

INF226 – Software Security

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Last time...

Definition

Information privacy refers to the ability of the individual to control their personal information.

Personal information is any information attachable to a specific (physical) person and includes:

- Name and ID number
- Birthdate and gender
- Residence and location
- Healthcare records
- Political information
- Criminal records
- ...

What constitutes threats to privacy

- Collection of information
- Aggregation of information
- Dissemination of information

Rights of the individual

According to GDPR the following are the rights of the data subject:

- Right of access
- Right to rectification
- Right to erasure
- Right to data restriction
- Right to data portability
- Right to object

GDPR: Obligations of the controller and processor

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Some highlights:

- Data protection by design and by default
- **Security of processing**
- Communication of a personal data breach to the data subject
- Notification of a personal data breach to the supervisory authority
- Data protection impact assessment
- Position of the data protection officer

Fines up to 20 000 000 EUR, or in the case of an undertaking, up to 4 % of the total worldwide annual turnover of the preceding financial year, whichever is higher.

Security of processing (article 32)

Taking into account the state of the art (···) the controller and the processor **shall implement** (···) measures (···) including (···):

- 1 the pseudonymisation and **encryption** of personal data;
- 2 the ability to ensure the ongoing:
 - **confidentiality**,
 - **integrity**,
 - **availability** and
 - **resilience** of processing systems and services;

(Contrast US gov's "Crypto wars")

- 3 the ability to restore the availability and access to personal data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident;
- 4 a process for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organisational measures for ensuring the security of the processing.

Notification of a personal data breach to the supervisory authority

In the case of a personal data breach, the controller shall (...)

- not later than 72 hours after having become aware of it (...)
- notify the personal data breach to the supervisory authority.

Data Protection Officer

The **Data Protection Officer** is meant to ensure that the organization complies with privacy laws:

- Shall have direct communication with organization leaders who make decisions in privacy matters.
- Must perform audits of compliance, and work proactively.
- Protection from being layed-off.

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“The findings include

- privacy intrusive default settings,
- misleading wording,
- giving users an illusion of control,
- hiding away privacy-friendly choices,
- take-it-or-leave-it choices
- (···)”

Tracking

Tracking of people's browsing is done using many different techniques:

- Cookies and web-storage
- HTML5 canvas finger printing.
- “Like”-buttons (even without pressing it)
- Web-beacons
- Analytics software
- Advertisement
- Cross-device tracking (ultra-sonic tracking)

Anti-tracking software: Focused on blocking network requests to known tracker domains.

Onion Routing

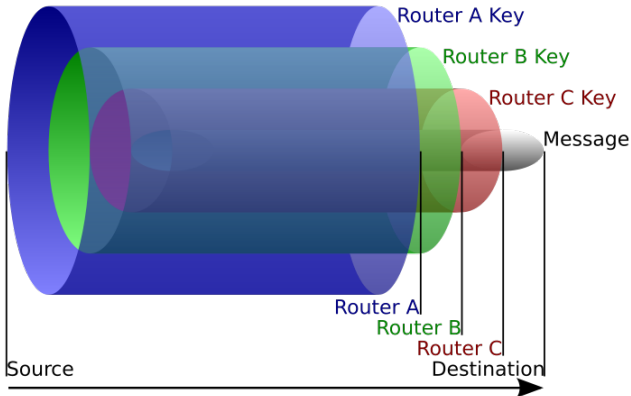
Mix networks

Mix-networks are networks where communication is redirected through several hosts before reaching its destination.

- A mix network is not useful if the data reveals information about source/destination

Onion routing solves the problem by using layers of encryption to hide source/destination of the message.

The idea



Onion routing

In onion routing the messages are wrapped in several layers of encryption.

- Each layer can only be decrypted by a specific relay
- The relay forwards messages to the next relay
- until the message reaches the final destination.

Tor

Tor is an implementation of onion routing on the Internet.

- A network of nodes
- Three kinds of nodes:
 - Client
 - Relay
 - Out-proxy
- A central directory helps clients construct tunnels.

Attacks on Tor

- Timing attacks
- Browser fingerprinting
- Avoiding the proxy
- Malicious exit nodes
- Vulnerabilities in the browser
- ...

Tor browser

The Tor browser is a hardened version of Firefox, with Tor already set up.

- Designed to reveal as little information as possible.
- Use Tor for all connections.

Hidden services

Some websites, called **hidden services** live entirely within the Tor network.

- The servers running a hidden service are anonymous to their users.
- The users are anonymous to the server.

I2P

I2P is an implementation of anonymity using an onion routing like protocol (called garlic routing).

- Fully distributive and peer-to-peer (no central directory)
- Routing is unidirectional.
- All nodes participate in routing for other nodes.
- Each peer has a fixed number of client tunnels.
- Services have public input tunnels.

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Question

Are there situations (in our everyday lives) where we want privacy, but not anonymity?

Privacy

Increasing use of software raises new privacy issues:

- Tracking people's activities in much more detail.
- Centralisation of data storage.
- New aggregation techniques.

Laws regulating personal information is taking form (GDPR). And users with technical know-how can mitigate some of the tracking.