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Q1:

Both of these options should be constant in the minds of those in charge, and changed as the needs of the people are changed. A standardised rating across all media however is where i see this Inquiry leading, which is a very good idea.

Q2:

To standardise ratings across all media, having a strictly adult rating added for all media at the very least. Once you have a system for limiting exposure the community can find ways to govern who can view it. This is especially true to electronic media.

Q3:

No, all content should be strictly reviewed. For instance the new .xxx domains for the internet can all be classed as R or X as they will simply be as you would expect. I warn however, that the ratings for interactive media such as video games and web content will change over time, so a website or video game should warn the user of this at the time of first use.

Q4:

No, all content should be treated equally. People spend more time on the internet today then they do watching tv, so really which one should be rated? I warned my aunty's etc when i got facebook that if they have young children perhaps they should hide me from their news feed as i will be posting things that will raise questions.

Q5:

Again, all media should be classified regardless of the intended audience.

Q6:

Again, no. All media should be classified.

Q7:

Consumer advice, yes. Restricting access, no. Media which changes such as facebook or news sites for instance CANNOT be rated and instead it should be rated as news or social networking as separate ratings.

Q8:

It should certainly be classified but not regulated, that comes down to the parents or carers of the persons buying this material. A sticker that says violence or coarse language would be fine for such a use.

Q9:

No, it should be rated.

Q10:

No, it should be classified.

Q11:

Q12:

If it were up to me i would link content ratings to the email address or other account of the user, for instance an openid or their facebook account. I know these are not foolproof, but no method is.

Q13:

See question 12.

Q14:

That is, as has always been, up to the carers. There is little sellers or regulatory bodies can do once it leaves the shop.

Q15:

For motion picture or interactive content it should be flashed as a warning pre viewing.

Q16:

Users are always the most important part of any regulatory system. The aim should be to introduce a system which is respected and not laughed at by the general public. I believe industry bodies should be in charge of rating some content, for instance googles safe search filter or something like that should be an industry standard for web content filtering. Game reviewers should be able to warn the regulatory bodies of content that has changed or is abusive as there is often secret areas etc in interactive entertainment.

Q17:

I would say yes, especially if Australia's guidelines were brought in line with another major consumer country, the industries would be able to have "one label fits all" so to speak.

Q18:

All .xxx domain websites should be classed as R or X for obvious reasons, the domains are there for a reason.

Q19:

If you bring in a system as hinted at in question 17 then the whole government side takes a sideline role only correcting what they feel is incorrect, and perhaps only then fine that company for the indiscretion.

Q20:

The difference between X and R once confused me, it no longer does for obvious reasons.

Q21:

New categories should be in place for social networking websites and labeled as such, Email and other user generated content sites such as tumbler, or blogs should also have a "unknown" style rating as the content can change rapidly and without warning.

Q22:

There should be a standardised guideline which consists first and foremost of a tiered system starting at toddler and going through to adult as there is now, but it should have allowances for specific media to have other ratings where appropriate. For instance social networking sites should be rated as "User Generated Content" and "Teen" as teen is the minimum age group allowed by many sites, this is especially true as Googles new Google+ social networking site is 18+ only asking for a higher level of maturity in content posted So it would be rated User Generated Content and Adult.

Q23:

yes, the entire system needs to be transparent in what is looked for as criteria as well as platform independent.

Q24:

All content should be allowed, as soon as you start being a nanny you are doing carers jobs for them, and restricting which content is viewable to all audiences not just the ones that should be protected. I believe a system which ties users to their email account or openid is the best way to do this, asking for a password the first time in a session you view a page rated above Teen or such. As a webdeveloper this would be quite easy to implement.

Q25:

I have never seen this classification at all except for on video games which should instead be rated R. So if drugs and sex scenes is all then no, on sites with user generated content there can be far more hateful content. The internet is changing and adapting, it needs to be watched but not held back.

Q26:

As i have said earlier it should be a uniform system Australia wide, it should be implemented quickly and there should be advertisements on tv radio and the internet as to the new system and how to get more information.

Q27:

Q28:

Yes, it should be uniform over all media and platforms.

Q29:

Uniformity and the addition of User generated content warnings are two major steps towards a better system.

Other comments: