

IEEE Digital Privacy Project

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Background – IEEE Digital Privacy

● Mission/Goals

- The IEEE Digital Privacy effort is dedicated to advancing solutions that ***champion Digital Privacy of personal and private information***
- Promoting the development and use of organizational and global architectures, public frameworks, privacy enabling technologies, standards development, compliance with user enacted control of personal data, devices and applications privacy parameters, neutral governance bodies, and policy-supporting legislation
- Fostering alliances within IEEE OUs, and between IEEE and other global organizations institutions with similar objectives to achieve widely-accepted solutions and standards
- Maintaining neutrality of operations and public visibility of controls to the greatest extent possible

● Driving Needs

- Most privacy regulation and protection efforts are focused on Corporate Data Protection
- Individual privacy is a top social concern, but personal Digital Privacy solutions are under-developed and inadequate
- Privacy should be implemented as a primary architectural facet (not an afterthought)

Policy makers and legislators are looking at digital privacy from a legal perspective

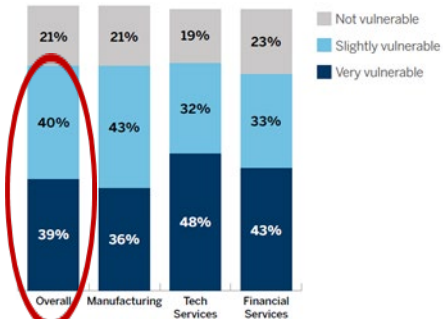
- What is Digital Privacy ? What does it mean?
- What happens if it's violated? What are the punishments?
- What are the rights of individuals - to own and control their data?
- What data can be collected, stored, shared, and accessed?
- What are the responsibility and obligations of the data "holders"?



Big companies are not addressing individual privacy rights adequately

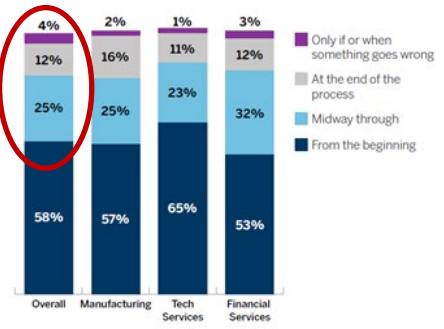
500 leaders of large-sized companies were polled

How vulnerable do you believe your organization is to a data privacy crisis event?



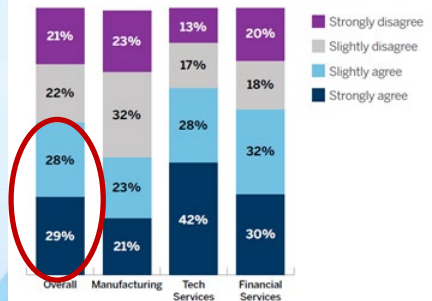
- 79% still feel vulnerable to data privacy crisis

At which point in the life cycle of a new product does it get reviewed for data privacy concerns?



- More than 40% are not building privacy into the design of products & systems

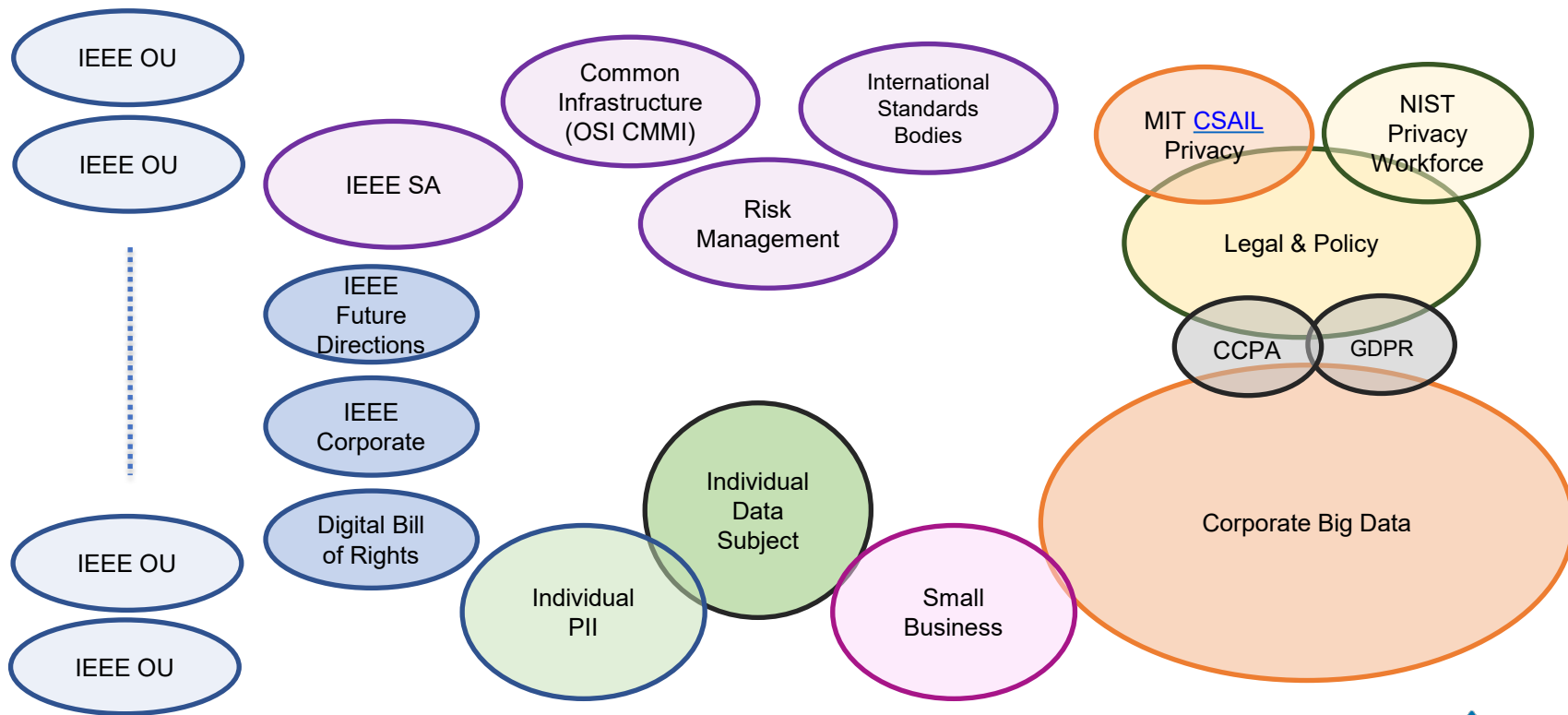
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "We don't have the resource in our organization to ensure that we are fully compliant with data privacy regulation?"



