

Measures for securing personal data flows

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1. **Legality and transparency**
2. **Purpose limitation**
3. **Data minimisation**
4. **Restrictions on retention**
5. **Integrity, confidentiality & accountability**



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A short introduction – why cybersecurity for GDPR?

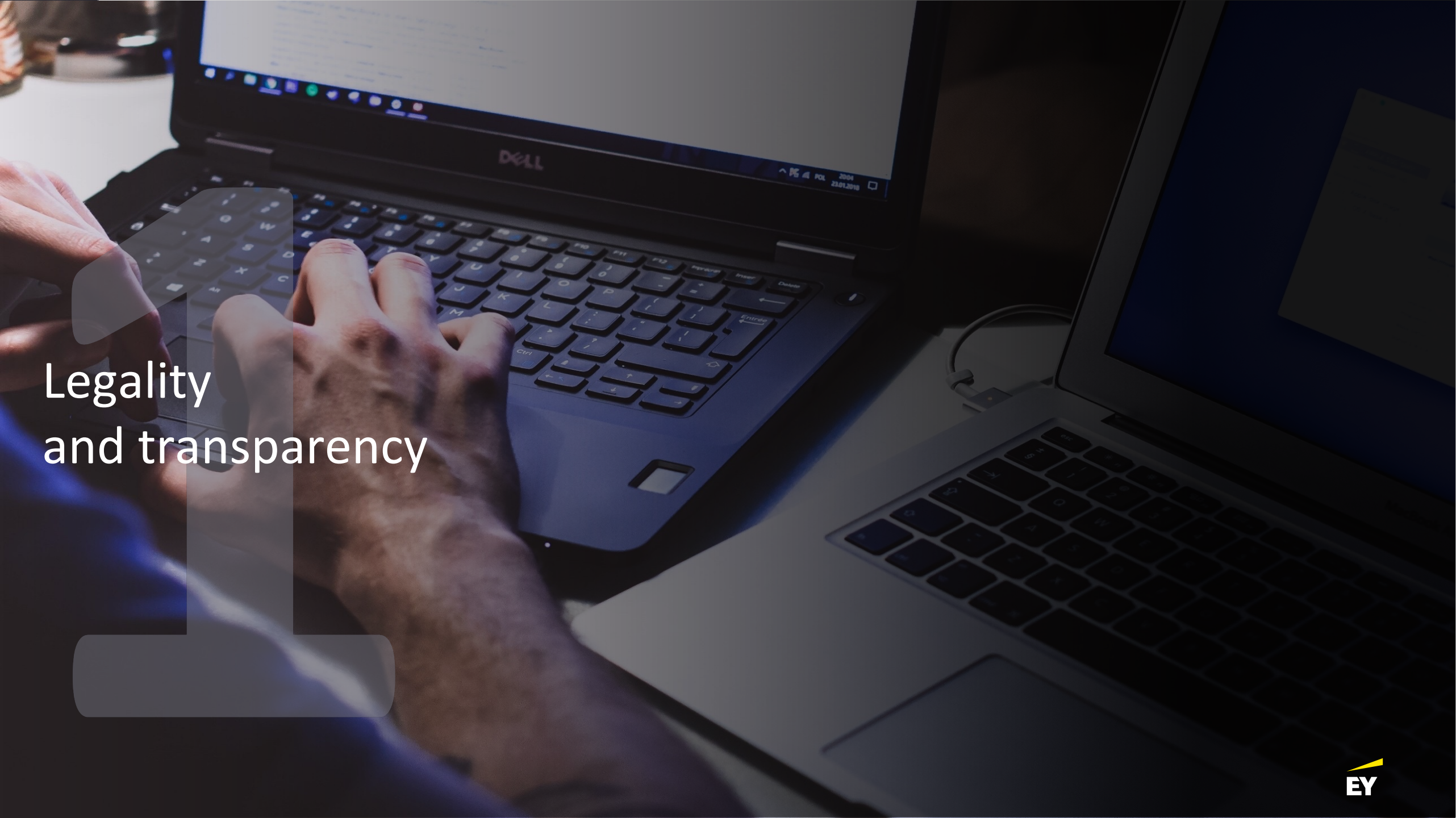
Art. 32 GDPR

Security of processing

1. Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the controller and the processor shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk, including inter alia as appropriate:
 - (a) the pseudonymisation and encryption of personal data;
 - (b) the ability to ensure the ongoing confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of processing systems and services;
 - (c) the ability to restore the availability and access to personal data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident;
 - (d) a process for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organisational measures for ensuring the security of the processing.



Figure: The cybersecurity CIA triad



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Legality and transparency – Consent management



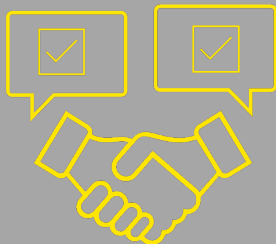
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Article 7(1) GDPR - Where processing is based on consent, the controller must be able to demonstrate that the data subject has given consent to the processing of their personal data.



Data subjects must be informed of the processing at the time of collection of their personal data.



The consent must always be related to one specific purpose.
Linking the consent with different purposes is not allowed.



Data subjects must be able to withdraw their consent without any obligation, and this must happen as quickly and easily as giving consent.



The consent of the data subjects must be unambiguous. Standard ticked registration boxes are therefore forbidden.



Consent Management Platforms (CMP) offer a central solution for documenting and managing the (online) consent of data subjects.

- Microsoft Dynamics Sales, Customer Service, ...
- OneTrust, TrustArc, Cookiebot, QuantCast, ...



Provide **separate subscription or confirmation buttons** per purpose to adequately ensure granularity and specificity of consent.

- “Continuing to browse” does not constitute valid consent
- Cookies must be changeable after the first visit can be changed according to their category or purpose
- It is in principle not sufficient to merely refer to the browser settings to alter cookies

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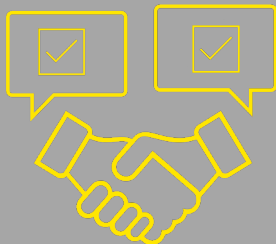
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Purpose limitation – Further processing of personal data



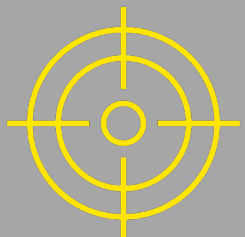
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Article 5(1)(b) of the GDPR - Personal data must be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and may not be further processed in a way that is incompatible with those purposes.



