

# Building Infrastructure with Privacy in mind

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# Who am I

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A word cloud centered around the word "privacy". The word "privacy" is the largest and most prominent, written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "safeguards" is also in a large, black, sans-serif font. Other words are scattered around, with some in black and some in a purple color. The words include: "regulation", "controls", "policy", "retention", "breach", "legislation", "mitigation", "gdpr", "purpose", "anonymization", "surveillance", "evidence", "encryption", "remediation", "deletion", "ccpa", "consent", "ethics", "minimization", "security", "compliance", "lineage", "pseudonymization", "data", "protection", and "protection".

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# Objective

A high level overview of the privacy domain with respect to the infrastructure design.

# Why Privacy?



Ethics

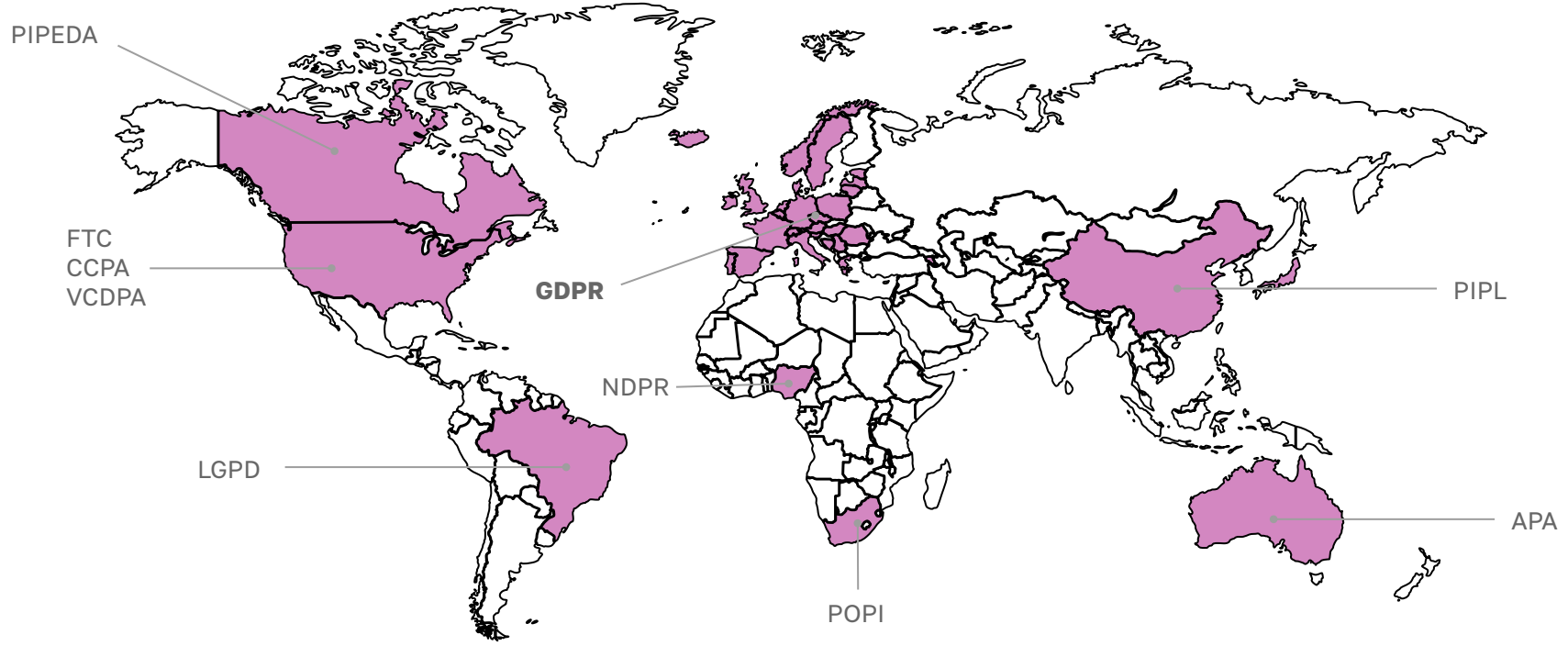


Building  
User Trust



Regulatory  
compliance

# Regulations



# What is Privacy

Privacy > Security



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# Principles

## Data Protection

personal data is protected  
against unauthorized  
processing, loss or damage

## Transparency

users are informed about the  
data collection and processing  
activities

## Control

users can access, rectify, erase  
or restrict their personal data

## Deletion

(The right to be forgotten)  
users have a simple means to  
delete data related to them

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# Principles

## Data Minimisation

Only the necessary data should be collected and processed

## Purpose limitation

Data cannot be used for anything other than the original purpose

## Retention

Data is stored only for as long as necessary and is disposed when no longer required

## Accountability

organizations must be able to demonstrate compliance

# Privacy And Infrastructure



Regulations & Commitments  
(Policies)

*Data gets associated with Policies*

*Code enforces Policies*



Data

Code recognises what Data is sensitive

Infrastructure & Code





# Regulations & Commitments

Translated into Policies consisting of

1. Scope (where does this policy apply)
2. Enforcement logic
3. Associated with Data

Examples:

- Consent Policy: *Email shouldn't be used for marketing without consent in the EU*
  - Retention Policy: *Bank Statements shouldn't be retained for longer than 7 years in the US*
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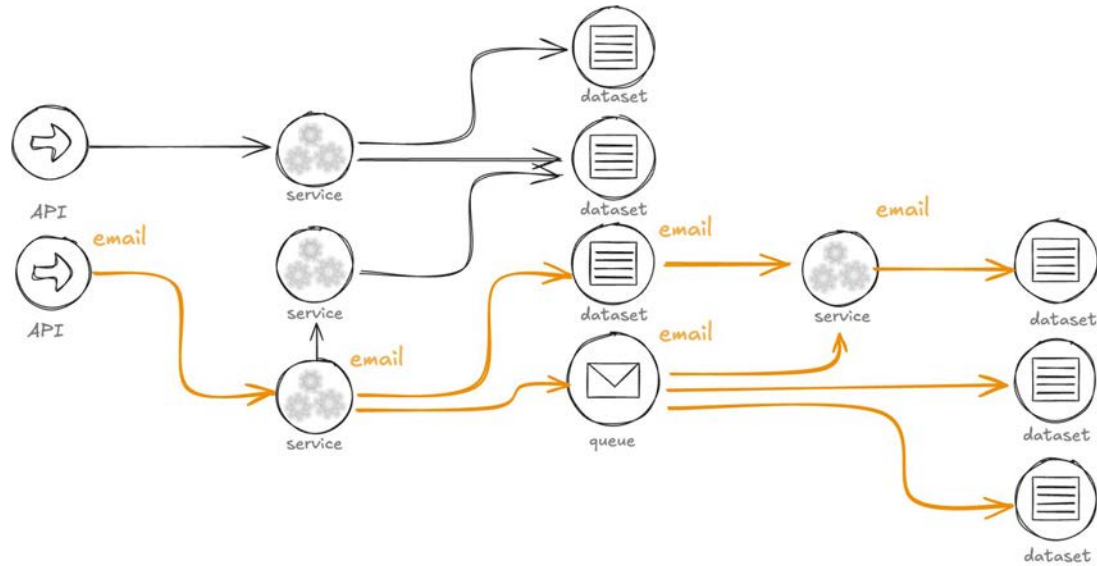


# Data

## Data Understanding

1. Defining and registering sensitive data
  2. Annotating data (API, DTOs, Data Sink schemas etc)
  3. Building Data Lineage
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# Data Lineage





# Infrastructure & Code

## Integrates a policy layer

1. Code associated sensitive data with a set of policies
2. Code propagates policy context
3. Code enforces policies where applicable

### Examples:

- Code respects the Consent Policy with regards to Email
  - An automated process in place to ensure that *Bank Statement* data is deleted after retention period
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# Privacy Practises

# Prevention practises

## Access Controls

Ensures data is protected from unauthorised access

## Encryption

Protected data in case of unauthorised access

## Anonymisation

Removing personal information from data before sharing with third-party companies or analytics layer

## Data Coarsening

Reducing the granularity of data making it more challenging to identify individuals

# Organisational measures

## Privacy Policies

Establishing clear policies that outline data handling practises

## Employee Training

Ensuring employees are aware of privacy regulations and internal privacy policies

## Privacy Reviews Risk Assessments and Compliance Audits

Establishing review processes on feature releases.

Conducting regular risk assessments and audits to assess compliance, potential privacy risks and vulnerabilities

# Continuous compliance

## Automated Breach Detection

Implementing continuous  
policy compliance verification  
processes.

## Incident Response Process

Having a well-defined process for  
addressing privacy incidents.

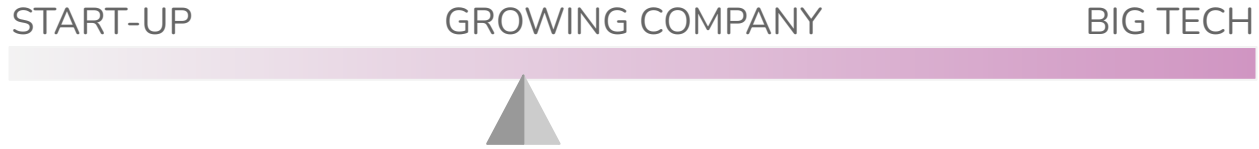
# Privacy Investments

# Small company



1. Context Propagation
2. Distributed tracing
3. Consent implementation
4. Encryption
5. Access Controls

# Growing company



1. Established Privacy Policies
2. Employee Training
3. Data Understanding
4. Data Annotation
5. Policy Propagation
6. Policy Enforcement implementation

# Bigger company



1. Data Lineage
2. Continuous Compliance
  - a. Automated Breach Detection
  - b. Evidence generation
3. Risk Assessments
4. Compliance Audits



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# Conclusions

- Invest early
  - Understand your data
  - Establish clear policies
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# Thank you!

*We have updated our GLOBAL  
PRIVACY TERMS. Your trust is  
important to us. As part of our  
ongoing commitment to  
transparency, and in preparation*