

Digital Afterlife

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Life is what happens while you are
busy making other plans.....

John Lennon

Which is exactly why we need to do Estate Planning!

Traditionally, this has focused on the disposition of physical, tangible assets at our death and authority to act in financial and health matters during our life.

- Disposition of property (money, homes, vehicles, other valuable items)
- Allocation of personal items
- Wills / Trusts
- Assignment of Executor / Successor Trustee
- Powers of Attorney for Property and Health Care
- Essential for all is the sharing of necessary information, keys, passwords, access codes, etc. – needed by the Executor, Trustee and/or Agents

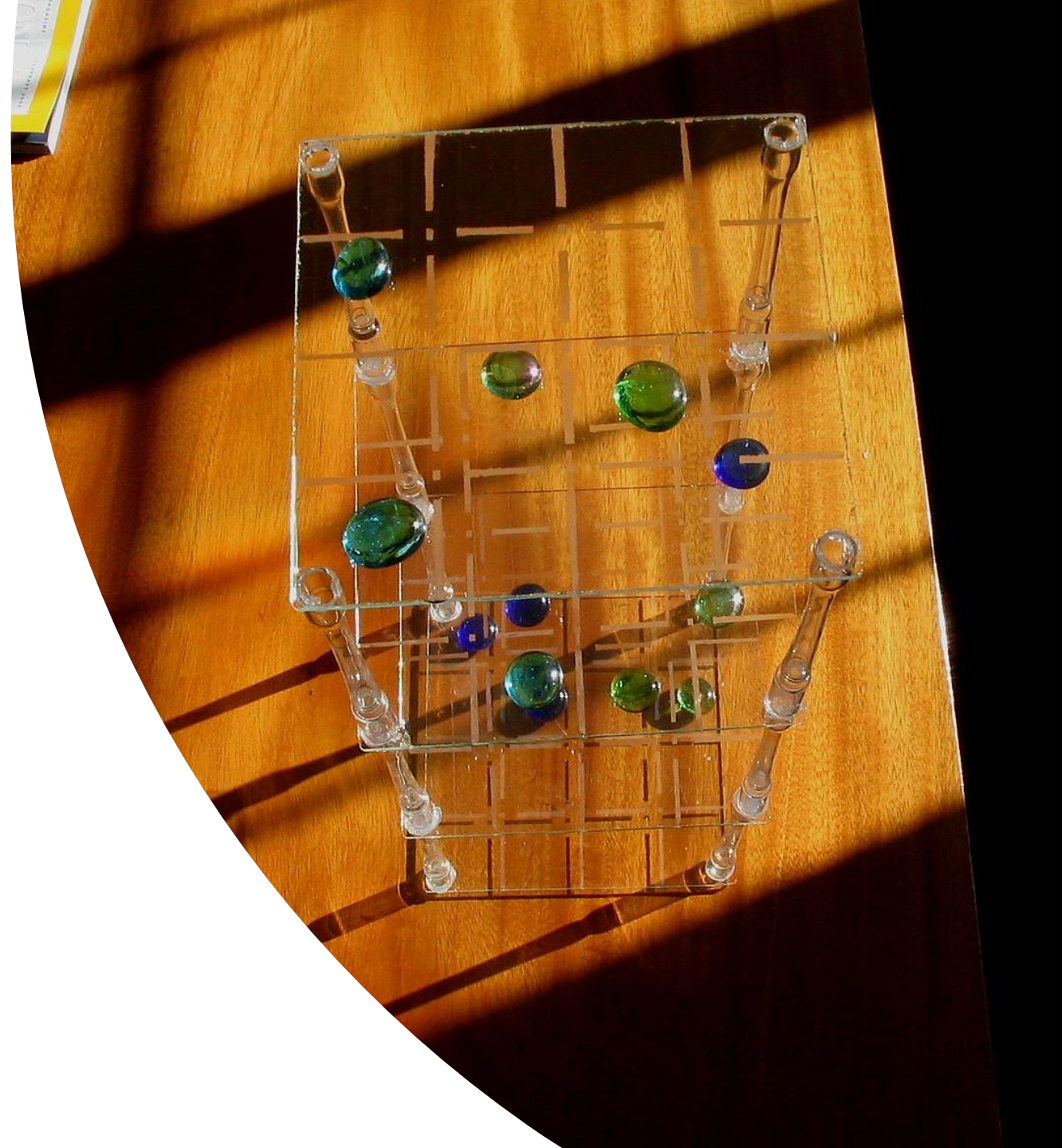
So, where does “Digital Afterlife” planning fit in?

