

This is a summary/transcription of one of the talks from the Pricon Conference titled “Privacy AI Startups & the OpenMined Open-source community”

The Pricon Conference is a free event organised by the OpenMined community covering all aspects of privacy-related technology research, deployments and issues.

The talk was handle by

1. Sachin Deshpande (Technology Marketing at OpenMined)
2. Théo Ryffel (Co-founder at Arhn & Cryptography Team Lead at OpenMined)
3. Michael Geer (Co-founder at Humanity.Health & Member of Open Mind)

Sachin Deshpande introduced himself as the person that leads technology marketing and that he works with big tech partnerships at Open Mind.

Théo Ryffel introduced himself as a Cryptography attendee of the conference and that he is working with open mind to Develop, Integrate and Implement a new cryptography algorithm to provide new way to do fast and secure machine learning and also a Co-founder of Arhn. Arhn is a young company based in paris, they help hospitals to bed and manage the healthcare data to improve patient care, so they are building centralized and standardized Data Lake on premise to help patient information retrieval for practitioners or labs.

Michael Geer introduced himself that he wanted to be an astronaut but eventually created a dating site out of Moscow called Badou, that got quite large but then moved on to get quite involved with privacy and security and protecting the internet and ended up running the largest consumer VPN in the world. But in the course of that got quite into preventive health and was affected by tragic health events with people that were close to him, and really started going down the rabbit hole of figuring out what we could do to stay healthy for long, and in the course of that he got to know there's a lot of data out there that can be used to actually save lives and and make ourselves healthier, and he came across Open Minds and a lot of different technologies that allow us to leverage that data for good, but keep the privacy of the user.

Sachin Deshpande talked that he is focused on technology marketing and big tech partnerships at Open Mind and that he has a combination of big tech and startup work from his past work with Facebook, Qualcomm even Zoom and other startups. The reason he got involved with openmind was that he saw a talk that Andrew Task did at MIT with Lex Friedman on Youtube, and he thought Open Mind's vision towards both the protection of data as well as the unleashing of data to enable data sets for better know social purposes was really mind-blowing and he just wanted to pitch in anyway he could, so it's kind of been a privilege for him to meet great people such as Théo and Michael through this incredible community. What Théo and Michael and him want to talk about today is how Open Source communities such as Open Mind but in particular Open Mind and startups can Co-exist and frankly synergistically benefit each other.

This section was used to talk about some obvious questions, he started with Théo Ryffel who have been working with Open Mind for a while and you've been working on Arhn for a while, he asked what's like doing both, what are the points of synergy where the two company work together. The value exchange at a high level, the specific privacy technical concepts will be talked about later but just what have been the benefits and maybe even some of the challenges?

Théo Ryffel