# A Critical Analysis of Privacy Design Strategies

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## **Our Goals**

1: Translate data protection legislation into architectural goals which system engineers can understand

2: Make these goals achievable to help them actually happen





## State of the Art

making Privacy by Design more concrete like Cavoukian;

> Thought organization tool like Wuyts, Scandariato, De Decker, & Joosen; Urquhart, Rodden, & Golembewski

using Privacy Patterns like using Hoepman's strategies Doty & Gupta; Bier & Krempel; Hafiz; and Hoepman

in particular





## Privacy, Patterns & Strategy



Engineers use 'privacy', the EU uses 'data protection' We (and ISO) bridge the two as 'privacy protection'





# Satisfying Our Goals



distinct architectural goals in privacy by design, facilitating privacy protection

2: patterns (achieve)

best practice solutions to recurring problems, tested by time and public scrutiny





(translation to achievability)

# Mapping Strategies to Patterns



this links to 'tactics' from the software architecture domain – where privacy is a system quality attribute





## **Software Architecture**

the highest level of abstraction, consisting of structures which include elements, their properties, and their relationships

(like security and privacy)
Quality Attributes
important non-functional properties of a system
not whether the system functions, but
how well it functions

our architectural tactics enhance privacy protection

They are grouped by strategies







#### HIDE

preventing exposure as much as possible by mixing, obfuscating, dissociating, or restricting access to any storage, sharing, or operation on personal data, within the constraints of the agreed upon purposes

(and their mapped privacy patterns)

# Some of the HIDE Strategy's Tactics

MIX processing personal data randomly within a large enough group to reduce correlation

Constant Length Padding; Delayed Routing/Random Wait; Guarantee Anonymous Access when Un-authenticated; Oblivious Transfer; Random Exit; Link Padding

# DISSOCIATE removing the correlation between different pieces of personal data

Anonymity Set/Probable Suspect/Mix Networks; Batched Routing; Chaining; K-anonymity; Layered Encryption/Onion Routing; Morphed Representation/Werewolf/Gate of Heaven/Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde/Amoeboid Shape/Psuedo Identities/Identity Separation; Cover Traffic/Use of Dummies





# **Shorter Strategy Definitions**

### the 'concise' definitions follow some rules

e.g. HIDE understandability of personal information to reduce the likelihood of privacy violations

- personal information concerns all kinds of processing (collecting, recording, use etc.)
- provide as much protection as possible
- purposes must have freely given, specific informed consent (or be required by indicated legitimate grounds)



## Kinds of Processing from the GDPR examples

Operate

Adaptation/Alteration/Retrieval/Consultation/

**Use/Alignment/Combination** 

Store

Organization/Structuring/Storage

Retain

opposite to (Erasure/Destruction)

Collection\_\_

Collect

Collection/Recording

Dissemination\_\_

**Processing** 

Share

Transmission/Dissemination/Making

Available/opposite to (Restriction/Blocking)

Invasion\_

Change

(Adaptation/Alteration/Use/Alignment/Combination)

Breach

(Retrieval/Consultation)

Solove's Taxonomy

**GDPR Processing Examples** 



## **Conclusions**

We introduced tactics between our amended strategies and cataloged patterns

## goals

allowing us to connect requirements to design & implementation (and system architecture)

this presents a more accessible medium for stakeholders and engineers to achieve privacy



# Thank you for your time

feel free to ask any questions, or make any comments or criticism





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