

# Developing for privacy and data protection

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## *Theory*

- An overview of the changing data protection and privacy landscape
- The different cultural and legal views of privacy within the WordPress project
- How we can create a healthy privacy standard outside legal requirements

## *Practice*

- GDPR: Tools, resources, guidance, code, and a really good test run
- Beyond GDPR: how the WordPress project is working to improve privacy for 31% of the open web
- How you can contribute to privacy in WordPress and in your own work



**What you will do with that knowledge**

# What you will do with that knowledge

- **Shift your thinking** to respect privacy as a positive cultural value, not resent it as a negative legal obligation;
- **Integrate** best privacy practices into your development workflow;
- **Review** your existing work for privacy improvements;
- **Contribute** to WordPress's growing privacy work.



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*Theory*

**An overview of the changing data protection and privacy landscape**

# **Europe's privacy overhaul**



# Europe's privacy overhaul

- **GDPR: 25 May 2018**
  - Replaced the Data Protection Directive of 1995
  - Maintains original principles, expands and modernises
  - Data at rest: collection, usage, retention
- **ePrivacy Directive: TBD (autumn/winter?)**
  - Replaces the ePrivacy Directive of 2002
  - Data in transit: cookies, telemetry, advertising beacons, marketing
  - Colloquially and somewhat inaccurately known as the "Cookie Law"



# **GDPR essentials**



# GDPR: what is personal data?

- **Personal data:** any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person. This can be one piece of information or multiple data points combined in a record
- **Sensitive personal data:** information about racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health data, sex life or sexual orientation, past or spent criminal convictions
- **New definitions:** genetic data, biometric data, location data, and online identifiers (e.g. WordPress identifiers)



# How is that different from PII?

## PII = Americanism

- Full name (if not common)
- Face (sometimes)
- Home address
- Email address (if private from an association/club membership, etc.)
- National identification number (e.g., Social Security number)
- Passport number
- Vehicle registration plate number
- Driver's license number
- Face, fingerprints, or handwriting
- Credit card numbers
- Digital identity
- Date of birth
- Birthplace
- Genetic information
- Telephone number
- Login name, screen name, nickname, or handle



# What *might* be PII?

- First or last name, if common
- Country, state, postcode or city of residence
- Age, especially if non-specific
- Gender or race
- Name of the school they attend or workplace
- Grades, salary, or job position
- Criminal record
- Cookies

<b>What you have</b>	<b>Awareness</b>	<b>Documentation</b>	<b>Privacy Notices</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>How you engage</b>	<b>Individual Rights</b>	<b>PbD and DPbD</b>	<b>Consent</b>	<b>Lawful Basis</b>
<b>How you work</b>	<b>Subject Access Requests</b>	<b>Data Breaches</b>	<b>DPOs</b>	<b>International</b>





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# GDPR: Individual rights

- The right to be **informed** about what you are doing with data (privacy notices);
- The right of users to **access** a copy of the data you hold on them;
- The right to **correct** any data that you hold;
- The right to **erasure**, meaning the *right to request* deletion of certain kinds of data you hold (erasure tool);
- The right to **restrict processing**, or the right to ask you to stop using data in certain ways;
- The right to **data portability**, or the right to take the data you hold about them to another service provider (export tool);
- The right to **object** to your uses of their data; and
- Their rights in relation to **automated decision making and profiling**, including data you use or share for advertising, marketing, and behavioural analysis.



# GDPR: Consent and legal basis

- In most circumstances, the data collection and processing you perform must be done with the **consent** of the people that data is about.
- If consent is not the basis, your use of data must be grounded in a **legal basis**.
- The consent mechanisms and legal bases you use to collect and process data must be clear, documented, and verifiable.



# GDPR: Consent must be

- **Active:** consent is freely given, specific, and unambiguous;
- Active consent is also **positive**, meaning you have not presumed consent from a pre-ticked box, inactivity, or not selecting any option;
- Privacy must be presented as **granular** multiple choices, and not a zero-sum in-or-out game.
- **Unbundled:** users cannot be forced to grant consent for one thing in order to receive another;
- **Named:** the user must be made aware of all specific third parties who will be receiving their data and why they will be receiving it;
- **No imbalance in the relationship:** consent must not create an unfair relationship between the user and the data processor;
- **Verifiable and documented:** you must be able to prove who gave their consent, how consent was given, what information they were given, what they agreed to, when they consented, and whether or not the user has withdrawn their consent.