Inform all stakeholders (internal employees, processors...) about the purposes for which personal data may be processed.



Establish an **internal policy** on the **use of personal data** within the organisation.

- Acceptable Use Policy, Code of Conduct



Limit the possibilities of unauthorised processing or access of personal data by disabling unnecessary functionalities.



Use built-in **analytics** functionalities to **monitor** the **use of ICT**, subject to applicable regulations.

- Data Leakage Prevention



Monitor the use of ICT infrastructure, systems and networks to detect excessive or unwanted use of personal data.



If prior consent cannot be obtained for further processing, the new processing purpose must be compatible with the initial purposes.

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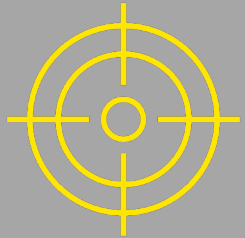
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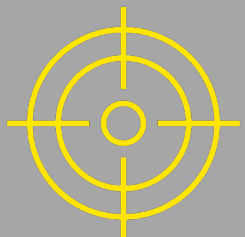
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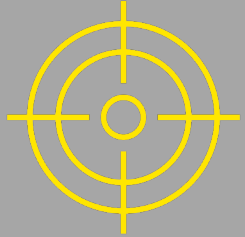
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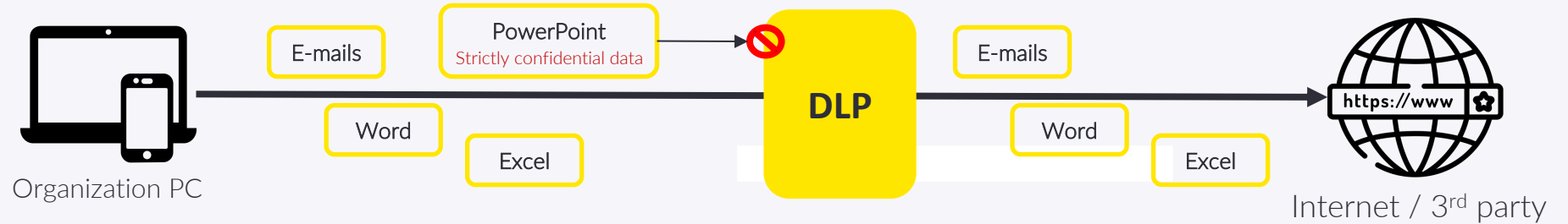
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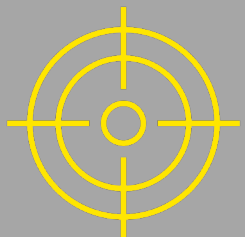
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Data is stored and shared with others in various ways. It should also be brought to attention that the storage or exchange of this data needs to occur in a secure manner.



Applications and websites of controllers should use secure protocols (HTTPS/TLS) to ensure that data is sent in a secure and encrypted way.



When developing applications, make use of **secure coding standards** and the OWASP top 10 to ensure that safety of the data is guaranteed.



Implementation of security measures for e-mails (STARTTLS, DKIM, SPF) to ensure that both the integrity and confidentiality are preserved.



Share files through a **single platform** such as SharePoint to ensure that the necessary protection measures can be applied and the data is not lost in other forms of communication such as e-mail.



Enable BitLocker on end-user devices and peripherals to ensure that these files are encrypted.



Make employees aware of the use of a safe of a **secure internet connection**. Encourage them to use the VPN when reliable networks are not available.



Encryption and security measures can be applied to on-premise servers or data in the cloud.



Include end user devices in a **Mobile Device Management** application (fe. Intune) so that if the device is stolen or lost, the data can be erased.