- Deciding what should happen to your “digital legacy” when you die
- Deciding if (and how) you wish to “live on” after your death
- Selecting and authorizing someone to implement / supervise your wishes
- Creating / sharing the documentation required to communicate your desires to all affected parties
- Providing the information those parties will need (with location / access info)
- These plans must incorporate the possibility of disability, as well as death!

Digital Legacy?

- Your “Digital Legacy” is much more than just your digital accounts!
- It includes all aspects of your digital life that exist at your death.
- Photos, videos, art, music, opinions, correspondence, inner thoughts and anything else of a digital nature that you have accumulated or created can be part of your digital legacy.
- As you consider this topic, you need to consider your potential “customers”.
- How much interest will they have in your digital life? What might they want access to? And, how do you feel about that?

Digital Afterlife
planning is like a 3-D
Tic Tac Toe puzzle!



Why?

- First, your digital “stuff” keeps changing. New hardware, new software, new technology, new apps – and an ever-growing collection of files, photos, music, etc. is a fact of life in the digital world!
- Second, providers and websites keep changing their EULA, terms of service and processes. Moreover, government regulations change, laws change and court decisions can affect all of these areas.
- Third, people in your life may change. Relationships can improve or deteriorate. People move away, become incapacitated or die. Decisions you make now about a “Digital Executor” or “Digital Agent” may need to be revisited. Ditto for what digital assets you wish to share – and with whom.

Before we get into the details...

- If you are old enough to recognize this photo, you are likely to have a lot of physical, analog and digital “stuff” that is similar in nature and purpose.
- Although this presentation is directed toward the digital side, there may be quite a few situations where a common approach can apply to all this stuff.
- So, as you categorize and plan for your digital assets, including similar physical and analog assets in the process could save you time and provide a better outcome.



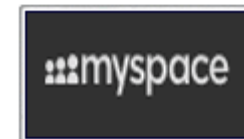
Where / how might we start?

- Let's start with the obvious – a look at your digital accounts
 - How many do you have?
 - How many of those do you need / use?
 - What ***will*** happen to them if you die or become incapacitated?
 - What do you ***want*** to happen to them?
 - What can go wrong if you do nothing?
 - What must you do now to ensure that your wishes for them are realized?

Examples of digital accounts

- Financial (bank & credit card accounts, investments, insurance, etc.)
- Medical (patient, health insurance, medical information, etc.)
- Shopping (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Costco, etc.)
- Data storage (Dropbox, iCloud, OneDrive, etc.)
- Utilities (AT&T, Comcast, ComEd, NICOR, cell phones, etc.)
- Publications / subscriptions (PC World, Time All-Access, etc.)
- Computer-related (Microsoft, Google, HP, software, etc.)
- Travel / Vacation / Entertainment
- And, SOCIAL!

Top 15 most popular social networking sites | July 2017*



* eBizMBA.com

What are their “Afterlife” policies?

- Google – “Inactive Account Manager” (see example)
- Facebook – may turn a deceased’s user profile into a memorial
- Dropbox – inactive accounts deleted after 90 days w/o login
- MySpace – allows a memorial to honor deceased users
- Twitter – upon request will close account & provide archive
- Yahoo – your account is non-transferable, can only be closed

Most of the above information is from articles, not directly from providers, and is subject to change! Further, these policies deal primarily with death, not disability....


Google Account

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Google Account

Control, protect, and secure your account, all in one place

Your Google Account gives you quick access to settings and tools that let you safeguard your data, protect your privacy, and decide how your information can make Google services work better for you.