# GDPR: Lawful bases for processing data

- Necessary for the **performance of a contract**;
- Necessary to **comply with a legal obligation**;
- Necessary to **protect the person's vital interests** (for example, homelessness help)
- Necessary for **the performance of a task in the public interest** or in the exercise of official authority;
- Necessary for the purposes of the **"legitimate interests"** pursued by the controller or third party.

# GDPR: stop abusing legitimate interest

Legitimate interest **is not:**

- Your first option – it should be the last resort
- A “catch all” for things you’ve decided you want to do without consent but don’t know how
- A way to claim consent for data you already collected – **it cannot be applied retrospectively to existing data.**





# Who is subject to GDPR and ePD?

- All data collected, processed, and retained about persons within the European Union
- Extraterritorial: applies to non-EU collection and processing
- All capturing and/or processing of personal data: no minimum size or turnover
- All situations: public sector, private sector, academia, startup, side project, or hobby

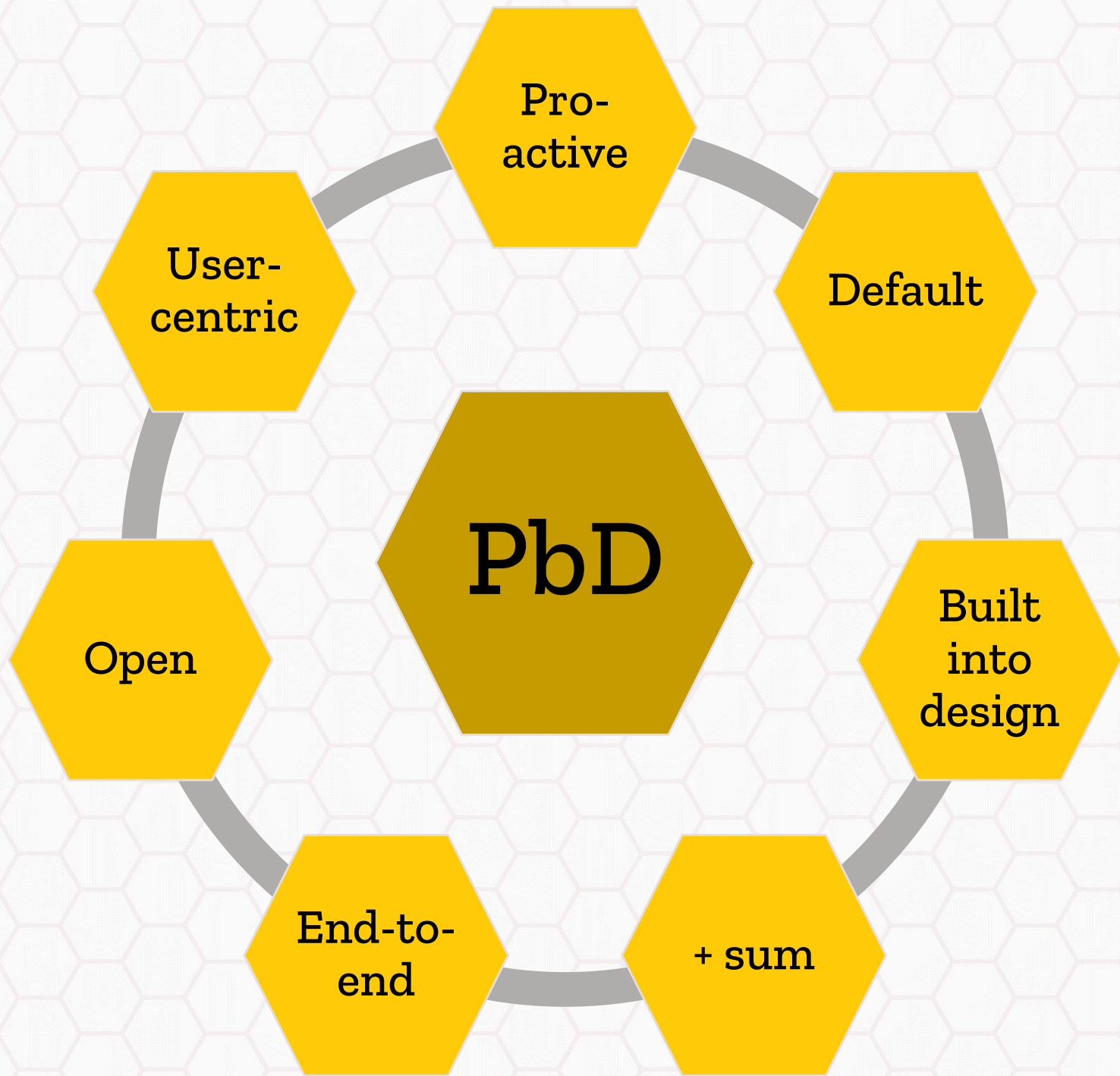


# Privacy by Design



# What is Privacy by Design?

- Non-regulatory development framework devised in Canada in the 1990s
- Incorporated into GDPR as a requirement
- Review existing projects for PbD compliance, and retrofit as required
- <https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2017/07/privacy-by-design-framework/>



**The seven  
principles  
of Privacy  
by Design**



# Checking the project on PBD

## Questions from the UK ICO

- ❑ *We consider data protection issues as part of the design and implementation of systems, services, products, and business practices*
- ❑ *We make data protection an essential component of the core functionality of our processing systems and services*
- ❑ *We anticipate risks and privacy-invasive events before they occur, and take steps to prevent harm to individuals*



# Checking the project on PBD

## Questions from the UK ICO

- ❑ *We ensure that personal data is automatically protected in any system, service, product, and/or business practice, so that individuals should not have to take any specific action to protect their privacy*