Encryption of personal data – Encryption of data



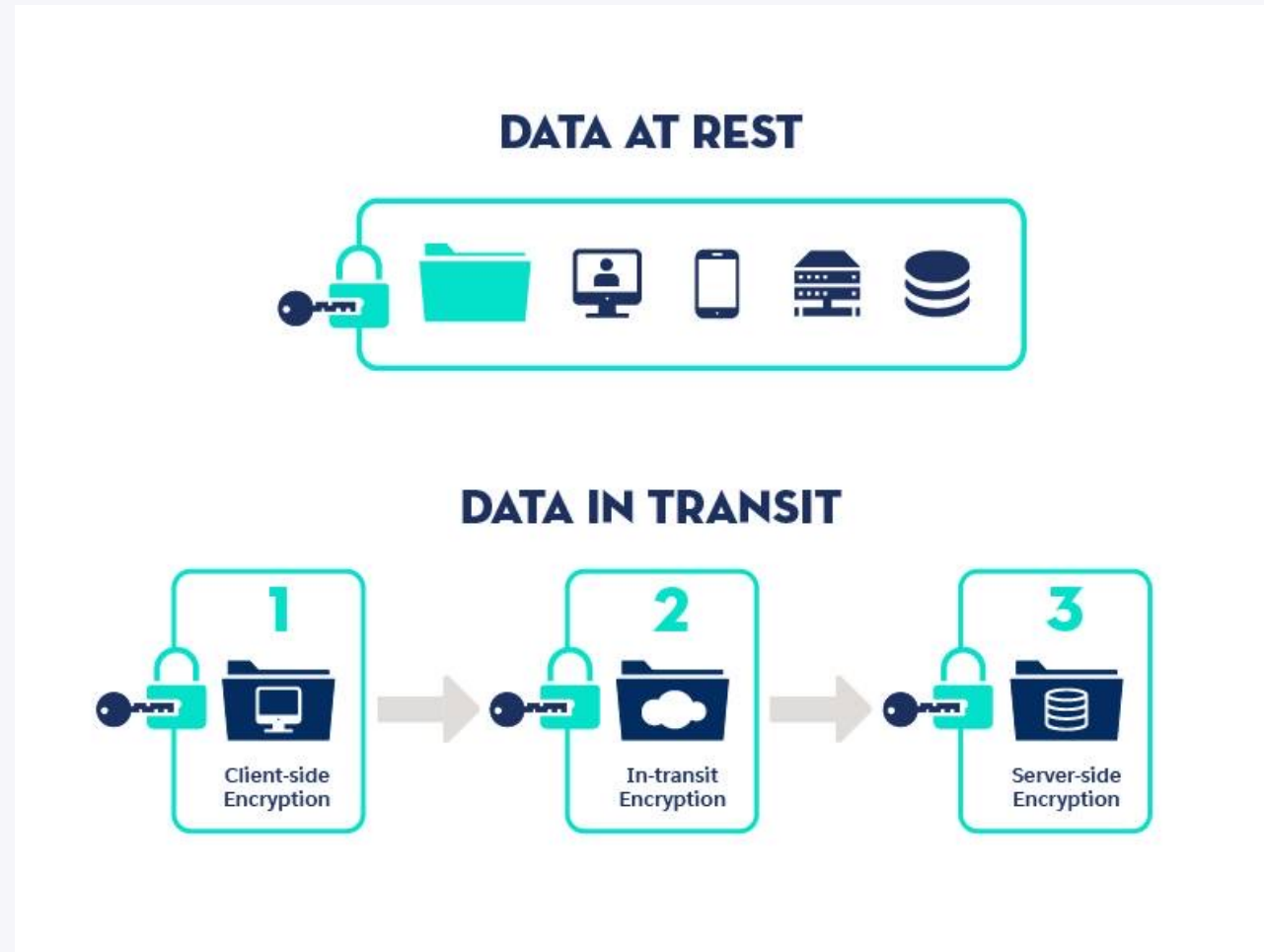
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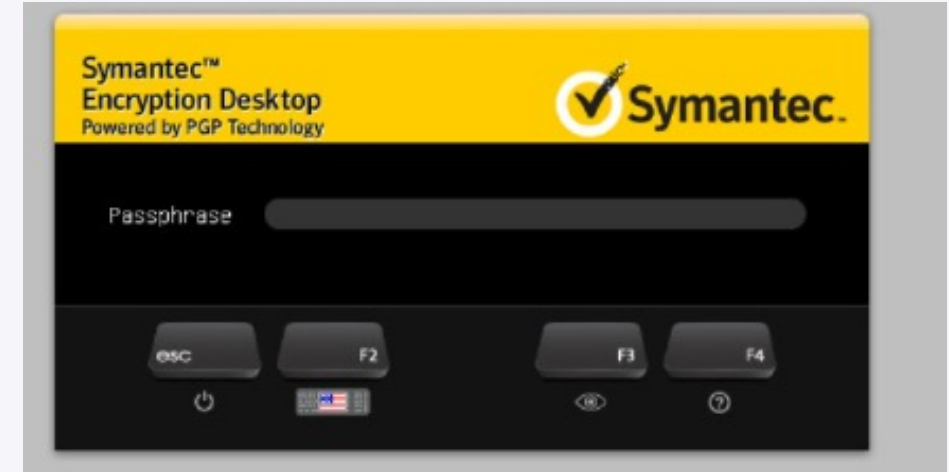
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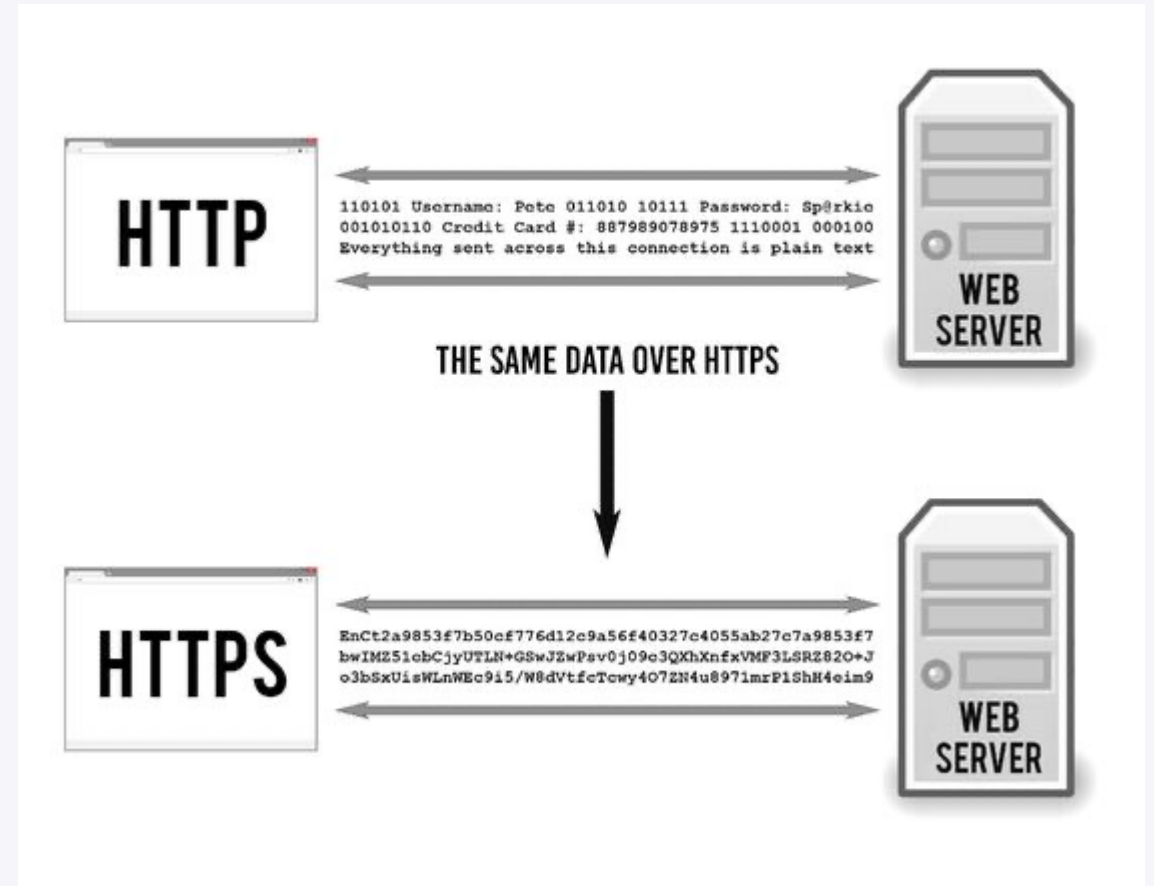
