Measurement of individual social capital
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This study essentially tries to answer the question how to summarize the help we can get from all people we personally know. In the chapters preceding this page you can read that this is by no means an easy question to answer, even when those interviewed on the subject provide you with answers. But the subject becomes easier when the questions get more specific, and when you are allowed to use retrospection instead of speculation. During the years I wrote this dissertation I may have created, but certainly used a lot of social capital along the way. This is the place where I would like to do some extensive name generation.

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