- ❑ *When we use other systems, services, or products in our processing activities, we make sure that we only use those whose designers and manufacturers take data protection into account.*



# PBD: Privacy Impact Assessments

- A living document which must be accessible to all
- Document what you are doing and why (consent/legal basis)
- Document the risks
  - To the data subjects
  - To the organisation
  - To technical and systems
- Document your risk mitigation

# PBD: Privacy Impact Assessments





# PIA questions: Personnel, staff, and contributors

- Who has access to the data?
- **What data protection training have those individuals received?**
- What security measures do those individuals work with?
- What data breach notification and alert procedures are in place?
- What procedures are in place for government requests?



# PIA questions: Personnel, staff, and contributors

- What data protection training have those individuals received?
  - European data protection and privacy framework
  - Industry or sector regulations (health, finance, etc)
  - Development frameworks and methodologies
  - Documentation of training in HR records
  - Inductions and refreshers



# America is ready to legislate privacy

Balancing the Rights Of Web Surfers Equally and Responsibly (BROWSER) Act of 2017

Secure and Protect Americans' Data Act (SPADA) of 2017

Internet Bill of Rights of 2018

FTC Privacy Act changes

Social Media Privacy and Consumer Rights Act of 2018

Customer Online Notification for Stopping Edge-provider Network Transgressions (CONSENT) Act of 2018

Resolution on applying GDPR protections to U.S. citizens

**Why does that matter?**



*Theory*

**The different cultural and legal  
views of privacy within the  
WordPress project**

**WordPress is made by  
the people who show up.**



**We have very different cultural approaches to privacy.**

## European cultural approach to privacy

- Privacy is a fundamental human right
- Data belongs to the subject
- Opt-in culture
- Culture of constructive work through regulators, with fines or court action a rare last resort
- People trust governments and fear businesses



## **American cultural approach to privacy**

- Free speech is a fundamental human right
- Data belongs to the site/service owner
- Opt-out culture
- Culture of adversarial courtroom litigation
- People fear governments and trust businesses

