People leave behind digital breadcrumbs as they use mobile phones, RFID badges, credit cards, and almost any other digital or electronic device. Data mining of email, for instance, has already provided important insights into how organizations function and what management practices lead to greater productivity. However by analyzing the other types of digital breadcrumbs we can potentially know who talks to whom and even how they talk to each other. As a consequence, we can answer organizational questions such as: Does the sales department talk to the marketing department? Are all these meetings really useful? Are the team’s communication patterns effective?

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