CLAIMS

1. A method comprising:

detecting one or more connection parameters and associated data of at least one access point;

requesting data identifying one or more friends, and/or friends of friends, of a user from a network entity;

facilitating provision of the connection parameters and associated data for inclusion within at least one profile of ~~a~~ the user, the profile is associated with athe network entity identifying one or more relationships among the one or more determined friends of the user; and

enabling provision of the connection parameters and associated data to at least one of a device of the user or one or more devices of the friends.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein enabling provision comprises enabling the device of the user or the devices of the friends to utilize the connection parameters and associated data to connect to the access point.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving one or more connectivity parameters and associated items of information related to one or more respective access points detected by one or more devices of the friends.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

utilizing the connectivity parameters and the associated items of information to connect to one or more of the respective access points.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein utilizing comprises utilizing the connectivity parameters and the associated items of information to connect to one or more of the respective access points in an instance in which the devices are within a vicinity of the respective access points.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein prior to receiving the connectivity parameters, the method further comprises receiving an indication that the profile of the user is updated in response to the connection parameters and associated data being included in the profile of the user or one or more respective profiles of the friends of the user.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein:

the access point comprises at least one of a wireless local area network access point or a local area network access point; and

the connection parameters comprises one or more network settings configured to facilitate connection with the access point, the associated data comprises at least one of a password, an item of security data, or a certificate.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

enabling modification of the profile of the user to designate that the connection parameters and associated data is to be shared with a portion of the friends while excluding a remaining portion of the friends from receiving the connection parameters and associated data.

9. An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

detect one or more connection parameters and associated data of at least one access point;

request data identifying one or more friends, and/or friends of friends, of a user from a network entity;

facilitate provision of the connection parameters and associated data for inclusion within at least one profile of ~~a~~ the user, the profile is associated with ~~a~~ the network entity identifying one or more relationships among the one or more determined friends of the user; and

enable provision of the connection parameters and associated data to at least one of a device of the user or one or more devices of the friends.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

enable provision by enabling the device of the user or the devices of the friends to utilize the connection parameters and associated data to connect to the access point.

11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

receive one or more connectivity parameters and associated items of information related to one or more respective access points detected by one or more devices of the friends.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

utilize the connectivity parameters and the associated items of information to connect to one or more of the respective access points.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

utilize the connectivity parameters by utilizing the connectivity parameters and the associated items of information to connect to one or more of the respective access points in an instance in which the devices are within a vicinity of the respective access points.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein prior to receive the connectivity parameters, the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

receive an indication that the profile of the user is updated in response to the connection parameters and associated data being included in the profile of the user or one or more respective profiles of the friends of the user.

15. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein:

the access point comprises at least one of a wireless local area network access point or a local area network access point; and

the connection parameters comprises one or more network settings configured to facilitate connection with the access point, the associated data comprises at least one of a password, an item of security data, or a certificate.

16. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

enable modification of the profile of the user to designate that the connection parameters and associated data is to be shared with a portion of the friends while excluding a remaining portion of the friends from receiving the connection parameters and associated data.

17. A computer program product comprising at least one computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code portions stored therein, the computer-readable program code portions comprising:

program code instructions configured to detect one or more connection parameters and associated data of at least one access point;

program code instructions configured to request data identifying one or more friends, and/or friends of friends, of a user from a network entity;

program code instructions configured to facilitate provision of the connection parameters and associated data for inclusion within at least one profile of ~~a~~ the user, the profile is associated with ~~a~~ the network entity identifying one or more relationships among the one or more determined friends of the user; and

program code instructions configured to enable provision of the connection parameters and associated data to at least one of a device of the user or one or more devices of the friends.

18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein enable provision comprises enabling the device of the user or the devices of the friends to utilize the connection parameters and associated data to connect to the access point.

19. An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

receive a detection of one or more connection parameters and associated data of at least one access point;

request data identifying one or more friends, and/or friends of friends, of a user from a network entity;

facilitate inclusion of the connection parameters and associated data within at least one profile of ~~a~~ the user, in response to determining that the profile is associated with ~~a~~the network entity identifying one or more relationships among one or more friends of the user; and

enable provision of the one or more connection parameters and associated data to at least one device of the user or one or more devices of the friends to enable the device or the devices to utilize the connection parameters and associated data to connect to the access point.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein prior to enable provision of the connection parameters, the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor, cause the apparatus to:

update one or more respective profiles of the friends to include data indicating the connection parameters and associated data; and

enable provision of data of the profiles to at least one friend of a plurality of friends linked to the friends to enable at least one communication device of the at least one friend to utilize the connection parameters and associated data to connect to the access point.

21. The apparatus of any of claims 19 - 20, wherein the network entity comprises ~~a social network entity or~~ a social network service.

22. The method of any of claims 1 - 8, wherein the network entity comprises ~~a social network entity or~~ a social network service.

23. The method of any of claims 1 – 8 or 22, wherein enabling provision comprises enabling the device of the user or the devices of the friends to utilize the connection parameters and the associated data to automatically connect to the access point.

24. The apparatus of any of claims 9 - 16, wherein the network entity comprises ~~a social network entity or~~ a social network service.

25. The apparatus of any of claims 9 – 16 or 24, wherein the memory and computer program code are configured to, with the processor cause the apparatus to: enable provision by enabling the device of the user or the devices of the friends to utilize the connection parameters and the associated data to automatically connect to the access point.

26. The computer program product of any of claims 17 - 18, wherein the network entity comprises ~~a social network entity or~~ a social network service.