



# A research agenda for data portability in the gig economy

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On location work

**Uber**

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Algorithmic match /  
Worker accepts or rejects

Manual match /  
Client chooses worker

**amazon**  
mechanical turk

**fiverr<sup>®</sup>**

Location independent work

## Challenge:

Platforms make it easier to enter the labor market. It is a fine first step, but perspective is missing.

## Data

Data on reputation and transaction earned on the platform while doing work is valuable for the worker to get more work and in some cases better pay.

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There is an assumption that giving this worker their data will empower the position in the labor market and make it easier to multi-home and find non-platform work. But nobody takes this into practice to validate all assumptions around data portability.



# PORTABILITY OF REPUTATION AND TRANSACTION DATA FOR GIG WORKERS



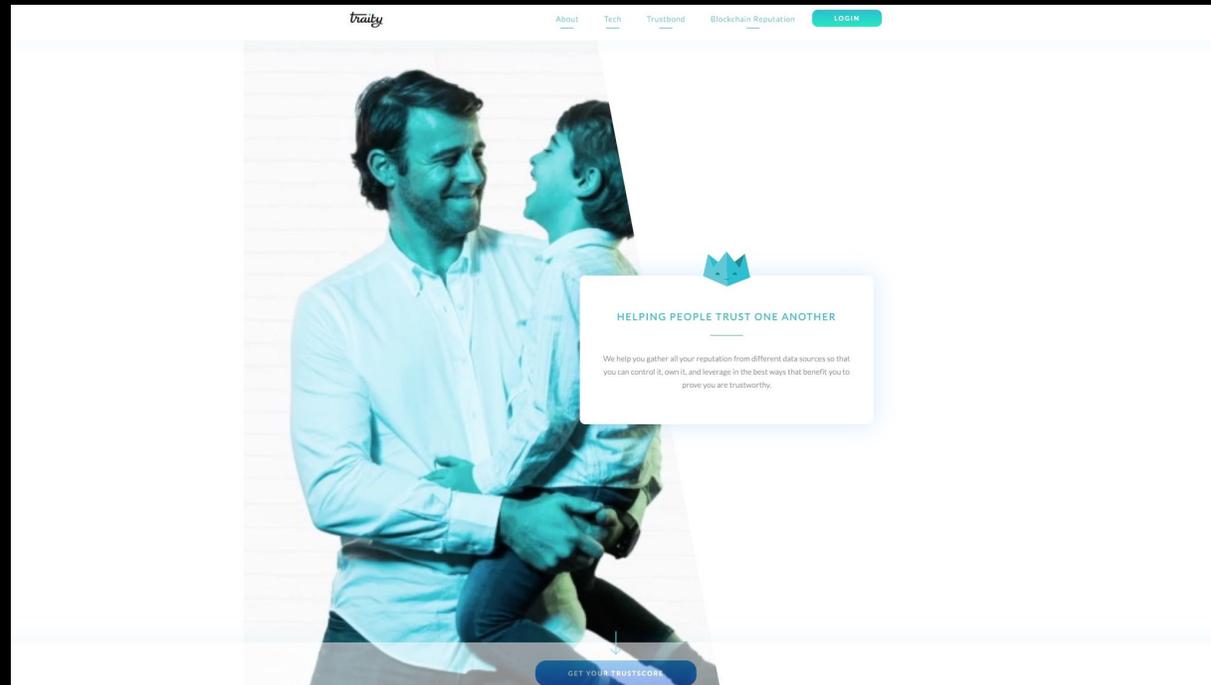
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## MAIN QUESTION:

Can the portability of reputation and transaction data contribute to the employability of a worker in the labor market, both within and outside the gig economy?



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## OUR TECHNOLOGY: NETWORK OF TRUST

In 2016 we were awarded a [patent \(US9363283B1\)](#) for the Network of Trust, which recognises our work in how we measure people's reputation based on their social media footprint.

On Traity you can build your reputation through:

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Your own social accounts, which Traity will analyze on your behalf, giving you privacy while proving the important things.

Recommendations from other friends who have high reputations on Traity.





Together this builds your reputation score and profile, which you will be able to share and show to the people or companies you want to prove your trustworthiness and footprint history.

# TRUST PROFILE WIDGET

Add our customizable, 'plug & play' widgets to your site for your users to display and leverage their trust profile.

The widget displays a user's trust profile. At the top is a circular profile picture of Charlotte Mullen. Below it, the name 'Charlotte Mullen' is shown with a green checkmark and the text 'Government ID verified'. Underneath, it says 'Based on reviews from 3 platforms' and lists 'eBay', 'airbnb', and 'UpWork', each with a five-star rating. Below the ratings, it says 'Charlotte Mullen is verified with' followed by icons for Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn, a mobile phone, and Twitter. At the bottom, there is a link 'See full profile' and the text 'Verified by deemly'.

Annotations with arrows pointing to the widget:

- Show that the user is verified with a government ID
- Display the user's average scores from across the web
- Links to the user's full profile on deemly
- Show the user's social verifications

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# Every platform worker a personal **GigCV**

GigCV is an easy tool for anyone working in or gaining work experience in the gig economy. With this open standard, you will be able to easily download your own reputation and transaction data, which serves as proof of your work experience and skills on connected platforms.





# Jaap Janssen

★★★★★ 16 beoordelingen

jaap@example.com

Jaap heeft 16 klussen afgerond bij 8 opdrachtgevers.  
De eerste klus was 12 april 2021.

98%  
Opkomst

85%  
Punctualiteit

Als echte eigen baas weet jij als geen ander wat er allemaal bij het freelancen komt kijken. Terwijl je net de uren van die ene freelance opdracht hebt afgerond.

## Restaurants

★★★★★

8 klussen

Service, Waitering, Hospitality,  
Taking Orders

## Bars

★★★★★

8 klussen

Barkeeper, Service, Waitering,  
Hospitality, Taking Orders

## Reviews van werkgevers

★★★★★

Di - 07 Sep 2021

Het was heel fijn om samen te werken met Jaap. Hij was altijd op tijd en maakte zijn werk netjes af binnen de gegeven tijd. Ik zou hem zo nog een keer aannemen voor.

★★★★★

Di - 07 Sep 2021

Jaap heeft bij ons gewerkt als barman. Hij maakte de beste cocktails en kwam zelfs met nieuwe eigen recepten. Hij was soms wel te laat en liet dat dingen weten.

## Top 5 werkgevers

1. Club Jaapie
2. Cafe Borrelnootje
3. Picnic
4. HelloFresh
5. Noir

# Status

- 75.000 workers
- 28.000 downloads
- Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, UK, France and in Q2 2024 Kenya and Uganda

# 5 perspectives

- Worker
- Client (receiver of the data)
- Platform
- Society
- Institutions

# Data to take with you (draft)

A number of points will apply to all platforms, per platform there is the option to also bring a number of your own data points.

- Which platform the data was collected
- General data (first name, last name)
- Date of first transaction
- Average rating
- Number of unique gigs
- Turnout rate
- Clients  
With 2C platforms the number of clients
- Sectors
- Skills (when available)
- Written ratings (a selection)

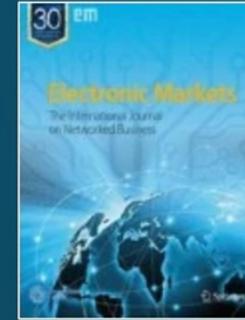
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The role of autonomy, commitment, and online review systems



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## Abstract

Platform workers can typically not take their ratings from one platform to another. This creates lock-in as building up reputation anew can come at prohibitively high cost. A

# Goals

- Get more detailed insights in how, when, for who, under what conditions data portability could or could not work and add value for the worker;
- Convert a 'based on assumptions' debate into a 'evidence based' debate;
- Make data sharing with workers the standard and show others that there is no excuse for not sharing data with workers;
- Inspire others to copy and to do better.



# Thanks. For your attention.

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