**We also have very different  
legal approaches to privacy.**



## European legal approach to privacy

- Privacy is **regulated** through hard law
- One overarching law for all member states and sectors
- Data protection regulators
- Not tied to citizenship or nationality
- Privacy is its own law
- Litigation is the last resort

## American legal approach to privacy

- Privacy is **governed** through soft law
- No overarching DP law; piecemeal approach across sectors and states
- No data protection regulator
- Tied to citizenship and nationality
- Privacy is a subcategory of contract, tort, or property law
- Litigation is the first resort



**Those differences shape our  
approach to compliance.**



**Chris Wiegman**

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Following



Barely 1.5 weeks into GDPR and it seems to have completely stopped being a source of any discussion in the tech circles I follow. Somehow I doubt that it is because everyone has started complying and moved on.

8:06 PM - 5 Jun 2018

13 Likes



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**Mike Richwalsky** @mrichwalsky · Jun 5



Replying to @ChrisWiegman

Until the first lawsuits and judgements start coming in. They it will flare back up I think.



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**Chris Wiegman** @ChrisWiegman · Jun 5



Unfortunately I think you're probably right



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1 more reply



**jamie schmid** @jamieschmid · Jun 5



Replying to @ChrisWiegman

we're all waiting for a big case ruling to scare us into compliance



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***“Under the GDPR’s new tools, we’ll be able to use enforcement notices to require companies to delete algorithms or stop processing.***

***I think orders to stop processing are going to be as powerful, if not more powerful than administrative fines.”***

**-Elizabeth Denham, the UK Information Commissioner,  
to the Civil Liberties Committee of the European Union, 4 June 2018**



**And when it comes to privacy,  
we don't agree to disagree.**



# Things Europeans say about the American approach to privacy...

"Wild West"

"Even before GDPR starts, they are violating the rules"

"Their tone is still far from acknowledging the serious concerns people have"

"A lack of progress may challenge the effectiveness of self-regulation in this area and may increase the pressure to legislate."

"We thank you for appearing to testify before our committee today"

# ...and things Americans say about the European approach to privacy

"Jack-booted thugs"

"It could significantly interrupt transatlantic commerce and create unnecessary barriers to trade"

"The European approach runs the risk of being insensitive to context"

"There should be no government involvement"

"I don't understand how we've reached a point where we, in the United States, are reliant on a foreign regulation to protect our data"



**We all have a different  
understanding of "privacy".**

**...but who are we?**



**We make the software that  
runs 31% of the open web.**

**We are people of enormous  
power and influence over  
privacy on the internet.**

**And we've never understood our differences, much less acknowledged them.**



# What happens when our differences meet?

*We structure* our work with different cultural approaches to privacy

*We write* our code with different legal approaches to privacy

*We assume* everyone we code with works and thinks like we do

*We create* the open web with no common standard for privacy

*We fail* to do everything we could do to protect the people in the data

*We don't* learn from our mistakes.

**We have to do better.**



**The actions we take  
within the ecosystem,  
however small, can  
protect the people in the  
data from those who  
would use that data to  
hurt them.**

**So we need to shift  
our thinking.**



**We need to stop thinking  
of privacy as a legal  
problem to run away  
from, and instead, think  
of it as a cultural  
opportunity to embrace.**

## *Theory*

**How we can create a healthy privacy standard outside legal requirements**



**What is "privacy" about, as a principle and not as a law?**

# Two kinds of privacy rules

## Hard law and regulation

- GDPR
- CJEU judgements
- COPPA / HIPPA
- ICO / CNIL / FTC / etc

## Soft law and regulation

- Industry codes of conduct
- ISO standards
- International conventions
- Frameworks (Privacy by Design)

**Hard laws build their foundations  
on the standards defined in soft laws.  
This is certainly the case for online privacy.**



**Let's use soft law to define common  
privacy values.**



# International privacy frameworks

- OECD Privacy Principles (1980)
- Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data (1980/two weeks ago 2018)
- ISO/IEC 2001 International Standard on Information Technology / Security Techniques / Privacy Framework (2011)
- APEC Privacy Framework (2005)
- FTC Fair Information Practice Principles (2000)



