

The UAE Privacy Regulatory Landscape

**How can UAE businesses comply with the
UAE Federal Data Protection Law
(Law No 45 of 2021).**

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Introductions



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KPMG Lower Gulf

Maliha leads our data privacy services for KPMG Lower Gulf. Maliha has over 18 years of experience in Cybersecurity and Data privacy across France and the Middle East. She supports clients across all industries in the UAE in their privacy journeys.

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Senior Centers of Excellence
Counsel

Alexis assists with the development of tools and resources that provide privacy professionals with the ability to make informed choices regarding the intricacies of international data protection compliance.

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Privacy Adviser

Kristof is a data protection and privacy advisor for the Emirates Group. He has a law degree and is skilled in privacy and data protection legal and compliance and privacy program management.

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Overview of the evolving landscape in the UAE





The UAE data protection regulatory landscape is evolving rapidly



1. UAE Federal Data Protection Law

The UAE has enacted a **new Federal Data Protection Law** to draft in partnership with major technology companies. The Law constitutes a significant development in modernizing the UAE's onshore data protection laws and will empower individuals to control how their personal data is processed.



2. DIFC-Data Protection Law

DIFC Data Protection Law of 2020 law prescribes rules and regulations regarding the collection, handling, disclosure and use of personal data in the DIFC, and the rights of individuals to whom the personal data relates.



3. Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)

ADGM's Data Protection Regulations 2021 require every ADGM registered entity that processes personal information to register with the Office of Data Protection at the Registration Authority and renew its registration annually.



4. UAE Central Bank Consumer Rights

The Central Bank of the UAE (**CBUAE**) has issued Consumer Protection Regulation and associated Standard, which is the foundation of its new Financial Consumer Protection Regulatory Framework (FCPRF) and aims to ensure protection of consumers.



5. Federal Law By Decree 3 Of 2003

Regulating Telecommunications (**Federal Law by Decree 3 of 2003** as amended), which includes several implementing regulations/ policies enacted by the Telecoms Regulatory Authority ('TRA').



6. Federal Law No. 2 Of 2016 On Combating Cybercrimes

The **Cyber Crime Law** protects the privacy of information published online including data, information, credit card numbers, bank account statements and details of electronic payment methods.



7. Internet Access Management Regulatory Policy-TRA

The TRA monitors online content available to users in the UAE and will draw to the attention of website operators based in the UAE any potential breaches of the **IAM** policy.



8. Abu Dhabi Digital Authority

ADDA promotes the principles of accountability and transparency across Abu Dhabi government and public entities. **The Data Management Policy by ADDA** covers Data Security and Privacy domains for Abu Dhabi Government entities.



9. UAE-Federal Law No. 2 of 2019 to Protect Health Data

UAE has issued **Federal Law No. 2 of 2019**, Concerning the use of the Information and Communication Technology in the Area of Health ("**ICT Health Law**").

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KPMG & OneTrust counsel deliver thoughts on new UAE Data Protection Law





What does the UAE Federal Data Protection Law cover ?

The **Federal Data Protection Law 2021** came into force on the **2nd Jan 2022**.

The purpose of this law is to provide standards and controls for the processing and free movement of Personal Data by Controller or Processor and to protect the fundamental rights of Data Subjects, including how such rights apply to the protection of Personal Data in emerging technologies.

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| 01  | 02  | 03  | 04  |
| General provisions: Definitions, Objectives & Scope of Application of the Decree-Law | General rules for data processing: Controls of Processing personal & Sensitive Data | Conditions of consent & obligations of the controller and processor: Terms & Obligations | Data protection officer: Appointment & Duties of the Data Protection Officer |
| 05  | 06  | 07  | 08  |
| Data owner rights: Right to Withdraw, Right to Access & Rectify, Right to Object Processing, etc. (Refer to slide 14) | Data security and assessment of the impact of its protection: Personal Data protection risks and Impacts | Cross-border transfer of personal data: Data Sharing & Complaints Processes | Final provisions: Fines, Executive Decisions, Publication & Implementation of the UAE Federal Law and the Data Office. |



Where is the UAE DP Law Applicable and who does it apply to?

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The DP Law applies to:

- All businesses that are processing personal data in the UAE (irrespective of whether the personal data relates to data subjects inside the UAE).
- Businesses that are based abroad but are processing personal data relating to data subjects that are inside the UAE.
- The new DP Law therefore has an "extra-territorial" reach similar to the GDPR.

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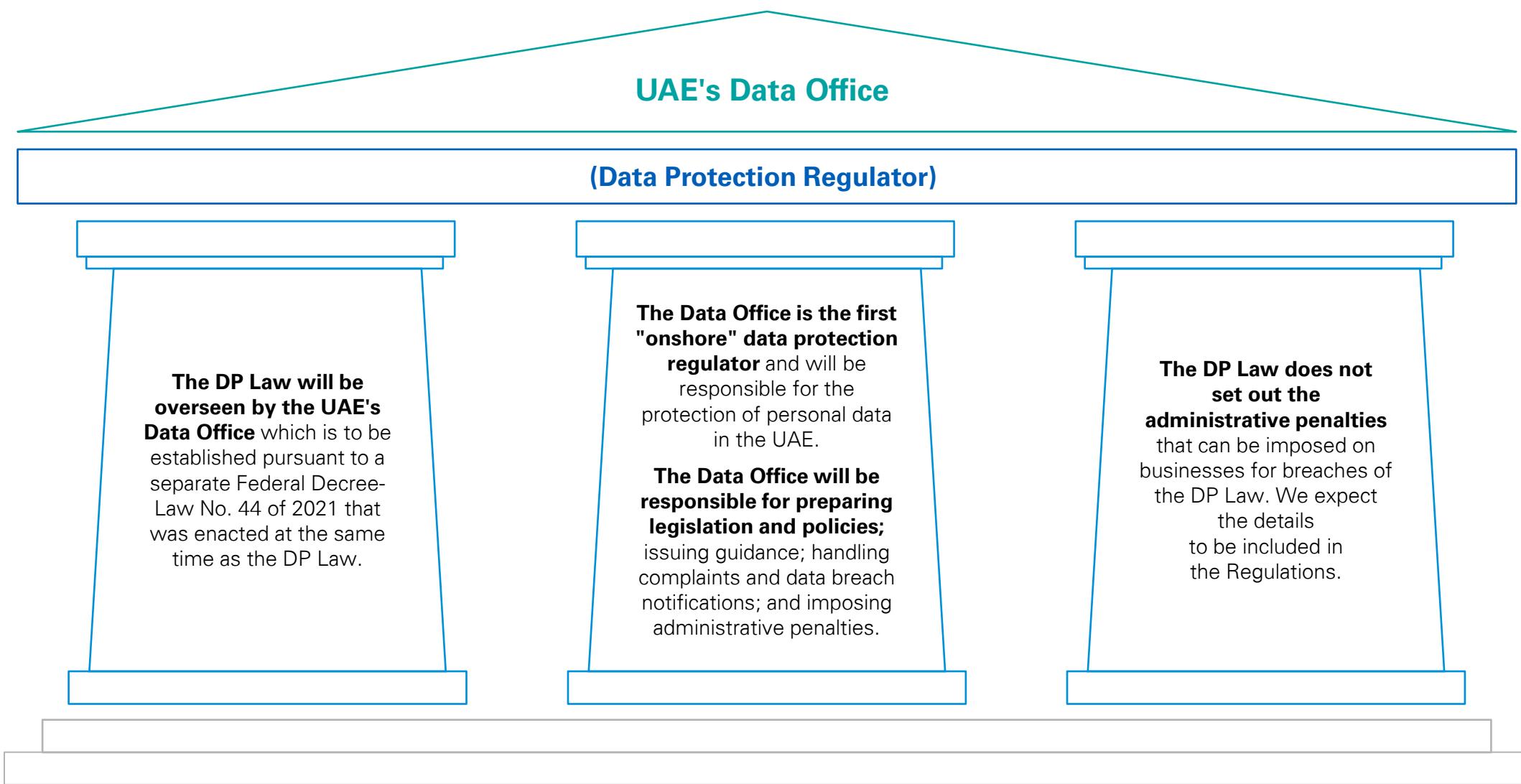
The DP Law does not apply to:

- Banking personal data as there are separate regulations (CPR & CPS of CBUAE) for the protection of such data.
- Entities in UAE free zones where such free zones have their own data protection and privacy laws (such as DIFC & ADGM).
- Government data & Government authorities that control or process personal data.
- Personal health data where there is separate legislation covering such personal data.

Applicability of the UAE DP Law

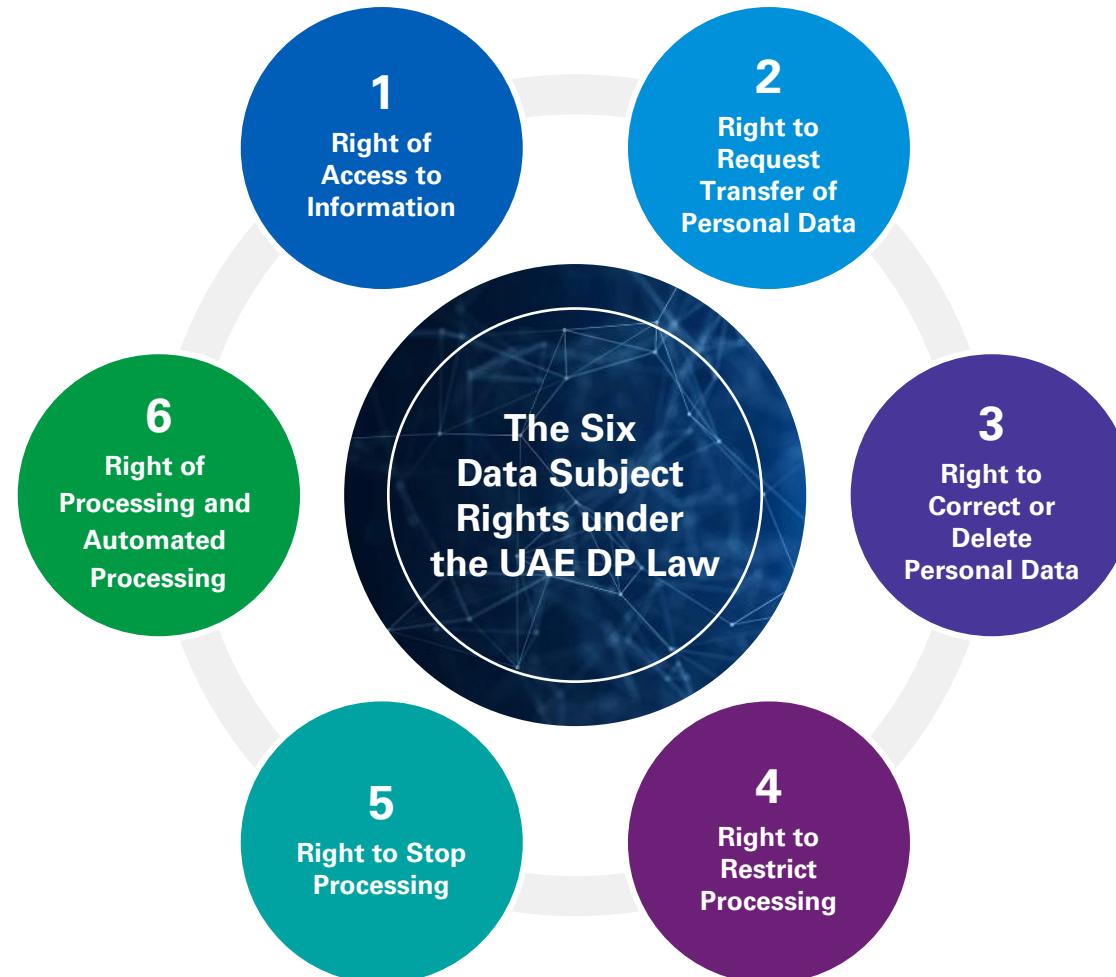


Who will be responsible for regulating the new UAE DP Law?





What individual rights does the UAE Federal DP Law set out?





UAE Federal Data Protection Law VS GDPR?

