

The WordPress GDPR project

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The roadmap

“We cannot make WordPress sites compliant, but we can provide site administrators and users with the tools they need to help them bring their sites into healthy compliance.

This project works towards the 25 May 2018 deadline, and the constraints and expectations, of GDPR.

It does, however, take a wider view of online privacy in general, and considers privacy and data protection issues outside GDPR's explicit scope, for future work.”

The 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 best practice journey
- The WordPress project is allergic to anything “legal”
- No open source CMS project has given GDPR or privacy proper resourcing

The roadmap

1. Add tools to core to facilitate compliance, and privacy in general.
2. Add tools for creating a privacy policy
3. Create some guidelines for plugins on compliance
4. Add documentation/help for site owners on how to use these tools

New tools in Core

- 4.9.6 shipped last week
- Privacy Notice tool
- Data export tool
- Data erasure tool

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 \(0\)](#)

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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

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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.

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

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Guidelines for plugins on privacy

- Documentation on how to use the tools
- Looking at plugin guidelines, and what they say (and don't say)
- “Compliance” has been removed from guidelines

Documentation and help

- Information for users
- Information for site administrators
- Information for developers
- [privacy.blog](#)

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What happens now?

- The core group is continuing as a permanent privacy subgroup
<https://make.wordpress.org/core/components/privacy/>
- Defining a standard for what we mean by “privacy” as a principle
- Possibly expand this to an open source standard
- Office hours are 1500 UTC on Wednesdays in Making WP Slack

9 tickets that have no replies

[View list on Trac](#)

[#44135](#) Have Erasure button workflow follow Export button workflow replacing with static link
administration

[#44145](#) Rework Privacy settings page to use the Settings API administration

[#44153](#) Plugin privacy polices and admin notification administration

[#44161](#) Expired session tokens need to be removed from database because GDPR

[#44181](#) The input field id username_or_email_to_export should be something else on
remove_personal_data page

[#44222](#) GDPR – Add Archive state to erasure requests administration

[#44233](#) Add missing unit tests for exporting personal data by username or email address

[#44234](#) Add missing unit tests for erasing personal data by username or email address

[#44236](#) Maintain consistency between privacy export report and archive filenames

2 tickets slated for 5.0

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[#43437](#) Add way for registered users to request deletion or anonymization of their private data

[#43738](#) Make the GDPR Export/Delete functionality available in network-wide for super admins

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