<b>OECD</b>	<b>COE</b>	<b>ISO</b>	<b>APEC</b>	<b>FIPP</b>
Collection Limitation Principle	Legitimacy of data processing and quality of data	Consent and choice	Preventing harm	Notice/Awareness
Data Quality Principle	Special categories of data	Purpose legitimacy and specification	Notice	Choice/Consent
Purpose Specification Principle	Data security	Collection limitation	Collection limitation	Problems with Choice/Consent
Use Limitation Principle	Transparency of processing	Data minimization	Uses of personal information	Access/Participation
Security Safeguards Principle	Rights of the data subject	Use, retention and disclosure limitation	Choice	Integrity/Security
Openness Principle		Accuracy and quality	Integrity of personal information	Enforcement/Redress
Individual Participation Principle		Openness, transparency and notice	Security safeguards	
Accountability Principle		Individual participation and access	Access and correction	
		Accountability	Accountability	
		Information security		
		Privacy compliance		

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		Information security		
		Privacy compliance		



**What are common privacy values?**

# Data minimisation

Collect only the data you need  
and no more



# Data integrity

Ensure that the data is true, authentic, and up to date

## **Purpose minimisation**

Use the data only for the  
purpose you collected it for  
and nothing else



## **Lifecycle limitation**

**Do not use the data for other purposes, keep it longer than you need, or share it with others without reason**

## **Human and technical security**

Take adequate technical and human measures to protect the data from misuse and its subjects from harm



# Transparency and notice

Make public what data you hold, why you hold it, and what you do with it

# User participation and rights

Give people rights to access their data, correct mistakes, and the ability to ask you to stop using their data



**Accountability,  
enforcement,  
and redress**

Fix problems when things go wrong, make it right when people are hurt, and face the consequences for misuse.

## **Choice, control, and consent**

Give people choices, options,  
and rights over how you use  
their data at any time



# Special categories of data

Take care with sensitive data  
which could result in the  
people it is about being hurt

## **Legal compliance**

Work cooperatively and productively with regulations, laws, and supervisory bodies



# 11 universal privacy principles



**[https://github.com/webdevlaw/  
open-source-privacy-standards](https://github.com/webdevlaw/open-source-privacy-standards)**




**Creating and following “soft  
regulation” principles for user  
privacy lessens the chances of  
“hard regulation” being imposed  
onto your project.**

**How might we integrate common privacy values into the WordPress project?**



# Example of principle integration




Transparency  
and notice

- What is the status of transparency and notice in core?
- Does it need to change?
- What do the development guidelines say about project design and transparency and notice?
- What do the development guidelines say about code and transparency and notice?
- What do we want to achieve?
- When do we want to ship that?
- How do we build in the functionality for transparency and notice?
- What about plugins and themes?
- Who else needs to be involved?



# Example of planning and documentation



Transparency  
and notice


<https://developer.wordpress.org/plugins/privacy/>

- How does your plugin handle personal data? Use `wp_add_privacy_policy_content` to disclose to your users any of the following:
- Does the plugin share personal data with third parties (e.g. to outside APIs/servers). If so, what data does it share with which third parties and do they have a published privacy policy you can provide a link to?
- Does the plugin collect personal data? If so, what data and where is it stored? Think about places like user data/meta, options, post meta, custom tables, files, etc.



# Example of planning and documentation

<https://developer.wordpress.org/plugins/privacy/>



Transparency  
and notice

- Does the plugin use personal data collected by others? If so, what data? Does the plugin pass personal data to a SDK? What does that SDK do with the data?
- Does the plugin collect telemetry data, directly or indirectly? Loading an image from a third-party source on every install, for example, could indirectly log and track the usage data of all of your plugin installs.
- Does the plugin enqueue Javascript, tracking pixels or embed iframes from a third party (third party JS, tracking pixels and iframes can collect visitor's data/actions, leave cookies, etc.)?
- Does the plugin store things in the browser? If so, where and what? Think about things like cookies, local storage, etc