Key: Similar: Absent: Broader: Narrow:

| Domain | GDPR | Key | UAE Federal Data Protection Law |
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| Material and Territorial Scope | Personal data collected in the EU/EEA i.e. "EU personal data". The GDPR also has extra-territorial reach . | | Data subjects who reside in the UAE or has a place of business there. The new DP Law has an extra-territorial reach similar to the GDPR. |
| Governance/ DPO | Appoint a DPO and lead supervisory authority under certain conditions . | | Companies will need to appoint a DPO under certain circumstances . The DPO may be an employee of the company or an external party. |
| Penalties | Up to 20m or 4% of global annual revenues . | | The Data Protection Law does not expressly state the amounts of penalties that will apply for breaches of the Law. |
| Implementation Period | Immediately, however a two year grace period was given. | | Executive regulations are due to be issued within six months of the date of issuance of the Law (i.e., by 20 March 2022). UAE companies will then have 6 months from the issuance of those executive regulations to comply with the Law (although that period can be extended by the Cabinet). |
| Incident and Breach Response | Disclosure of incidents and data breaches without undue delay and within 72 hours of the breach. | | The Controller shall, immediately upon becoming aware of such Breach, notify the Office of the Breach and the findings of the investigation. |
| Record of Processing Activities | Requires companies to create and maintain a record of processing activities. RoPA is not required if an organization has less than 250 employees , unless there's risk to the rights and freedom of data subjects/ involves sensitive data. | | Requires all companies to create and maintain a more detailed record of processing activities, including details of persons authorized to access the data and the mechanisms for erasing, modifying or processing personal data. |



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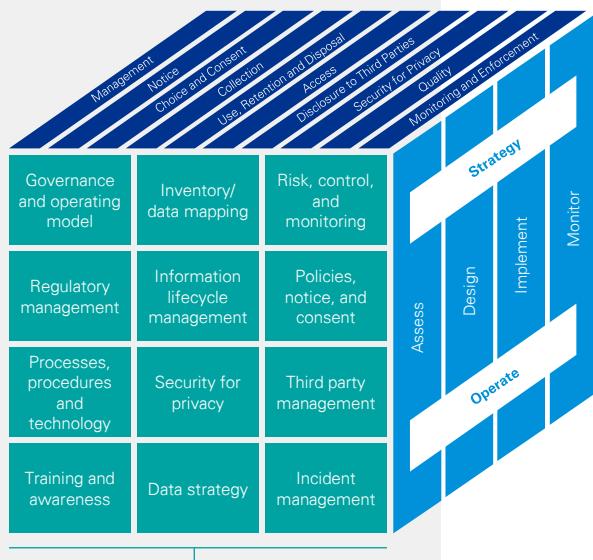
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| Data Protection Impact Assessment | Data Protection Impact Assessments are required . | | Assessment of the Impact of Protection of Personal Data are required . |
| Lawful basis for processing | Six lawful basis for processing personal data. | | Five lawful basis for processing - the Data Protection Law does not allow for processing on the basis of a controller's "legitimate interests". |
| Data Subject Rights | There are eight data subject rights under the GDPR. | | There are six data subject rights: 'right to be informed' seen within the GDPR is not defined in the UAE Law. The 'Right to Correct/ Delete' data are combined. |
| Rights Response Timeline | 1 month with potential extension by 2 additional months . | | No timeline to respond to the data subject has been defined. |
| Marketing | Direct marketing permitted through consent and legitimate interest . Data subjects have the right to object/ opt out . | | Direct marketing permitted through consent only . Data subjects have the right to object/ opt out . |
| Cross Border Transfers | Permitted under specific conditions and if adequate levels of data protection are required. | | Permitted if the country or territory to which the Personal Data will be transferred has legislations for protection of Personal Data . |



The UAE Federal Data Protection Law mapped to our KPMG framework

The figure below provides an overview of how these clusters of activities are mapped against the Federal Data Protection Law requirements.



Governance and operating model

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 7 General obligations of the Controller
- 8 General obligations of the Processor
- 10 Designation of the data protection officer
- 12 Duties of the controller and processor towards the data protection officer



Risk, Control and Monitoring

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 11 Tasks of the Data Protection Officer
- 21 Assessment of the impact of personal data protection



Information Lifecycle Management

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 5 Controls of personal data processing
- 22 Transfer and share personal data outside the territory of the country where an adequate level of protection



Regulatory Management

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 24 Filing complaints
- 25 Filing a complaint against the decisions of the office
- 26 Administrative sanctions and violations
- 27 Delegation



Policies, Notice, and Consent

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 6 Conditions of consent to the processing of data
- 13 Right to obtain information
- 23 Cross-Border Transfer and Sharing of Personal Data In the Absence of Appropriate Protection Level



Processes, Procedures & Technology

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 13 Right to obtain information
- 14 Right to personal data portability
- 15 Right to rectification and erasure of personal data
- 16 Right to restrict processing
- 17 Right to suspend processing
- 18 Right to processing and automated processing
- 13 Right to obtain information



Inventory/Data Mapping

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 7.4 General obligations of the Controller
- 8.7 General obligations of the Processor



Security for Privacy

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 20 Security of personal data information



Third Party Management

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 7.5 General obligations of the Controller (Appointing a processor)
- 8 General obligations of the Processor



Incident Management

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- 9 Notification of data breaches



Training and Awareness

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- No articles defined in Federal Law.



Data strategy

Federal Data Protection Law Articles

- No articles defined in Federal Law.

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Implementing an effective data privacy program





Value of a privacy program



Minimized risk exposure and regulatory fines

With regulators imposing high fines for the infringement, regulatory compliance minimizes the chances of hefty financial penalties



Protected and enhanced organization and brand

UAE having millions of tourists per year means high visibility from around the world; a privacy program will help organizations in protecting its reputation by application of necessary controls to avoid data breaches or incidents.



Improved data security posture

Privacy and security continue to converge, a high level of data protection also means a high level of data security, an objective valued not only by customers, but every organization.



Increased trust, credibility and customer confidence

Data Privacy has a major impact on customer experience, a privacy program embeds privacy in the customer journey and ensures their data is protected along the way.



Key questions when implementing a privacy program...



Regulatory

- Do we know what regulations and data privacy laws apply to us?
- How do we respond to regulatory requests? Is there a process in place?



Privacy governance

- Who is responsible and accountable for data privacy with the company?
- Do we have a suitable governance structure in place?



Information security

- What security measures do we have in place to protect data?
- Do we have firewalls, anti-virus, anonymization, encryption, password protection, access controls in place?



Data subject rights

- If a data subject wishes to delete or access their data, how will we locate their personal data? How to respond?
- Do we send unsolicited marketing emails? Do we have consent?



Breaches & incidents

- Do we have a breach/ incident management process or procedure?
- How do we inform data subject and conduct an investigation?



Retention and data mapping

- What personal data does the company retain and for how long?
- Have we documented our record of processing activities?



Vendors & suppliers

- Do we share personal data with any supplier or provide access to the data?
- Are their contracts in place with data protection clauses?



Employees & training

- Do our staff understand the risks associated with consumer data?
- Have we conducted training and awareness sessions?

Data privacy laws require that businesses take a holistic approach to privacy governance. UAE based organizations must be prepared to protect customer data through comprehensive privacy programs, with the goal of driving a culture of data privacy and protection throughout the company.