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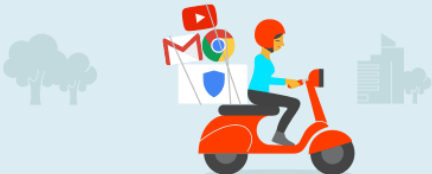
Help and Feedback

Control your content

You are in control of the content in your Google Account, even if you stop using Google products or decide to delete your account altogether

Download or transfer your content

Copy the content in your account at any time, for use in another service or account



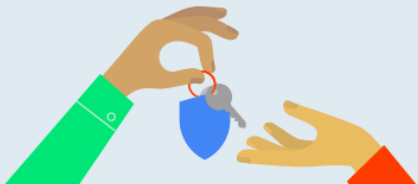
Download your data

Create an archive with a copy of your data from Google products

CREATE ARCHIVE

Assign an account trustee

Approve a family member or friend to download some of your account content in the event it is left unattended for an amount of time you've specified



Inactive Account Manager

Decide what happens to your content if you stop using your account

CHANGE THIS SETTING



← Inactive Account Manager

Make a plan for your Google Account if you pass away or stop using Google

Take control of what happens to your Google Account if you're unexpectedly unable to use your Google Account, such as in the event of an accident or death.

Decide when Google should consider your account to be inactive and what we do with your data afterwards. You can share it with someone you trust or ask Google to delete it.

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START

Decide when Google should consider your Google Account inactive

Choose who to notify & what to share

Decide if your inactive Google Account should be deleted



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Inactive Account Manager

What should happen to your photos, emails and documents when you stop using your account? Google puts you in control.

You might want your data to be shared with a trusted friend or family member, or, you might want your account to be deleted entirely. There are many situations that might prevent you from accessing or using your Google Account. Whatever the reason, we give you the option of deciding what happens to your data.

Using Inactive Account Manager, you can decide if and when your account is treated as inactive, what happens with your data and who is notified.

Setup



Timeout period

You set a timeout period, after which your account can be treated as inactive. The timeout period starts with your last sign-in to your Google Account.



Alert me

Inactive Account Manager will alert you via text message and optionally email before the timeout period ends.



Notify contacts and share data

Add trusted contacts who should be made aware that you are no longer using your account. You can also share data with them if you like.



Optionally delete account

If you wish, instruct Google to delete your account on your behalf.

Digital accounts (cont'd.)

- Social media accounts are a good place to start, since so much of “you” is exposed to others. Then work your way through all your other accounts.
- As you go through your process, delete unnecessary accounts. The fewer you have, the less commotion later.
- Remember to review physical accounts in parallel. Is there a benefit to digitizing (or eliminating) them?
- Create a log of all your accounts, documenting the process for suspending, closing or otherwise dealing with each account.
- (Consider asking your Digital Agent / Executor to participate in the review with you, to gain familiarity and offer his or her questions / recommendations.)

Okay, now what?

- Once you are well on your way to organizing your accounts, go back to the 4th slide – “Digital Legacy”
- Set up a process to 1. Collect detailed information about each area; 2. Purge unnecessary “stuff”, then organize it; 3. Decide what you wish to have done with what’s left; 4. Document your decision(s) in enough detail to make your intentions clear; 5. Provide passwords and/or other related access information.
- Once again, include both physical and digital assets in this review.
- Share the results with your Digital Agent / Executor (and include him or her in as much of this process as possible).

Where can I turn for Digital Afterlife help?

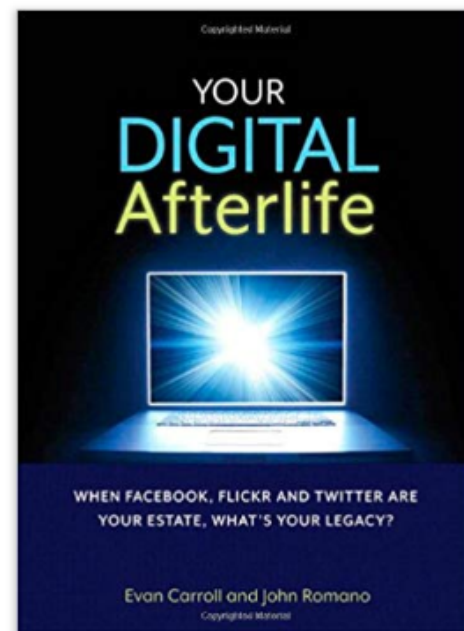
- Reference books
- Training courses (Udemy, other)
- YouTube videos
- Magazine / news / Web articles
- Presentations (computer clubs, libraries, etc.)
- Dedicated websites
- Knowledgeable professionals (attorney, “afterlife” specialists)
- Other?

