# Commercial vs. Broader Public Sector Privacy – Security Some Thoughts

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# **Our Presentation**

Your personal information is treated differently in

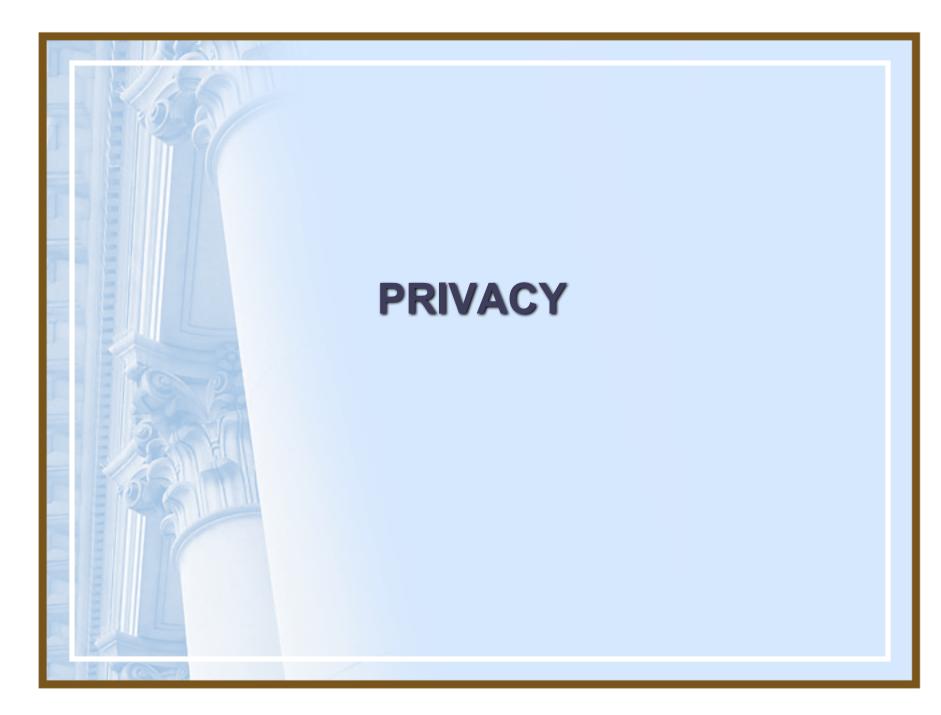
- Commercial vs Broader Public Sector contexts
- What are the major differences?
- Data privacy / security at the University

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# **PRIVACY IS...GENERALLY**

- 1. Privacy of the person
  - 'bodily privacy', blood samples, etc.
- 2. Privacy of personal behaviour
  - religion, politics, etc., including 'media privacy'
- 3. Privacy of personal communications
  - 'interception privacy', various media
- 4. Privacy of personal information // data
  - 'data/information privacy', control of data





# **PRIVACY IS...**

## **A SET OF CONCEPTS**

Philosophical, Social, Ethical, About sanctity and inviolability of the person

...AND A BUNDLE OF LEGAL RIGHTS
(WHICH VARY SOMEWHAT BY WITH JURISDICTION)

...and WHICH SUPPORT:

Your control of your personal information

# **INFORMATION PRIVACY**

# Key principle of modern privacy laws

Control of your own personal information

...Usually by regulating collection, use, and disclosure of your personal information by govt., companies, etc.

# **PRIVACY LIMITS**

### Privacy is never absolute; lots of exceptions for:

- -Law enforcement
- -Public health
- -Legal processes (generally supersede statutory privacy protections) subpoenas, summonses, court orders, etc.
- -Other legislation

  emergency management, health protection, anti-terrorism etc.

...data protection laws are made by law-makers, who may discover new priorities, exceptions or other reasons to change or abrogate privacy.

The balance is found in the same way as other political/social balances. Public involvement, consultation and advocacy help to guide politicians...

