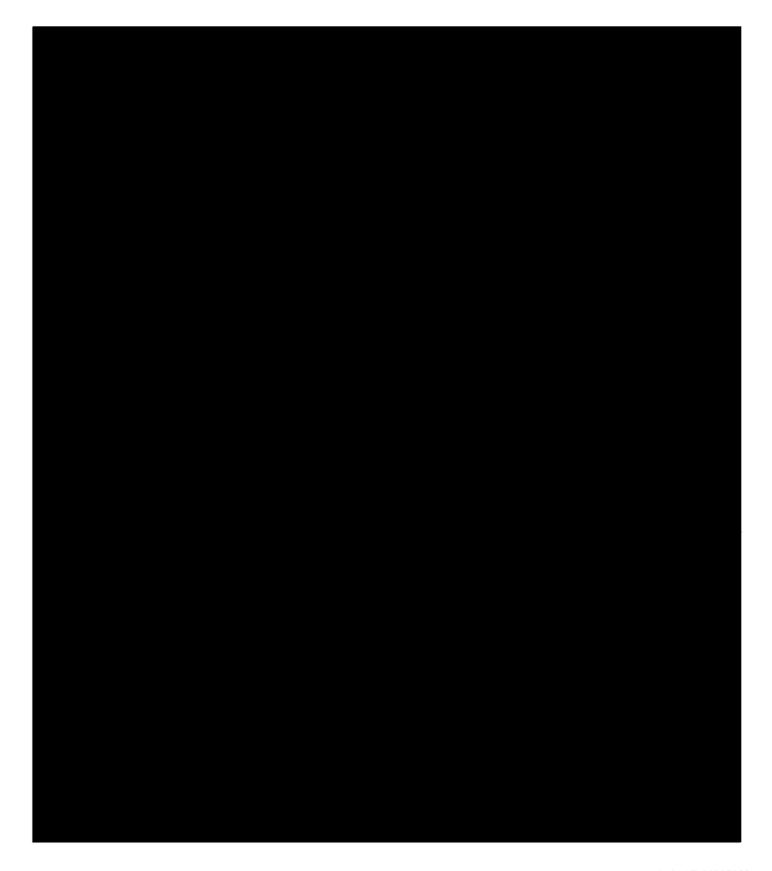
to determine the user's location. There is a proposal to use the (currently used by gws) to determine the user's location. adds personalized signals which can improve accuracy.

Scope:

- Per request use of location
 - Including how that location is logged / used after the request
- Initially signed in but others are coming
 - o Could do a similar thing for signed-out to signed-out Search
 - Display is also considering using

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Current Behaviour



This returns a bounding box and political / postal features (e.g. country, region, zip code).

uses this to create **retrieval tokens** "city", "state"

These are then matched against advertisers' targeting.

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Current transparency

For Why This Ad we differentiate by the coarseness of the area that is matched:

- "Your approximate location"
 - o CITY, METRO, PROXIMITY_TARGET
- "Your general location (like your country or city)"
 - o COUNTRY, REGION

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Current Control

None (VPN?) - we use ipgeo for all requests

Even if a user opts out of ads personalization (GAP off) they can still be targeted based on the finer areas (e.g. CITY or METRO). In some ways the current thinking is that location targeting is a **contexual** method of targeting.

We may want to re-think this.

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Current Control

Out of scope for this integration, but...)

Recommendation 1: Consider preventing using the **finer** location targeting for opted out users

Recommendation 2: ATC to consider whether we want to update Why This Ad explanations for location targeting

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One thing to keep in mind: we probably don't want it to be seen as hiding information from the user. As in: we estimate where you are at the zip code level, but we will not show you very local ads so that you don't freak out. But since the IP location is estimated and coarse anyway, that may be fine.