# Example of development guidelines and code sample

Transparency  
and notice

## Code Example

**i** It is recommended to call `wp_add_privacy_policy_content` during the `admin_init` action. Calling it outside of an action hook can lead to problems, see ticket #44142 for details.

```
1 function my_example_plugin_add_privacy_policy_content() {
2     if ( ! function_exists( 'wp_add_privacy_policy_content' ) ) {
3         return;
4     }
5
6     $content = sprintf(
7         __( 'When you leave a comment on this site, we send your name, email
8         address, IP address and comment text to example.com. Example.com does
9         not retain your personal data.
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11         The example.com privacy policy is <a href="%s" target="_blank">here</a>.',
12         'my_plugin_textdomain' ),
13         'https://example.com/privacy-policy'
14     );
15
16     wp_add_privacy_policy_content(
17         'Example Plugin',
18         wp_kses_post( wpautop( $content, false ) )
19     );
20 }
21 add_action( 'admin_init', 'my_example_plugin_add_privacy_policy_content' );
```

Not legal advice



**3 down, 8 to go...**

# 11 universal privacy principles





# Integrating privacy principles

- Define how each privacy principle needs to be adopted
- Amend project guidelines on how work is *structured*
- Amend development guidelines on how work is *coded*
- Provide resources for developers to understand how to use any new functionality
- Provide resources for site administrators to understand why these things matter and what they need to do



*Practice*

**GDPR: tools, resources, guidance,  
code, and a really good test run**



# Phase 1

The GDPR compliance project

# GDPR core compliance roadmap

- Enhancing privacy standards in core
- Examining the plugin developer guidelines with privacy in mind
- Creating documentation focused on best practices in online privacy
- Adding tools which will allow site administrators to create user-friendly privacy notices



# Project constraints

- We cannot make WordPress sites compliant
- No tool achieves compliance in and of itself
- No tool removes the user's responsibility for compliance
- There is no such thing as "compliance", only a journey
- The WordPress project is allergic to anything "legal" – and privacy was seen as a legal (and European) thing
- No open source CMS gave GDPR or privacy proper resourcing



# What we did do

1. Add tools to core to allow users to create a privacy notice, export data, and erase data
2. Create plugin functionality and hooks to feed data into those tools
3. Add documentation/help for admins, users, and devs
4. Remove "legal compliance" from plugin guidelines
5. Identify areas for future work outside GDPR



# **Tools shipped in 4.9.6**

GDPR-specific enhancements

## Export Personal Data

### Add Data Export Request

An email will be sent to the user at this email address asking them to verify the request.

**Username or email address**

Send Request

[All \(0\)](#) | [Pending \(0\)](#) | [Confirmed \(0\)](#) | [Failed \(0\)](#) | [Completed \(0\)](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Requester	Status	Requested	Next Steps
No items found.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requester	Status	Requested	Next Steps



## Erase Personal Data

### Add Data Erasure Request

An email will be sent to the user at this email address asking them to verify the request.

**Username or email address**

Send Request

[All \(0\)](#) | [Pending \(0\)](#) | [Confirmed \(0\)](#) | [Failed \(0\)](#) | [Completed \(0\)](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Requester	Status	Requested	Next Steps
No items found.				
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# Privacy notice tool

- Starter for a GDPR-ready privacy notice
- Not a template – headers and prompts are just that
- Functionality to feed info in from plugins and themes
- Admin is responsible for publishing



## Privacy Settings

### Privacy Policy page

As a website owner, you may need to follow national or international privacy laws. For example, you may need to create and display a privacy policy. If you already have a privacy policy page, please select it below. If not, please create one.

The new page will include help and suggestions for your privacy policy. However, it is your responsibility to use those resources correctly, to provide the information that your privacy policy requires, and to keep that information current and accurate.

After your privacy policy page is set, we suggest that you edit it. We would also suggest reviewing your privacy policy from time to time, especially after installing or updating any themes or plugins. There may be changes or new suggested information for you to consider adding to your policy.

[Edit](#) or [view](#) your privacy policy page content.

Need help putting together your new Privacy Policy page? [Check out our guide](#) for recommendations on what content to include, along with policies suggested by your plugins and theme.

Change your Privacy Policy page

Select an existing page:

Privacy Policy



Use This Page

Or:

Create New Page

# Privacy Policy Guide

## Introduction

Hello,

This text template will help you to create your web site's privacy policy.