**National Security???** 

# **PERSONAL INFORMATION IS...**

# INFORMATION ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL

EXCEPT IN A BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY

ethnic origin, race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, education, financial, employment, medical, psychiatric, psychological or criminal information, identifying numbers; S.I.N., home address, home phone number, photos, videos, identifiable recordings of individual, name appearing with / revealing other personal information etc.

Does not include actions in business or professional capacity eg. name, position, routine work information, actions at work

# LAWS BASED ON CONSENT

### **FEDERAL**

Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act Strongly consent-based; Incorporates CSA Code Principles;

### **Commercial Sector Privacy Law;**

regulates commercial activity with personal information, inter-provincial data flows and federally-regulated endeavours like banking, insurance and telecommunications

(Some provincial laws in Que, Alta, BC.)

Most jurisdictions have broadly consent-based commercial privacy laws

# **Canadian Federal Privacy Laws**

Parliament of Canada page on Federal Privacy Laws (including PIPEDA)

### Introduction

Classically understood as the "right to be left alone," privacy in today's high-tech world has taken on a multitude of dimensions. To experts in this area, privacy is equated with the right to enjoy private space, to conduct private communications, to be free from surveillance and to have the sanctity of one's body respected. To most people, it is about control – what is known about them and by whom.

Privacy protection in this country essentially focuses on safeguarding personal information. Drawing upon generally accepted fair information practices, federal data protection laws seek to allow individuals to decide for themselves, to the greatest extent possible, with whom they will share their personal information, for what purposes and under what circumstances. Thus, what is an unacceptable privacy intrusion to one person, may not be to another. ...

# **CSA PRIVACY CODE PRINCIPLES**

### 1. Accountability

An organization is responsible for personal information under its control and shall designate an individual or individuals who are accountable for the organization's compliance with the following principles.

### 2. Identifying Purposes

The purposes for which personal information is collected shall be identified by the organization at or before the time the information is collected.

### 3. Consent

The knowledge and consent of the individual are required for the collection, use or disclosure of personal information, except where inappropriate.

### 4. Limiting Collection

The collection of personal information shall be limited to that which is necessary for the purposes identified by the organization. Information shall be collected by fair and lawful means.

### 5. Limiting Use, Disclosure and Retention

Personal information shall not be used or disclosed for purposes other than those for which it is collected, except with the consent of the individual or as required by law. Personal information shall be retained only as long as necessary for the fulfillment of the stated purposes.

### 6. Accuracy

Personal information shall be as accurate, complete and up-to-date as is necessary for the purpose for which it is used.

### 7. Safeguards

Personal information shall be protected by security safeguards appropriate to the sensitivity of the information.

### 8. Openness

An organization shall make specific information about its policies and practices relating to the management of personal information readily available to individuals.

### 9. Individual Access

Upon request, an individual shall be informed of the existence, use, and disclosure of his or her personal information, and shall be given access to that information. An individual shall be able to challenge the accuracy and completeness of the information and have it amended as appropriate.

### 10. Challenging Compliance

An individual shall be able to address a challenge concerning compliance with the above principles to the designated individual or individuals accountable for the organization's compliance.



# A FEW (CURRENT) TYPES

- 1. ONLINE; BROWSING/SURFING/BUYING
- 2. EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA
- 3. TELEPHONY AND VOICEMAIL
- 4. "SMART" DEVICES, INTERNET OF THINGS
- 5. ALWAYS ON APPS/DEVICES
- 6. VIDEO /PERSONAL / POLICE BODY CAMERAS
- 7. FACIAL RECOGNITION 8
- 8. MEDICAL RECORDS
- 9. MEDICAL TELEMETRY
- 10. EVENT DATA RECORDERS EDRS





11. ETC.

# **COMMERCIAL PRIVACY STATEMENTS**

They detail how your information is collected, used, and shared. They can be lengthy.

# Google Privacy Policy

....They can be difficult to understand. You be the judge.