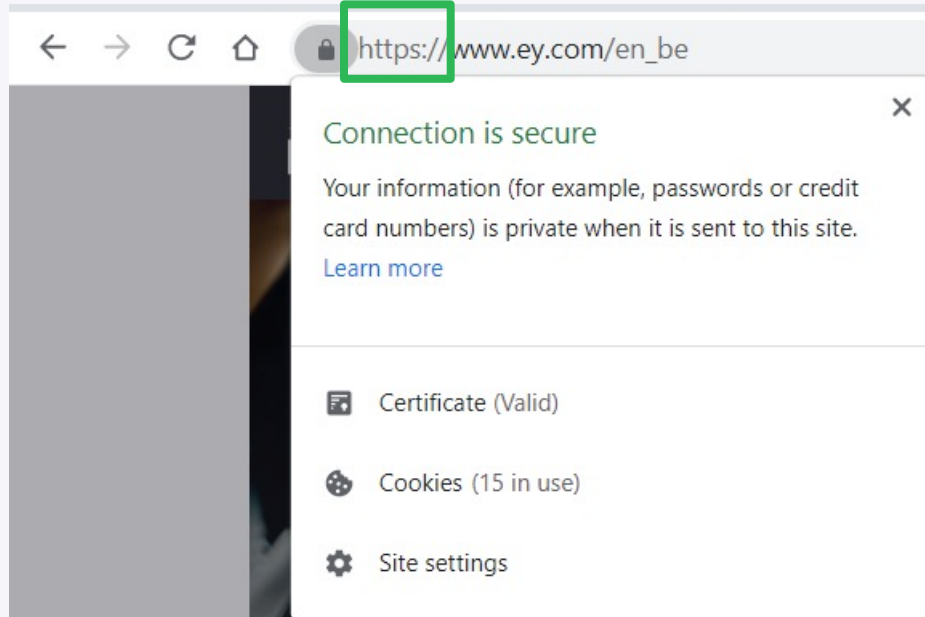
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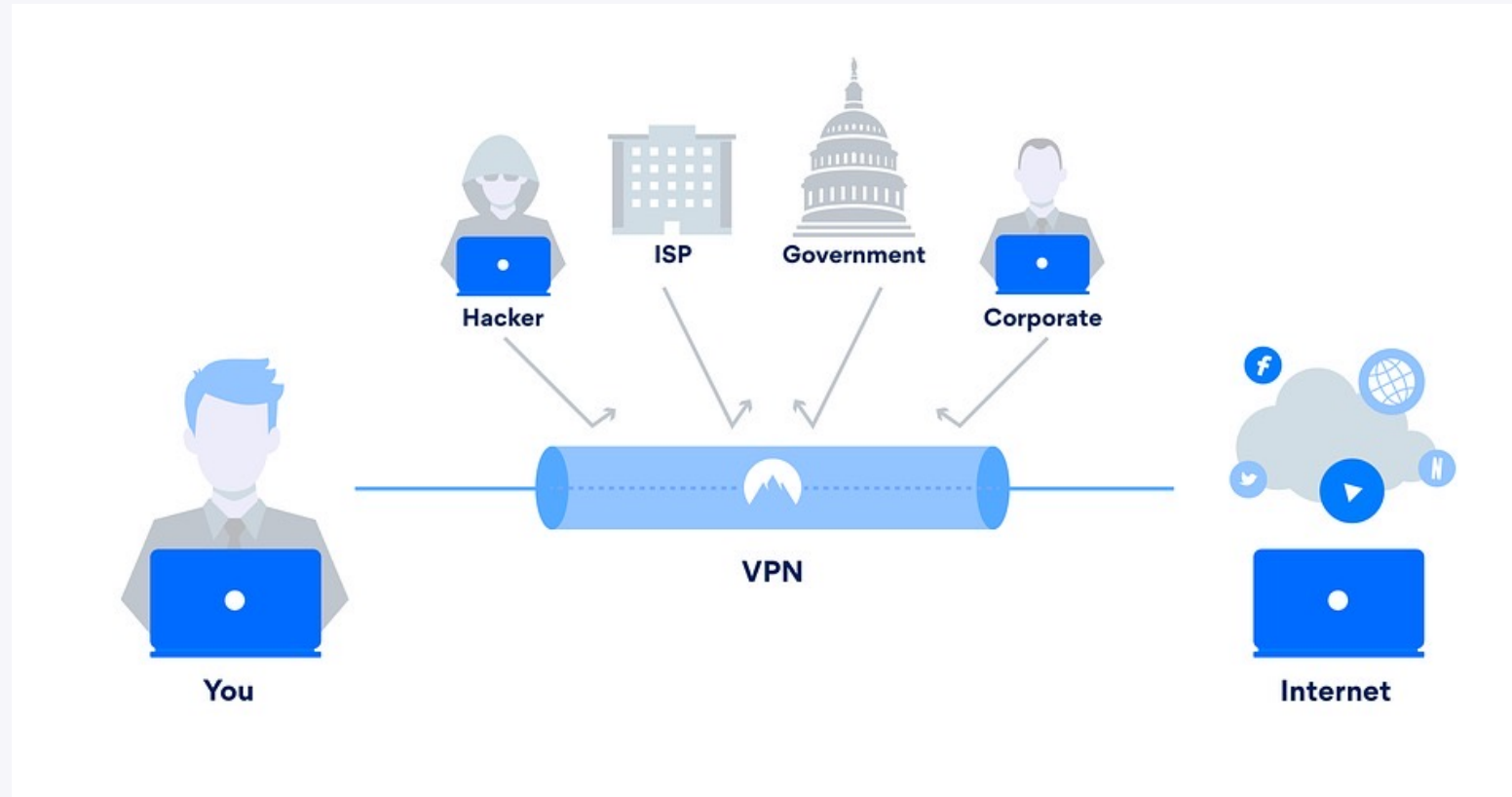
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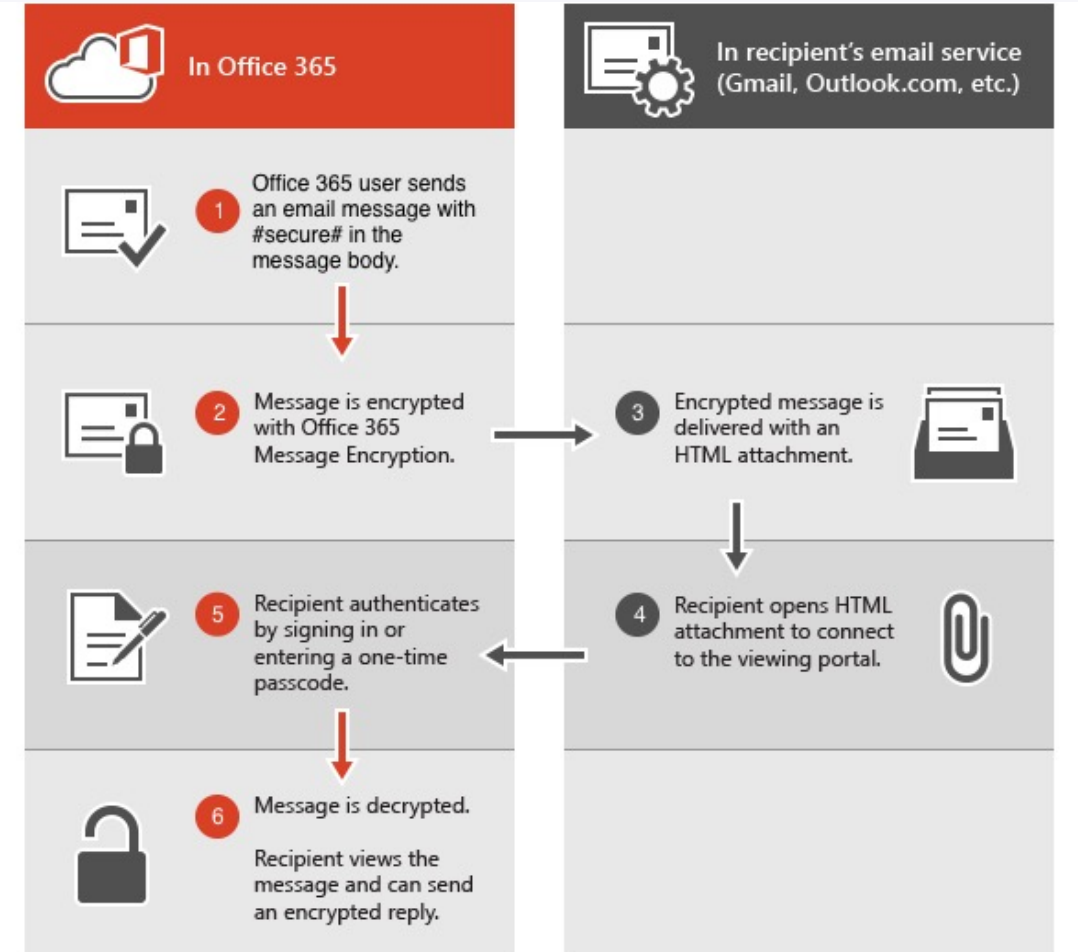
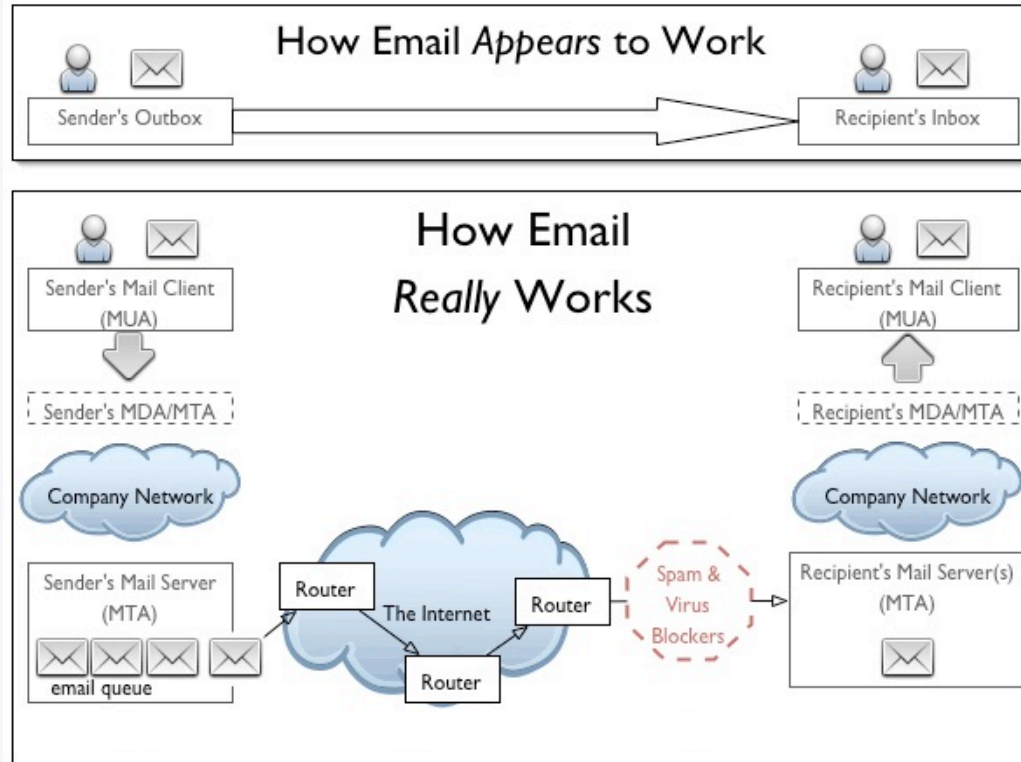