We have suggested the sections you will need. Under each section heading you will find a short summary of what information you should provide, which will help you to get started. Some sections include suggested policy content, others will have to be completed with information from your theme and plugins.

Please edit your privacy policy content, making sure to delete the summaries, and adding any information from your theme and plugins. Once you publish your policy page, remember to add it to your navigation menu.

It is your responsibility to write a comprehensive privacy policy, to make sure it reflects all national and international legal requirements on privacy, and to keep your policy current and accurate.

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## Source: WordPress

### Who we are

In this section, you should note your site URL, as well as the name of the company, organisation, or individual behind it, and some accurate contact information.

The amount of information you may be required to show will vary depending on your local or national business regulations.



Edit Page

Add New

## Privacy Policy

Permalink: <https://afterbrexit.tech/privacy-policy/> Edit

Need help putting together your new Privacy Policy page? [Check out our guide](#) for recommendations on what content to include, along with policies suggested by your plugins and theme.

Add Media

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# **Functionality and documentation**



# Developer guidelines

<https://developer.wordpress.org/plugins/privacy/>

## *Theory*

- What is privacy?
- Privacy by Design
- Food for thought for your plugin

## *Practice*

- Suggesting text for the site privacy policy
- Adding the Personal Data Exporter to Your Plugin
- Adding the Personal Data Eraser to Your Plugin
- Privacy Related Options, Hooks, Filters, and Capabilities



**We removed “legal compliance”  
from plugin guidelines**

...at last



# Detailed Plugin Guidelines

<https://developer.wordpress.org/plugins/wordpress-org/detailed-plugin-guidelines/>

**Guideline 9**  
*(Developers and their plugins must not do anything illegal, dishonest, or morally offensive.)* has been amended to include the following new prohibition:

*implying that a plugin can create, provide, automate, or guarantee legal compliance*

**What we didn't do is as important  
as what we did do.**



# What we didn't do

- Scaremonger or threaten
- Discuss penalties, fines, or enforcement – at all
- Make a plugin rather than applying the work to core
- Leave the work with legal
- Try to save the world in one go
- Get the version numbering right

**With the test run being over...**



## ↔ Make WordPress Core

### Privacy component

94 open tickets

Open bugs: 31. [View list on Trac](#)

#### Help maintain this component

Component maintainers:



[desrosj](#)



[allendav](#)



[idea15](#)



[xkon](#)



[postphotos](#)



[casiepa](#)

**We got Privacy established as a permanent core component.**



## *Practice*

**Beyond GDPR: how the WordPress project is working to improve privacy for 31% of the open web**



# Phase 2 roadmap

Core-privacy



# 1. Core features

## *Gravatar Improvements*

Goal: Give site owners and users greater control over the integration with Gravatar.

*Related tickets: #44067, #14682*

## *Embed Controls*

Goal: Give site owners control over which embeds are enabled on their site (and thereby allowing site owners the means to limit the cookies and personal data collection embeds sometimes employ.)

*Related tickets: #43713, #44001*



## 2. Plugin privacy

### *Administrators*

Should be able to easily determine which plugins

- 1) do or do not integrate with WordPress privacy tools,
- 2) provide the level of data privacy control that their site requires or
- 3) have no privacy impacts on their site at all;

### *Developers*

Would benefit from clearer guidance as they begin to understand what data usage is critical for the functioning of a site or plugin (e.g. authentication) and what data usage the user can and should have control over (e.g. sharing location data);

### *Users*

Should be able to understand the ways a plugin's functionality impacts their privacy during their experience on a site, and, in many cases, to have control, choice, and consent over that data usage. This is key to the work on consent and logging.



# 3. Consent and logging (major project)

## *Goal:*

Attempt to come up with a standard way for WordPress and plugins to obtain consent from users and allow users to edit their consent - e.g. through front-side resources;

for WordPress and plugins to store and query consent in a consistent manner;

and for administrators to be able to review a user's consent history and status to help them with compliance inquiries.

(oh, is that all?)