Implementing a data privacy program and appropriate controls

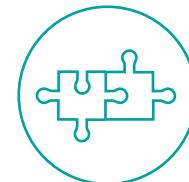
The KPMG Privacy Management Framework can be used to develop and implement a successful data privacy program.

The KPMG Privacy Management Framework is modular based on the OECD principles and Privacy Management Framework Elements and sub-components which define the foundation for privacy risk management activities that take place across an organization.



PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

Privacy components are viewed against the internationally recognized 'Generally Accepted Privacy Principles', which provide the foundation for our privacy management framework



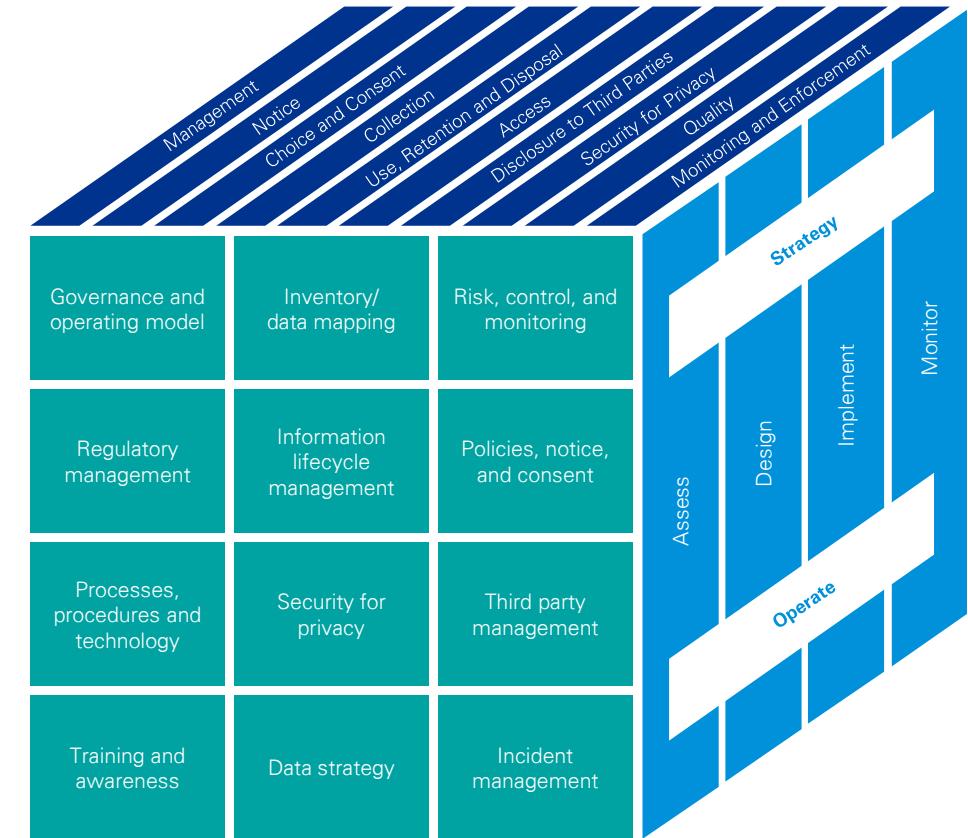
PRIVACY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Our framework elements are the distinct components that organizations employ to help ensure accountability with applicable privacy laws and regulations.



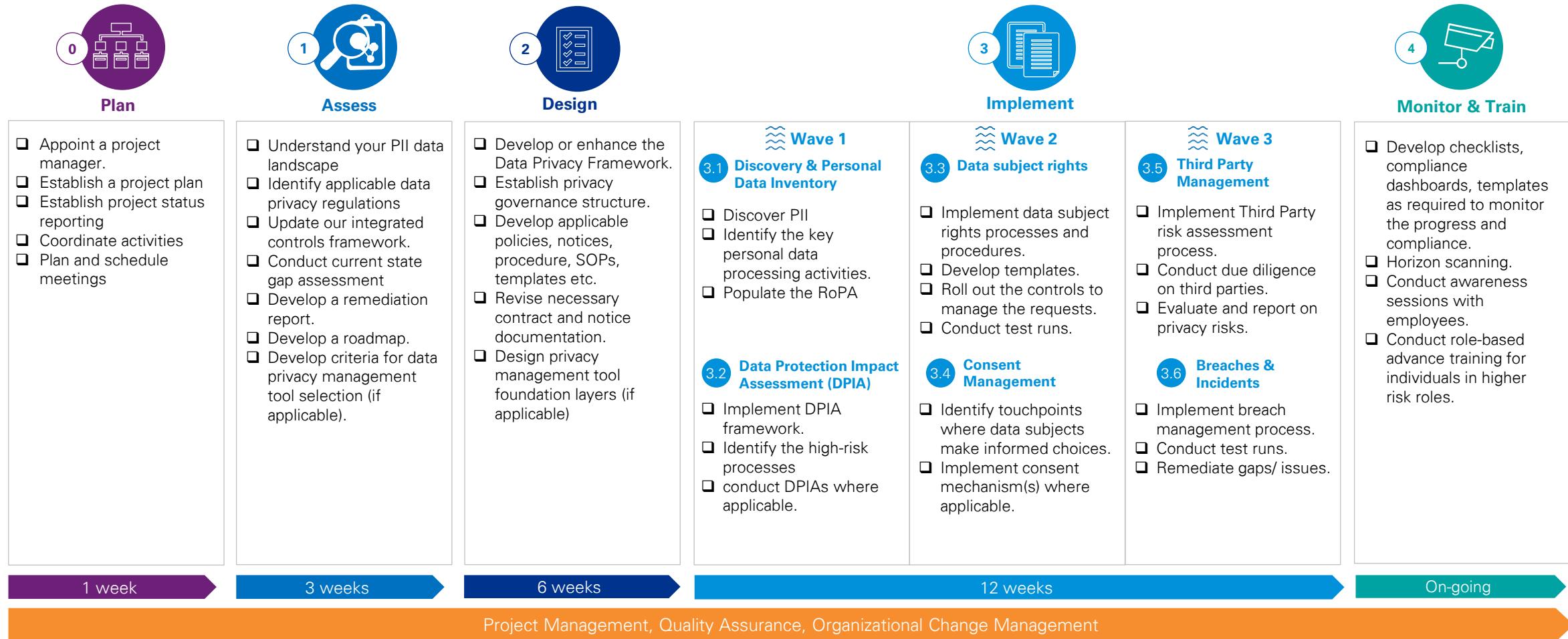
KPMG APPROACH

Our Privacy Service has been designed on the basis that organizations need tailored risk-based solutions to address their individual Privacy needs, risk appetite and future business strategy.