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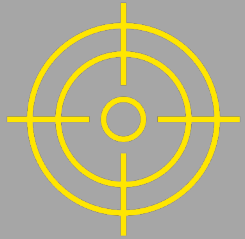
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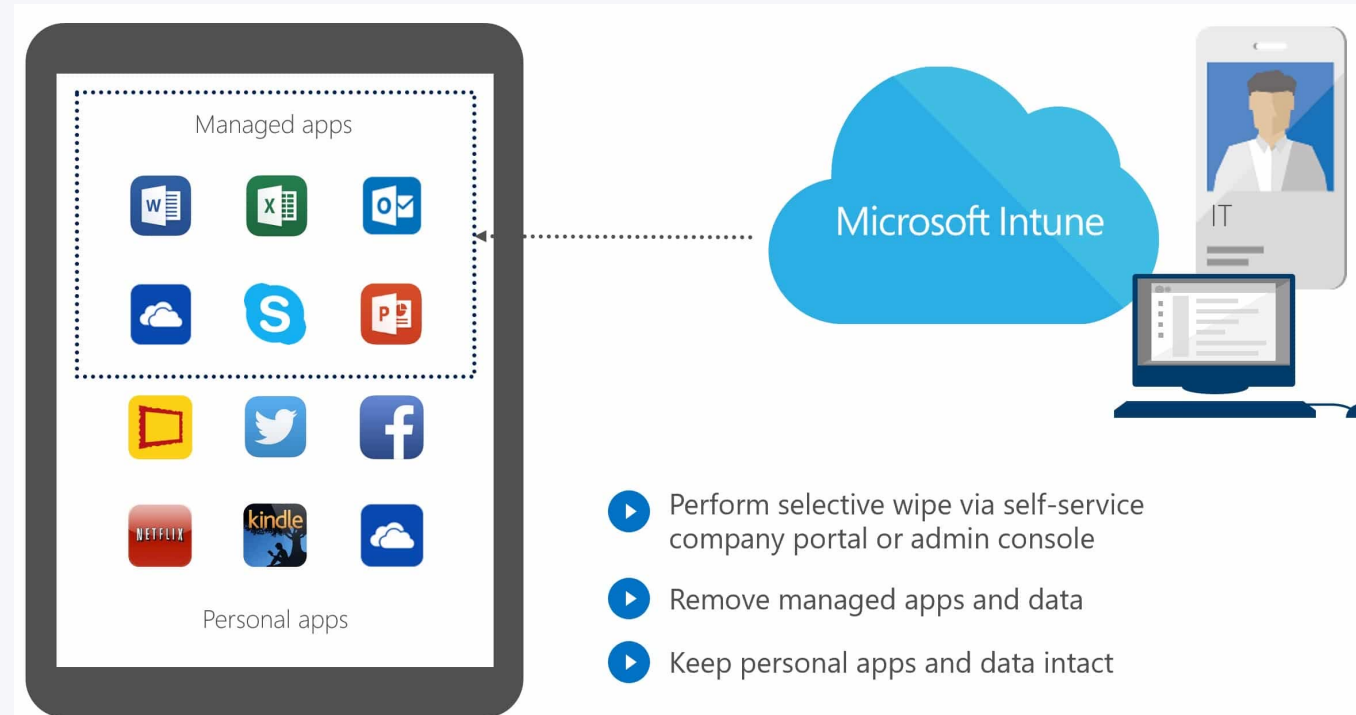
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Data minimisation