You often consent just by being on a website:

"By using this website, you agree to..."

"When you use this website, your information..."

"privacy statements" are very often notices of data harvesting/aggregation/use activities

# **ANALYTICS**

Google Analytics is now the most widely used web analytics service on the internet

Wikipedia article on Google Analytics

With section on privacy issues

But, very good for business:

Awasome Things Your Can Do With Google Analytics 5

# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Jewnifer Golbeck Ted talk "Curly Fries" 2013 ... Social media information and its use to predict how you will behave...

"It's sometimes said of Facebook that the users aren't the customer; they're the product."

Behavioural patterns of large numbers looped back and applied to the individual –for advertising or ....?

Alessando Acquisti Ted talk "What will a future without secrets look like?"

Public/private blurring, including how to match a photo to an individual's sensitive personal information

# **CRYSTAL KNOWS**

An app that tells you how to communicate by email based on personality, using only publicly available information about you

http://www.crystalknows.com

Guedan article on Crystal knows

to the Review of Crystal knows by KW Labs

# IT IS ALL ABOUT CONSENT

Commercial personal information exploitation is based on consent.

We consent John Oliver Show on Net Neutrality

Read privacy statements (if you have time) In 2012, a month or even 76 days, according to this NPR article, or this Atlantic article.

...Check out and maybe <u>delete your Google history</u> back to 2005

It knows you better than you know yourself. It knows every smartphone you've thought about buying, every coworker you've tried to find dirt on, every embarrassing ailment you've suffered...

Or you could obfuscate, as this <u>Guardian article</u> details.

But really, we like convenience. We have been "figured out" by business

# IT IS ALL ABOUT ADVERTISING

We have consented to sharing of our information by businesses, service providers, sites, apps, etc. etc.

### You're Soaking In It Documentary

- Documentary on how all your online activity is tracked continually across platforms, websites and activities
- -aggregated and shared by (many many) companies to develop a better profile of you than you could remember
- -used to predict your behaviours and activities to know before you do what you might do or buy next
- -auctioned in real time to serve you personalized adverts while you browse, email, etc.

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# **OTHER PROBLEMS**

If the information is out there, it (and maybe you) are vulnerable Hacking, Data theft...happening (more) all the time

Keren Elazari on <u>hacking</u>
Including Ashley Madison, medical, cars, drones, target, ,etc,etc...

Yahoo Data Breach ... exposed Sept 2016

- -state-sponsored actors
- -200 Million Yahoo accounts

Just Google biggest data breaches

Government hacking



software-based attack on Iranian nuclear program

# **BROADER PUBLIC SECTOR PRIVACY LAWS**

# **PUBLIC SECTOR PRIVACY LAWS ARE...**

An approximated one-size solution for limiting the spread of our personal information, so that we don't lose control of it

Public sector privacy laws restrict data and protect confidentiality.

They limit collection, use and disclosure of personal information...

To information needed for official lawfully authorized activities.

Only this personal information can be collected, used or disclosed.

They differ in this critical way from commercial sector privacy laws.

Commercial sector privacy laws are based on consent - you can agree to "anything"

# **BPS PRIVACY LAW (over)SIMPLIFIED**

NOTICE > COLLECTION > USE/DISCLOSURE

Give <u>Notice</u> when collecting personal information Specify the information, purposes, contact person

Collect only personal information needed to do the job (this is much, much narrower than just consent)

<u>Use or Disclose</u> personal information for the purposes for which it was collected – according to the notice

M/FIPPA works this way, regulates Ontario BPS

# HOW (NOT) TO COLLECT PERSONAL INFORMATION



# **HOW (NOT) TO DO ANYTHING**



# **MORE THAN A PRIVACY PRINCIPLE**

Key principle for:

- 1. Research/experimental design
- 2. Program design in services, govt. etc.
- 3. System design in all contexts (including IT)
- 4. All planned activities / work tasks

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