Your Digital Afterlife: When Facebook, Flickr and Twitter Are Your Estate, What's Your Legacy? (Vc

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Handle Your Software

Handle Digital Currency

Handle Other Cloud Data

Handle Other Local Data

Handle Backups

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Create a Legacy Dossier

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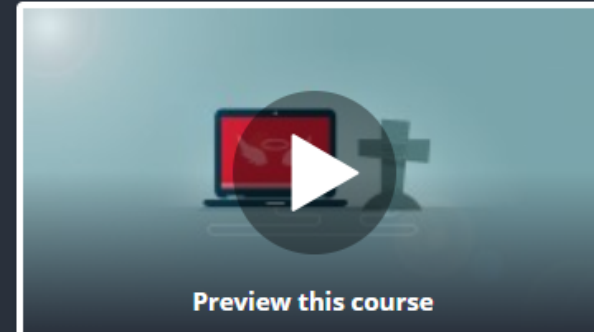
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The digital afterlife is a mess. - Slate Magazine ✓

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Nov 29, 2017 - 6, Future Tense will hold a happy hour event in Washington about planning your digital afterlife. For more information and to RSVP, visit the ...

Your Digital Afterlife: A book about digital death and legacy. ?

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Your Digital Afterlife is the first book about digital death and legacy. It helps you understand what happens to your digital assets after you pass away and how.

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by Guest Author on July 12, 2018 in Technical

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Evan has appeared in numerous media outlets including CBS Sunday Morning, NPR's Fresh Air, The New York Times, the Atlantic, Popular Science and PBS Newshour.



Digital Death and Afterlife Online Services List

The Digital Beyond maintains this list of online services that are designed to help you plan for your digital death and afterlife or memorialize loved ones. These services come in all flavors including digital estate services, posthumous email services and online memorials.

If your service is not listed here, don't feel left out. [Let us know](#) and we'll add it to the list.

Afternote

www.afternote.com

Founded: 2013

Afternote is an online service that allows you to plan for the unexpected and ensures your unique life story lives on. It gives you the opportunity to make your funeral wishes known, manage your digital legacy and leave goodbye messages to loved ones. Afternote also inspires you to record your life story on a personal [...]

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Founded: 2010

AfterSteps is an all-in-one end-of-life planning service. AfterSteps simplifies the end-of-life planning process by guiding users step-by-step through the estate, financial, funeral and legacy planning that make up a complete plan. AfterSteps stores your plan and related documents, and then transfers them to your designated beneficiaries upon passing. AfterSteps provides peace of mind and control, [...]



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An Everplan is a **secure, digital archive** of everything your loved ones will need should something happen to you. It contains:

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How To Close Online Accounts
When Someone Dies

Step-by-step instructions on how to close more than 230 digital (and some non-digital) services...and the list keeps on growing.

What if you wanted to completely unplug and delete or cancel all of your digital accounts? (Except, of course, for your Everplans account. [Hint, hint!](#)) How many accounts do you have? Between email, social media, entertainment, shopping, finance, health, probably way more than you think.

We're here to help. Below is an alphabetized list of more than 230 popular services and how to cancel each and every one. While the main focus is how to close these accounts after someone dies, [digital estate planning laws](#), which are handled on a state-by-state basis, are drastically behind the times. Currently, the majority of people are at the mercy of the "Terms and Conditions" set forth by each specific digital service offered. (Example: Currently, everything you bought on Apple's iTunes expires upon your death. Doesn't seem fair, does it?) Until legislation catches up to reality, it's important to share important information with someone you trust and let them know what you want done when you're gone.

But rather than focus solely on death, this is also a robust snapshot of the many services available on this great internet of ours. And, while we're not here to judge, if you still have an active MySpace account then it might be time to do some spring cleaning.

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Final Thoughts

- This is a lot to think about, explore and do!
- Our digital environment is constantly changing; you'll need to monitor & modify your plans over time.
- You have a mix of tangible & digital assets; considering them together may offer planning benefits.
- Consider your “customers” as you plan your legacy!
- Much of the material deals with death; do not overlook incapacity.
- You'll need to ensure that your family, close friends and Agent / Executor know about and understand your digital afterlife plan.

“Failure to plan is planning to fail.”

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Questions?

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