Data minimisation – pseudonymization vs. anonymization



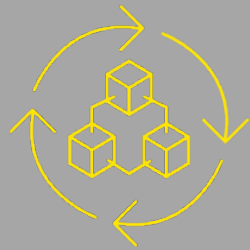
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Minimum
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De-identification

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Article 5(1)(c) GDPR - Personal data shall be adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purposes of the processing.

A VISUAL GUIDE TO PRACTICAL DATA DE-IDENTIFICATION

What do scientists, regulators and lawyers mean when they talk about de-identification? How does anonymous data differ from pseudonymous or de-identified information? Data identifiability is not binary. Data lies on a spectrum with multiple shades of identifiability.



DEGREES OF IDENTIFIABILITY

Information containing direct and indirect identifiers.



PSEUDONYMOUS DATA

Information from which direct identifiers have been eliminated or transformed, but indirect identifiers remain intact.



DE-IDENTIFIED DATA

Direct and known indirect identifiers have been removed or manipulated together with mathematical and technical guarantees to prevent re-identification.



ANONYMOUS DATA

Direct and indirect identifiers have been removed or manipulated together with mathematical and technical guarantees to prevent re-identification.

This is a primer on how to distinguish different categories of data.

	EXPLICITLY PERSONAL	POTENTIALLY IDENTIFIABLE	NOT READILY IDENTIFIABLE	KEY CODED	PSEUDONYMOUS	PROTECTED PSEUDONYMOUS	DE-IDENTIFIED	PROTECTED DE-IDENTIFIED	ANONYMOUS	AGGREGATED ANONYMOUS
DIRECT IDENTIFIERS Data that identifies a person without additional information or by linking to information in the public domain (e.g., name, SSN)	INTACT	PARTIALLY MASKED	PARTIALLY MASKED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED
INDIRECT IDENTIFIERS Data that identifies an individual indirectly. Helps connect pieces of information until an individual can be singled out (e.g., DOB, gender)	INTACT	INTACT	INTACT	INTACT	INTACT	INTACT	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED	ELIMINATED or TRANSFORMED
SAFEGUARDS and CONTROLS Technical, organizational and legal controls preventing employees, researchers or other third parties from re-identifying individuals	NOT RELEVANT due to nature of data	LIMITED or NONE IN PLACE	CONTROLS IN PLACE	CONTROLS IN PLACE	LIMITED or NONE IN PLACE	CONTROLS IN PLACE	LIMITED or NONE IN PLACE	CONTROLS IN PLACE	NOT RELEVANT due to nature of data	NOT RELEVANT due to high degree of data aggregation
SELECTED EXAMPLES	Name, address, phone number, SSN, government-issued ID (e.g., Jane Smith, 123 Main Street, 555-555-5555)	Unique device ID, license plate, medical record number, cookie, IP address (e.g., MAC address 68AB6D35:65:03)	Same as Potentially identifiable except data are also protected by safeguards and controls (e.g., hashed MAC addresses & legal representations)	Clinical or research datasets where only curator retains key (e.g., Jane Smith, diabetes, Hgb 15.1 g/dl = Csrk123)	Unique, artificial pseudonyms replace direct identifiers (e.g., HIPAA Limited Datasets, John Doe = SL7T LK619Z) (unique sequence not used anywhere else)	Same as Pseudonymous, except data are also protected by safeguards and controls	Data are suppressed, generalized, perturbed, swapped, etc. (e.g., GPA: 3.2 = 3.0-3.5, gender: female = gender: male)	Same as De-identified, except data are also protected by safeguards and controls	For example, noise is calibrated to a data set to hide whether an individual is present or not (differential privacy)	Very highly aggregated data (e.g., statistical data, census data, or population data that 52.6% of Washington, DC residents are women)



Storage restriction

Storage restriction – Retention periods



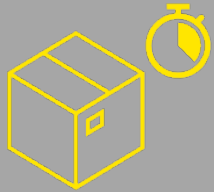
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Article 5 (1)(e) GDPR - Personal data shall be kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed.



Define a retention period for each dataset in a policy, after consultation with stakeholders and in accordance with applicable regulations.