Sample end-to-end data privacy approach (at high level)





KPMG's global data privacy footprint

Global experts in data protection

Our global team consists of **500+ trained data protection resources** that are also members of IAPP. Our team also hold the IAPP's certifications as seen below:



KPMG Diamond membership with the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).



Global office locations

Our regional data protection Center of Excellence is based in the UAE with certified and experienced professionals.



Our thought leadership

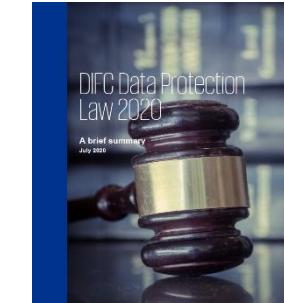
Through our Global Privacy Advisory network, KPMG regularly publishes Privacy thought leadership and continuously enhances its offerings.



GDPR: Privacy as a Way of Life



ADGM – New Data Protection Regulations 2021



The DIFC Data Protection Law 2021

Our global technology partnerships

Through our Global ecosystem of technology partners, we deliver end to end privacy solutions.

An innovative ecosystem of data protection and privacy technology partners





Our global alliance with OneTrust

Competitive advantages of our global alliance and our unique capabilities



- KPMG's **Accelerated Privacy** solution and methodology helps clients to accelerate their privacy compliance transformation projects.
- We have a standardised **OneTrust** configuration ready for your validation.
- This means we can **accelerate delivery at a lower risk**, and with a higher degree of certainty and success with a **reduced time for implementation**.

Traditional transformation process



KPMG #Accelerated



"Accelerate your Privacy program with a ready to use pre-configured technology platform leveraging KPMG best practices, instead of starting from scratch."



OneTrust PRIVACY, SECURITY & GOVERNANCE

MAKE TRUST A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

The **Trust Fabric** of an Organization:
Operationalizing Privacy, GRC, Data
Governance, Ethics & ESG in
One Platform



#1 FASTEST GROWING

48,000% 3-Year Growth Rate
150+ Patents Issued



\$920 MILLION RAISED

\$5.3 Billion Valuation



10,000 CUSTOMERS

Big & Small Organizations
+300 New Customers Monthly



2,000 EMPLOYEES

40% in Product R&D
13 Global Locations
+100 New Employees Monthly



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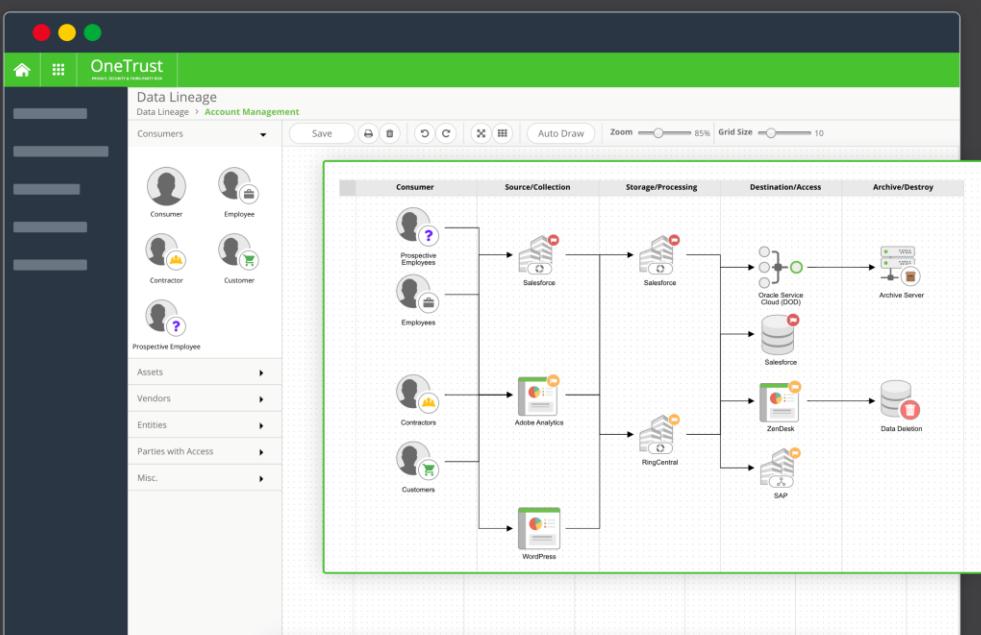
How to automate privacy and fast-track compliance



Trusted by 7,500 Organizations,
Both Big and Small

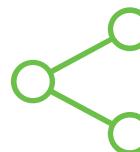
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PRIVACY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE



DATAGUIDANCE INTELLIGENCE

Same Day Support for Regulatory Updates from 40 In-House Legal Experts and 800 Expert Contributors



LONG-TERM TECHNOLOGY PARTNER

Pioneering Privacy Technology with 135 Patents and Monthly Product Releases by the Largest R&D Team



QUALIFIED TEAM OF PRIVACY PROS

World's Largest Install Base of IAPP CIPPs with 400+ Certified Privacy Professionals