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Logging and use of data

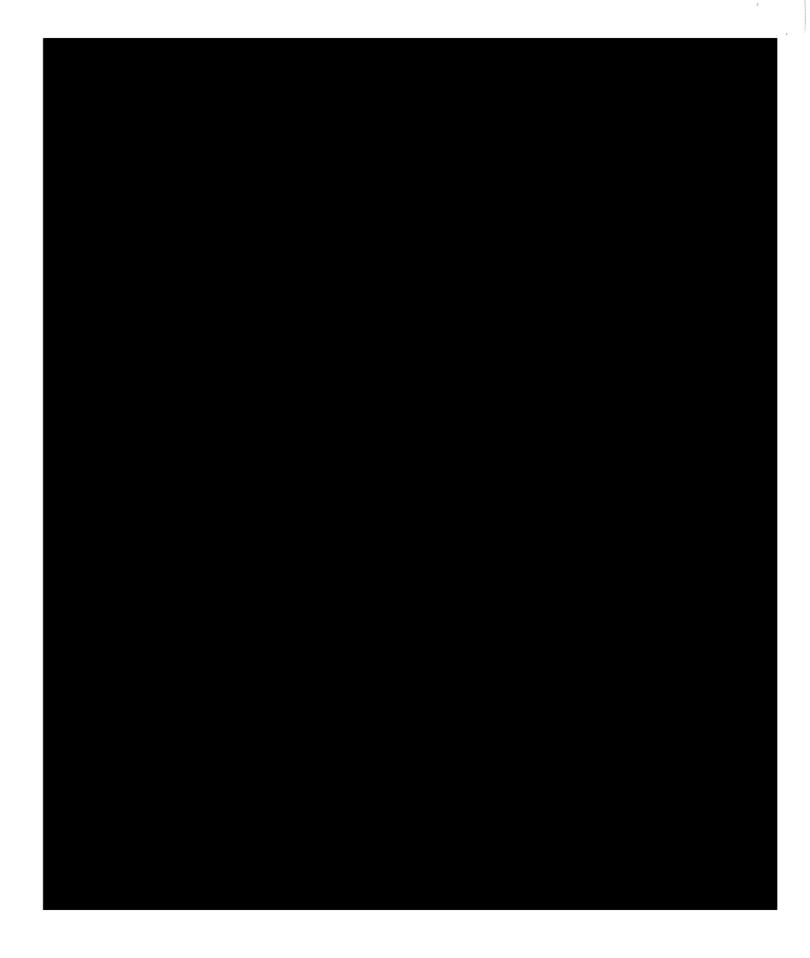
2 Currently logged to

- IP address
- Retrieval tokens (e.g. state, city)
 - o Smallest area zip code size

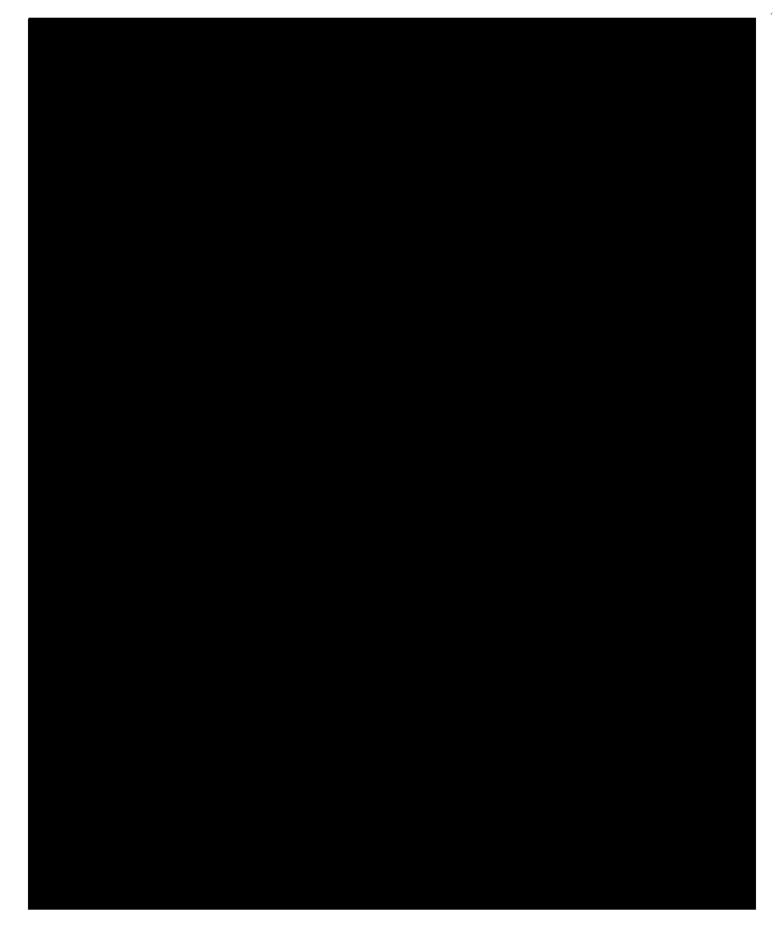
No user profiles are currently created from this