For each dataset, unambiguously determine when the retention periods start to run.

- At the time of initial collection
- From the last interaction with the data subject, ...



Sometimes several retention periods may apply to one file. In that case controllers will have to delete the personal data that are no longer necessary.



With *retention policies* and *labels*, controllers can easily configure retention periods in Microsoft 365.

- *Retention policies* offer the possibility to set the same retention period on an entire site, OneDrive, Teams channel or mailbox
- *Retention labels* allow to define separate retention periods for each item (e.g. a folder, a file or an e-mail)
- Retention periods can start on the creation date or last change of the data
- In contrast to *policies*, the configured retention periods using *labels* continue to apply regardless of whether a file is moved to another repository or not.
- *Retention labels* can be configured manually or automatically (by keywords, attributes or the nature of the data)



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The main IT service providers offer functionalities in their software that allow controllers to record and automatically roll out retention periods within the organization.

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Create a policy to retain what you want and get rid of what you don't.

Name your policy

Settings

Choose locations

Review your settings

Decide if you want to retain content, delete it, or both

Do you want to retain content? ⓘ

☒ Yes, I want to retain it ⓘ

For this long... 5 years

Retain the content based on when it was created ⓘ
when it was last modified

Do you want us to delete it after this time? ⓘ

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ No, just delete content that's older than ⓘ

1 years

Need more options?

☐ Use advanced retention settings ⓘ

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Data access – Identity and Access Management (IAM)



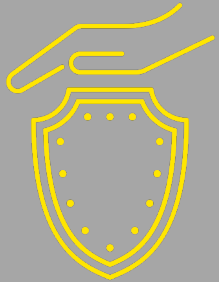
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IAM enables the organization to grant users, employees or contractors with the correct accesses and to review the corresponding access rights based on their roles.



IAM is a collective name for products, processes and policies used to manage identities and access rights.



IAM systems are designed to perform three important tasks: identify, authenticate and authorise.



An IAM policy enables controllers to identify violations more easily, remove inappropriate access rights and revoke access when necessary.



Limits internal threats, as employees can only access the systems they need to perform their specific tasks.



Granting employees access to data is a difficult process. Use a strong model to ensure that access is managed coherently.



Accesses should be given based on a user's role, or other attributes that are relevant to the employee.

Data access – Best practices



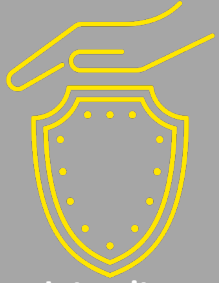
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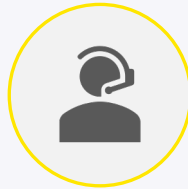
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Enforcing a strong password policy



Audit existing accesses and rights on a regular
basis



Handle carefully when granting new accesses and
rights



Least-Privilege Model, Zero Trust



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)



Do not use privileged accounts for daily
operations

Data classification – Introduction



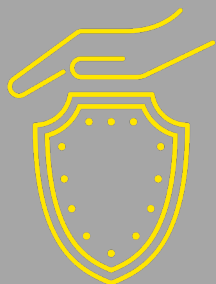
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Classifying information helps the organization to improve their data structure and ensure the confidentiality of the content.



Employees are more aware of the type of information they are dealing with and their obligations to protect it to prevent data loss.



Establish a classification policy that uses criteria that are simple and avoid ambiguity, but are generic enough to apply to different datasets and circumstances.



By classifying data, assigning labels and enforcing policies, controllers can comply with legal and regulatory requirements.



For an ideal operation, a classification scheme should be created using at least 3 and no more than 5 levels. The higher the level, the higher the authority.



By classifying data, controllers can prepare to identify the risk and impact of an incident based on the type of data involved.



The classification of information applies to emails, documents and folders as well as to a wider IT environment such as Microsoft O365 (Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint and Exchange).



By understanding the sensitivity of the data, controllers can identify who should or should not have access to it, both inside and outside your organization.



The created classification labels can be further used in Data Loss Prevention (DLP) and Data Retention within Microsoft O365 (E5) or another external application.

Data classification – Principles and schemes



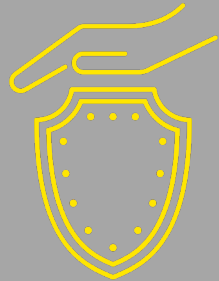
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- Classification of information is based on three standard principles:

Availability	Integrity	Confidentiality
Information should be consistent and easily accessible by authorized parties.	Includes maintaining the consistency, accuracy and reliability of information throughout its lifecycle.	Preventing unauthorized access from sensitive information.

- Example of classification scheme:

Public	Internal Use	Confidential	Highly Confidential
Data that does not require special protection and may be freely disclosed.	Internal data not intended for public disclosure. If the data is compromised, it would have a minimal impact, but would not affect controller's profitability or operations.	Highly sensitive company and customer data which, if disclosed, could put controllers at risk, lose a customer or disrupt business operations.	Data considered most critical to controllers. Disclosure of this data may violate or have serious implications for regulations.