LARGEST PRIVACY COMMUNITY

Don't Go At It Alone – Share Best Practices Online, In 125 Local Chapters



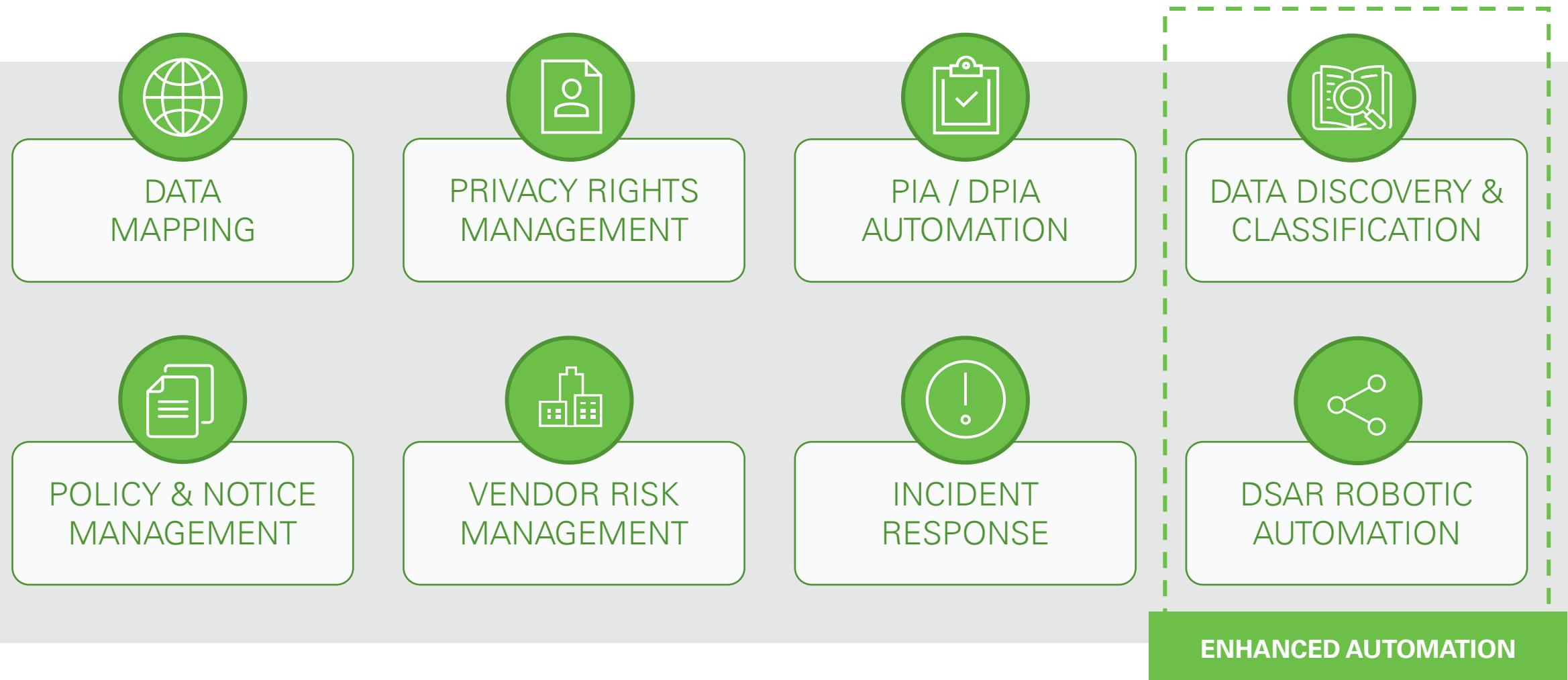
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AI & Robotic Automation to Operationalize Regulatory Requirements and Streamline Common Processes



Make Trust a Competitive Advantage with **OneTrust**

A Central View Into Your Privacy Program



Dashboards

Dashboards > DPO Dashboard

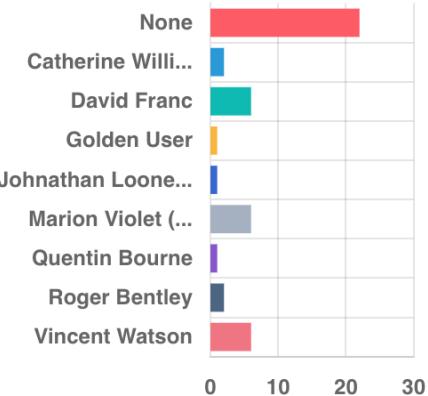
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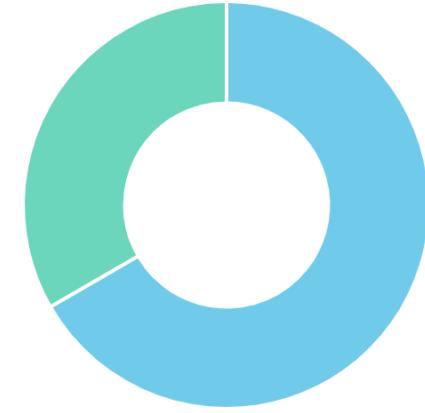
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Requests

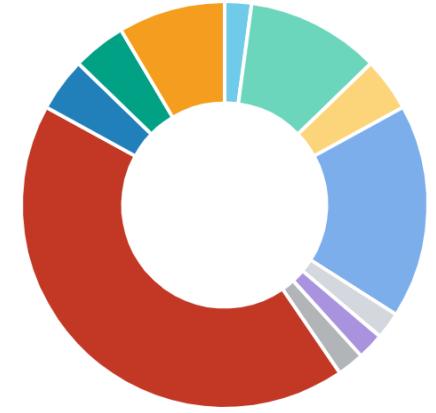
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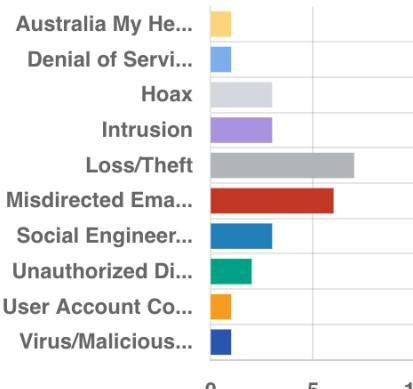
Rejected Requests Last 90 Days



Requests By Type



Open Incidents by Type

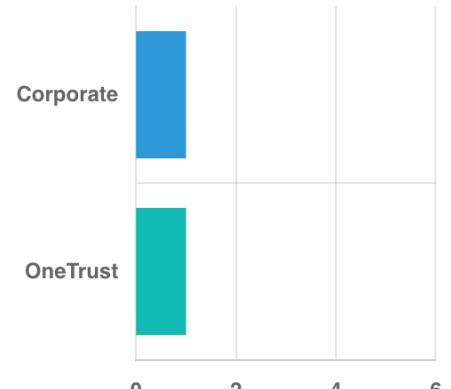


Incidents Requiring Notification

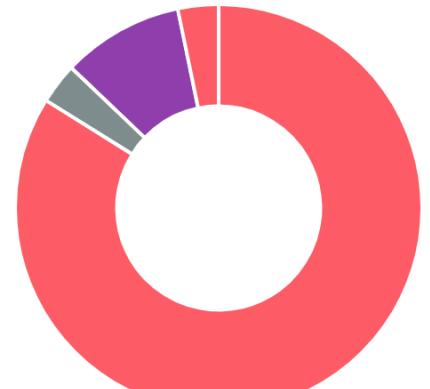
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Incidents