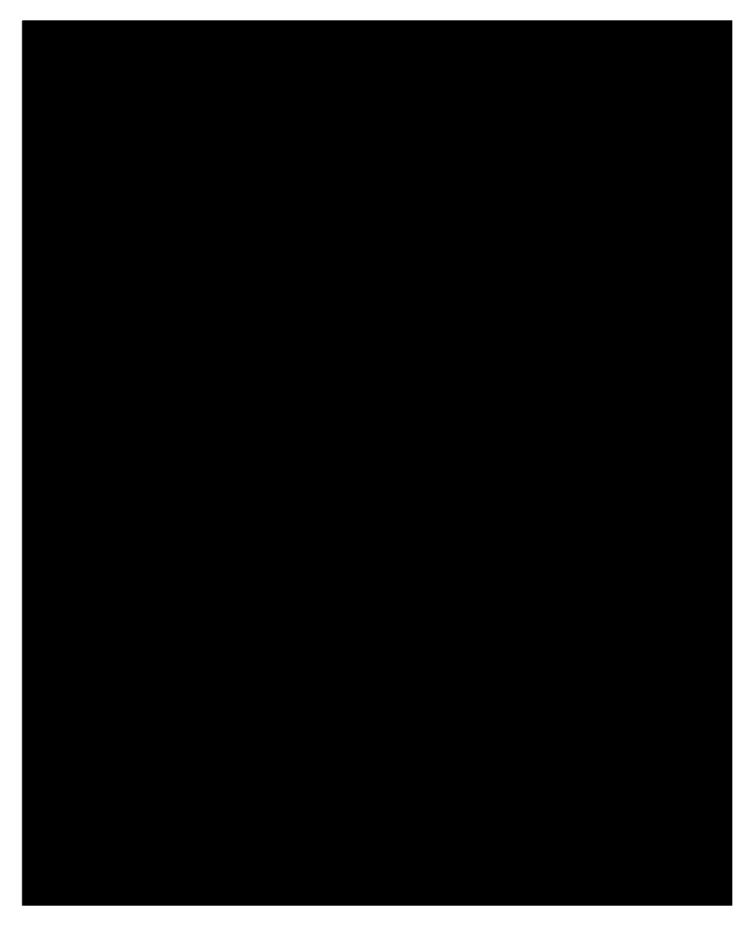
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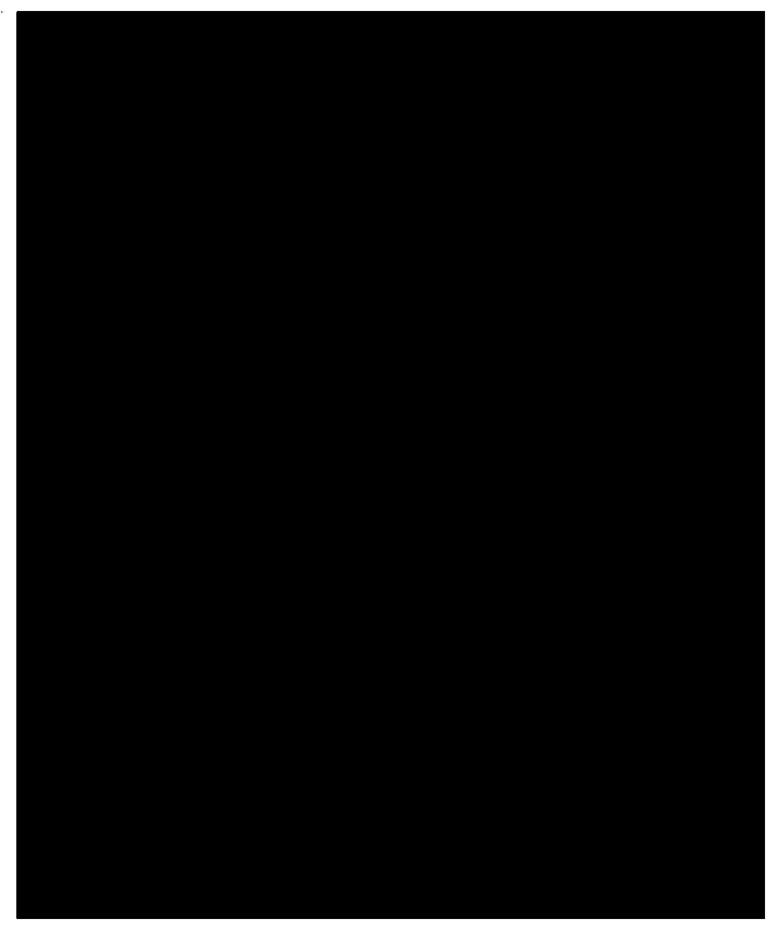