Data classification – Assigning labels



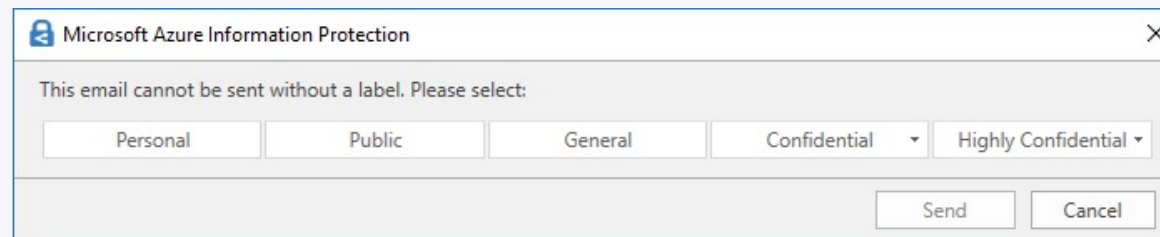
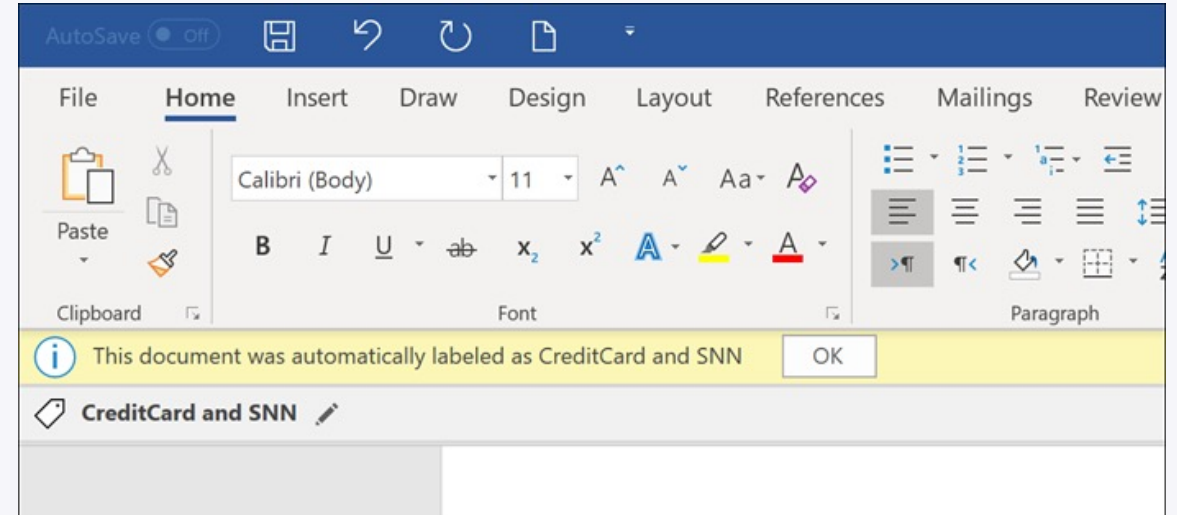
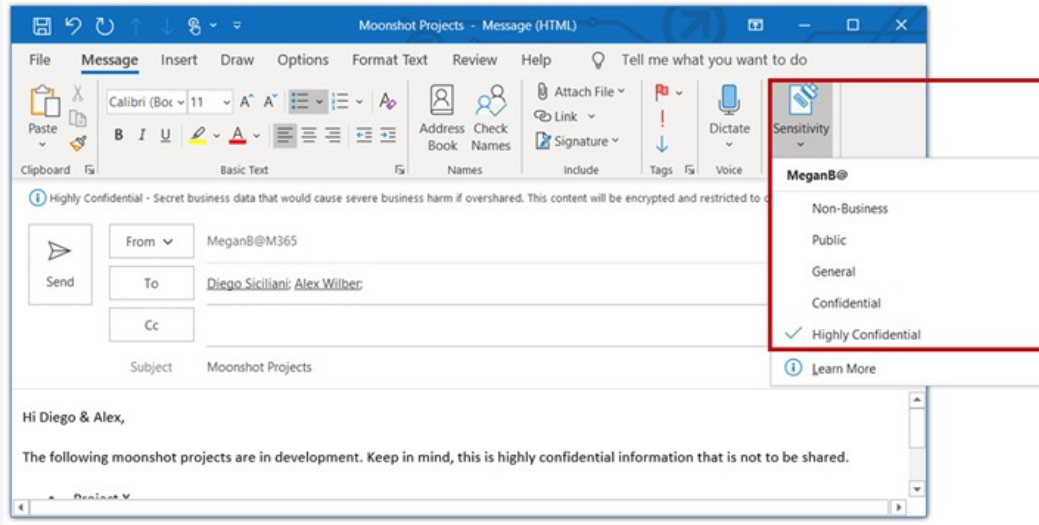
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Accountability – Standards and audits



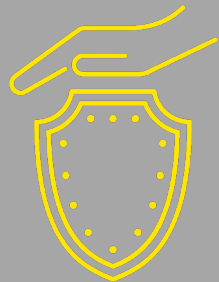
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Article 5 (2) of the GDPR - The controller shall be responsible for, and be able to demonstrate compliance with, paragraph 1 ('accountability').



ISO 27001 is a recognized roadmap for the development, implementation and management of an integrated information security programme, but it is not an GDPR certification.



Organizations are increasingly exposed to targeted cyber attacks on their IT systems and applications, which exploit known vulnerabilities.



Perform regular (internal) audits of the IT infrastructure to expose and timely remedy vulnerabilities in the security systems.



Before using a processor, controllers shall check whether the processor offers adequate guarantees with regard to the protection of personal data.



By means of an **ISO 27001 (ISMS)** certification, controllers can demonstrate that **management measures** have been taken regarding **information security**.



With the additional **ISO 27701 (PIMS)** certification, controllers can also demonstrate that the organization has taken appropriate security measures and safeguards with respect to **personal data**.



The **ISO 27018** standard is specifically intended for providers of **cloud services**. With this certification, they can demonstrate adequate maturity regarding the protection of personal data in the cloud.



Third Party Risk Management



The 20 **CIS controls** form a set of prioritized actions with which organizations can protect themselves against the most known or the most common cyber attacks.

Accountability – Training and awareness



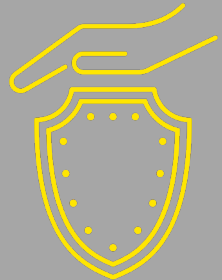
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Integrity,
confidentiality and
accountability

Access to data

Data classification

Technical
standards

**Training and
awareness**



Article 39 (1)(b) GDPR - The Data Protection Officer shall perform at least the following tasks:
monitoring compliance with the GDPR, including awareness-raising and training of the staff involved in the processing.



Workshops increase interactivity with the participants and allow for content tailored.



eLearnings offer the possibility to better monitor the participation and knowledge of employees on an individual level.



Regular internal communications promote continuous awareness of privacy throughout the organization.



A privacy-conscious organization can rely on its employees to report some privacy issues in time to the right persons (DPO) or deal with them independently.



When recruiting new employees, provide a general information session about the GDPR and their obligations with regard to personal data.

- Make this session a part of the onboarding process.



Schedule regular training sessions for employees.

- Take into account their responsibilities and the nature of the personal data they come into contact with.
- Always provide a short questionnaire or quiz after the training, and keep a precise record of both the participants and the final scores in a central overview.
- Change the (order of) the questions each time and update the content at least annually.



Conduct regular awareness campaigns explaining basic principles of the GDPR and recent decisions of the DPA, among others.

- Data Protection Day (28/01)
- GDPR FAQ on the intranet



Questions?