Incidents Resolved Last Week



Incidents by Severity



CONSUMER REQUESTS

Dashboard

Reports

Requests

Subtasks

Setup

Settings

Consumer Request Dashboard

New Dashboards

Summary Metrics

47

Requests

Received

4

Requests

Completed

0.04

Days

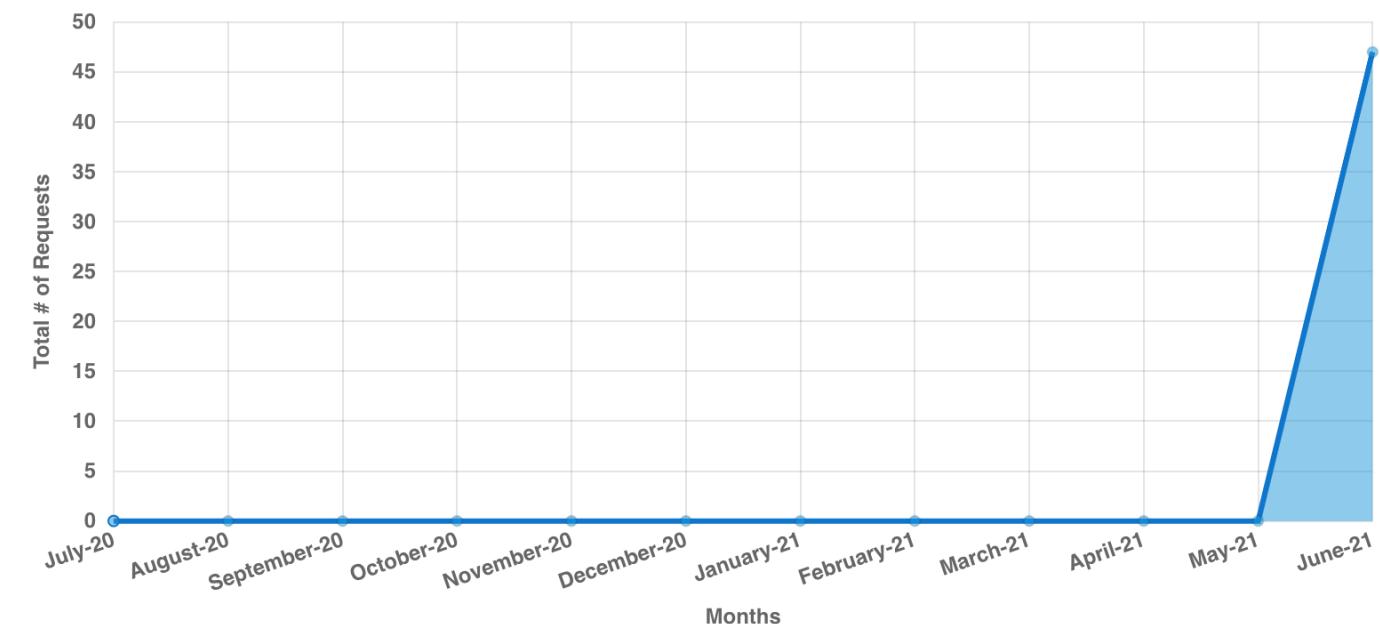
Average Time to Complete

\$375

USD

Average Cost

Requests By Date

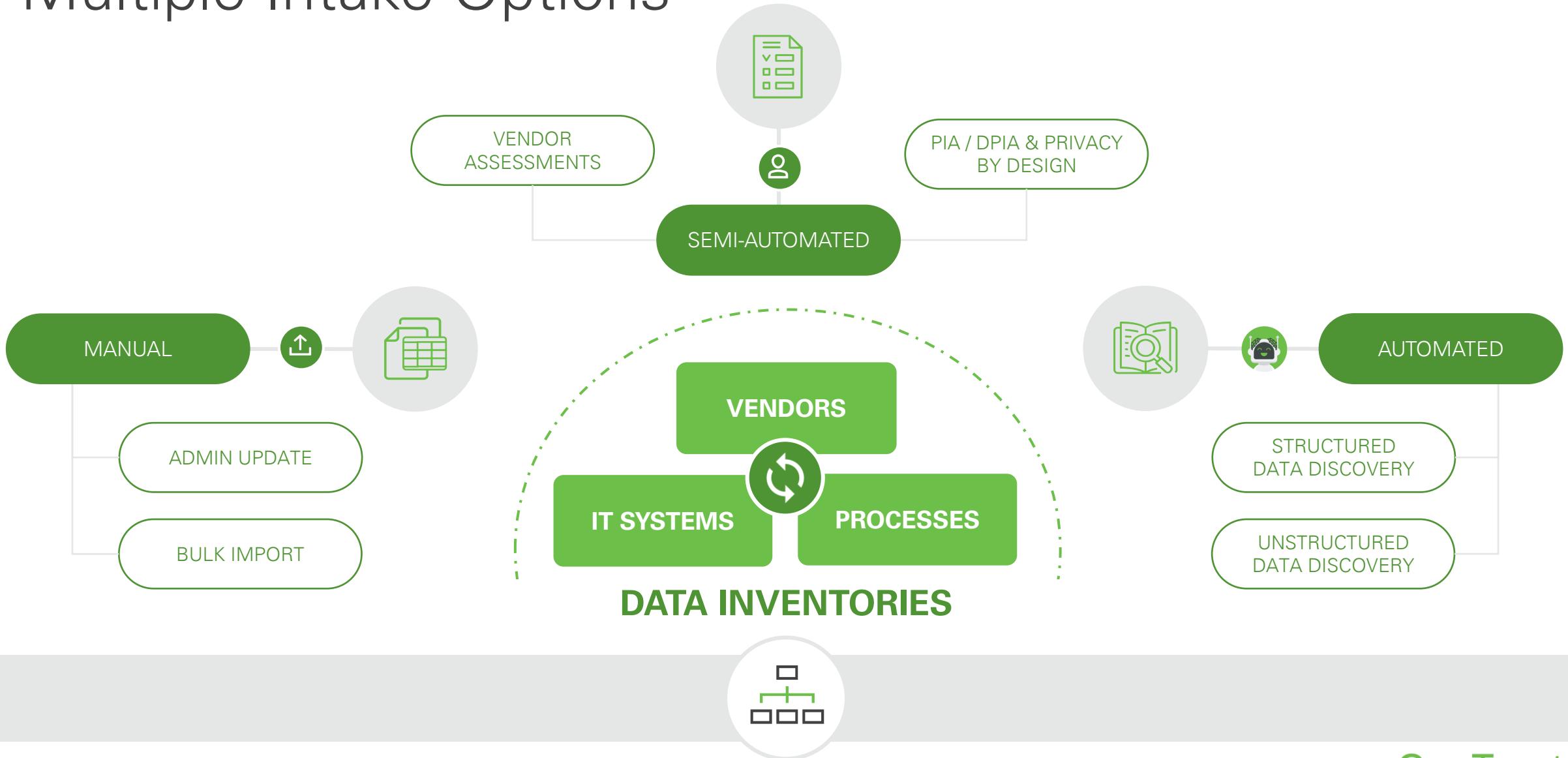


Requests By Country

Select View

World View

Multiple Intake Options



Cross-Border

Filter by Processing Activity

All



Visualize cross border transfers of data and assess that valid transfer mechanisms are in place