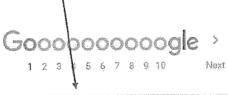






Transparency

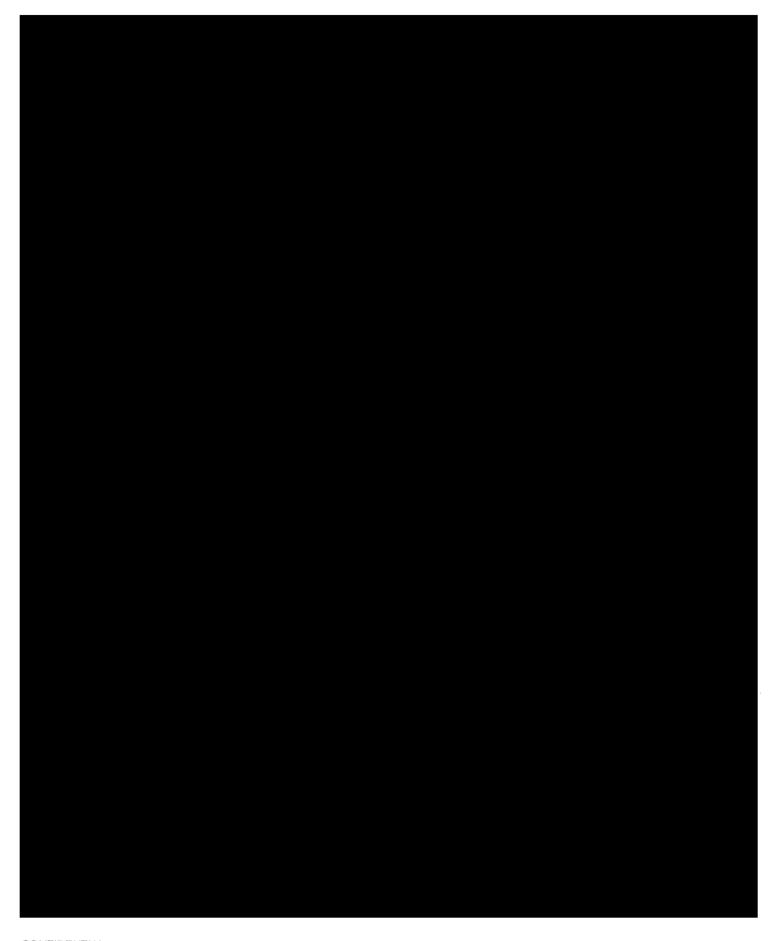
provides to clients a transparency message based on how the location was determined.



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Control

WAA / My Activity - respects WAA and is wipe-out compliant

Location History -

- if LH is paused will stop using background device locations in 24hr

When a user is opted out of ads personalization (and in other cases?) - needs to tell not to use personalized signals. The behaviour will then be as before.

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