# 3. Consent and logging (the big one)

- "Done correctly, a thoughtfully deployed solution for consent across the WordPress ecosystem - drawing as many choices as possible into one central dashboard or settings panel, rather than being scattered across countless places - could greatly enhance user choice over privacy whilst avoiding the "consent fatigue" associated with the first iteration of the ePrivacy Directive.
- Work on consent and logging could involve UX developing a universal pattern library of designs for consent and choice, based on existing pattern libraries developed for IAAP and by IF London."



# 4, 5, and 6 minor fixes: Erasure and export, i13n, privacy page

- Improve and polish the erasure and export tools added originally in WordPress 4.9.6  
*Related trac tickets: 44135, 44265, 44133, 43438, 43437, 44013*
- Deploy simple but critical fixes to ensure that privacy-related emails are received in the user's native language  
*Related trac tickets: 43985, 44084*
- Create Minor UX changes to the privacy notice page within the admin dashboard  
*Related trac tickets: 44100, 44131*



# 7. Multisite support

Goal: Extend the tools added originally in WordPress 4.9.6 in a thoughtful manner to a wide variety of multisite/network setups, taking careful consideration of the various needs of the different purposes and sizes of networks out there.

- *Related trac tickets: 43738, 43821, 43822*



*Practice*

**How you can contribute to  
privacy in WordPress and in your  
own work**



# #core-privacy: where and when

- Office hours are 1500 UTC on Wednesdays in Making WordPress Slack
- Bug scrubs are Mondays at 1500 UTC
- <https://github.com/wordpress-privacy/>
- <https://make.wordpress.org/core/components/privacy/>
- <https://make.wordpress.org/core/roadmap/privacy>
- <https://developer.wordpress.org/plugins/privacy/>
- [https://core.trac.wordpress.org/  
query?status=!closed&component=Privacy](https://core.trac.wordpress.org/query?status=!closed&component=Privacy)



# #core-privacy: what and how

Roadmap areas of work:

1. Core features
2. Plugin privacy
3. **Consent and logging**
4. Erasure and export
5. Internationalisation
6. Privacy page
7. Multisite support

- 4.9.7
- 4.9.8 ...?
- 4.9.9 ...?
- **Consent and logging will be a major focus**



# Where to start?

- Review your data capture, sharing, flows, and retention
- Conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment
- Read up on GDPR, PBD, and the open source standard idea
- Explore the 4.9.6 privacy tools, and help us create new ones
- Become privacy champions in your workplaces
- **Demonstrate leadership in privacy within the ecosystem**



# What have you learned today?

By now I hope you know how to

- **respect** privacy as a positive cultural value, rather than resent it as a negative legal obligation;
- **integrate** best privacy practice into your development workflow;
- make a plan to **review** your existing work for privacy improvements;
- **contribute** to WordPress's privacy work.



**The most important thing to remember about developing for privacy and data protection**

# What do these cities have in common?

- Belgrade
- Paris
- Vienna
- Seville
- Sofia
- Leiden

Every WordCamp Europe host city has experienced civil war, fascism, totalitarianism, or the genocide within the last century.



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## **II. Information to be seized by the government**

All information described above in Section I that constitutes fruits, evidence and instrumentalities of violations of D.C. Code § 22-1322 involving the individuals who participated, planned, organized, or incited the January 20 riot, relating to the development, publishing, advertisement, access, use, administration or maintenance of any website enumerated in Attachment A, including:

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  - b. HTML, CSS, JavaScript, image files, or other files;
  - c. HTTP request and error logs;
  - d. SSH, FTP, or Telnet logs showing connections related to the website, and any other transactional information, including records of session times and durations, log files, dates and times of connecting, methods of connecting, and ports;
  - e. MySQL, PostgreSQL, or other databases related to the website;
  - f. email accounts and the contents thereof, associated with the account;



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runs 31% of the open web.**

**We are people of enormous  
power and influence over  
privacy on the internet.**



**The actions we take  
within the ecosystem,  
however small, can  
protect the people in the  
data from those who  
would use that data to  
hurt them.**

**Let's make WordPress  
the most privacy-  
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project in the world.**



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