Incident Details

Incident Register > 30 - 2019-10-23

[Analyze](#)[Incident Guidance Checklist](#)[Change Workflow](#)

NEW

INVESTIGATE

REMEDIATE

ANALYZE

NOTIFY

COMPLETE

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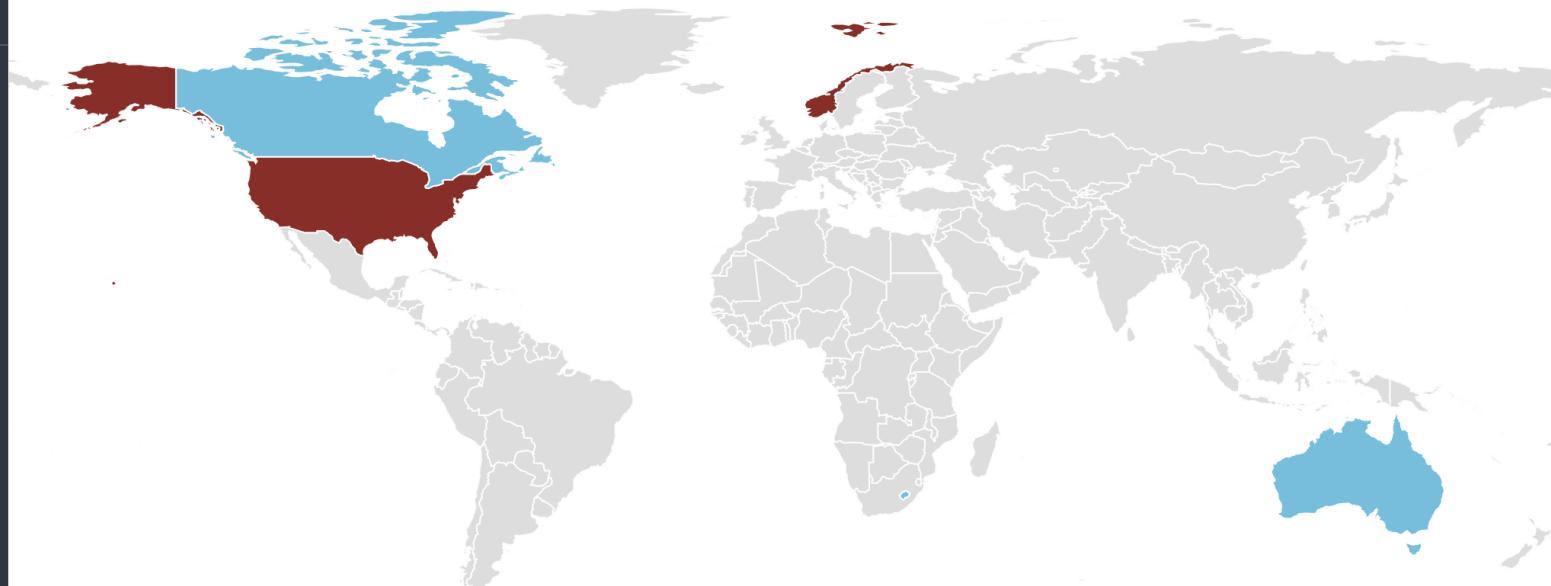
Summary

Details

Assessments

Jurisdictions

More

[Assess Jurisdictions](#)[Manage](#)

Open Subtasks

- [Notify the Primary Federal Regulator/Consu...](#)
- [Notify the Credit Reporting Agencies \(CRAs\) \(...](#)
- [Notify the Primary Federal Regulator/Board ...](#)
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Assessments

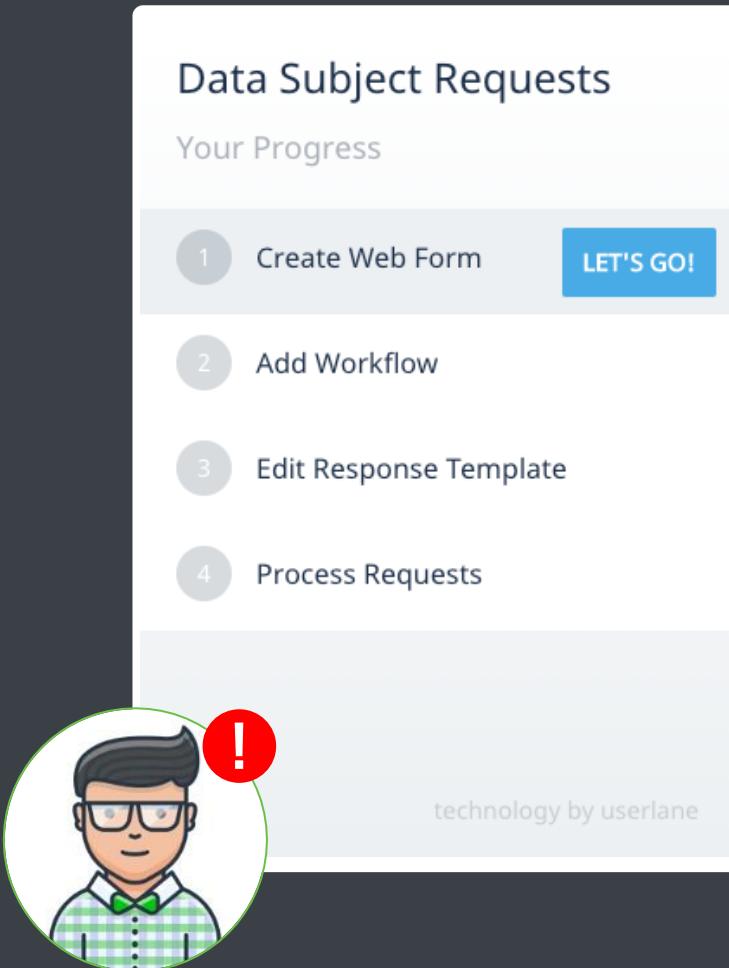
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Attachments

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Thank you!



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