- Nearly 60% do not have the resources to ensure full compliance with data privacy regulation

- Individual privacy is a top social concern, but even large-sized companies lag in providing the resources and solutions!
- In addition, companies are driven by own business incentives and not looking out for individuals.

Existing Siloed Landscape for Privacy

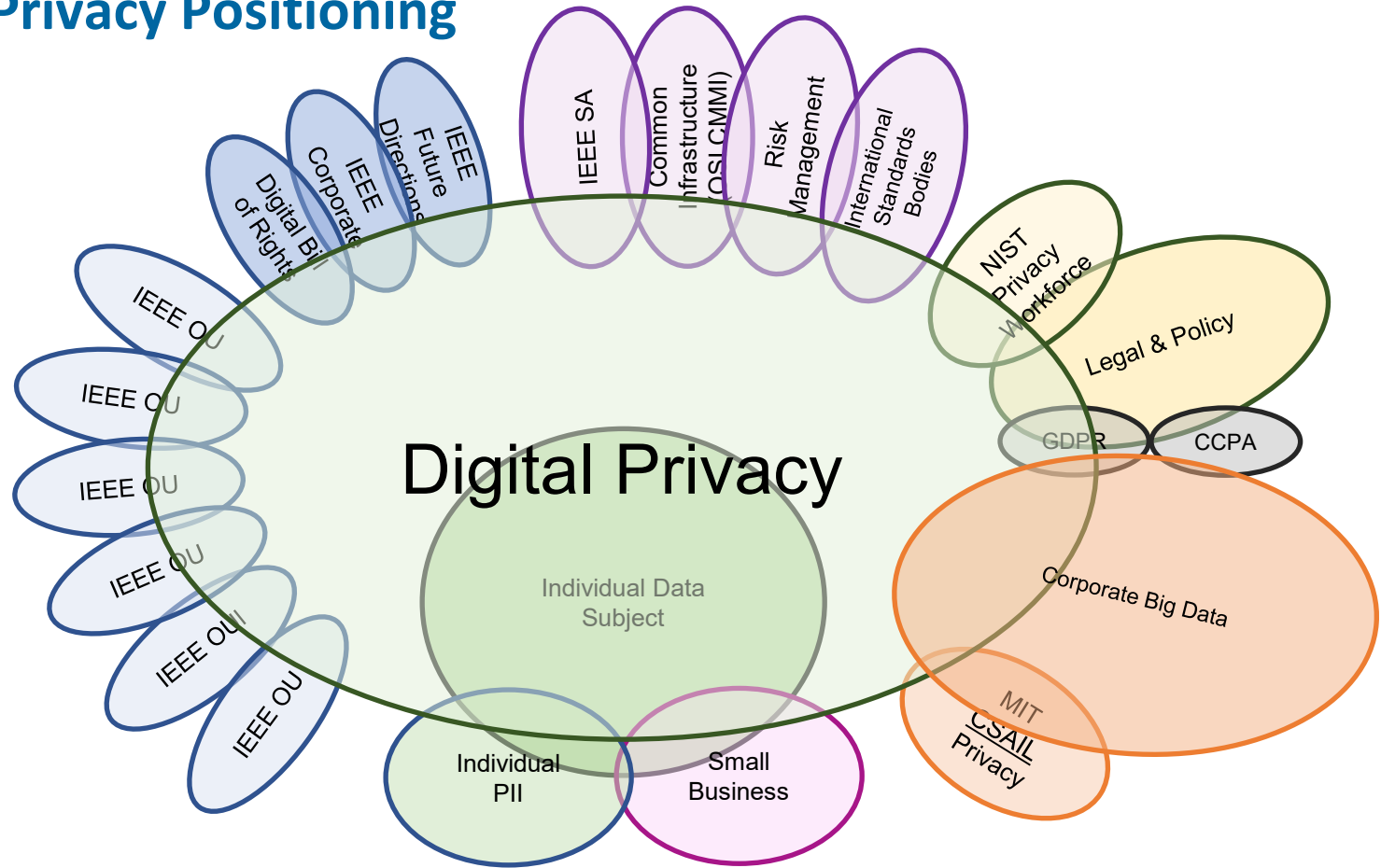


Where does IEEE fit in this conversation?

Digital Privacy Project Connecting Siloed Privacy Efforts

- ▶ Large Individual Membership Base
- ▶ Bring the technical know how to implement digital privacy
- ▶ International Presence - Identify gaps where more research are needed
- ▶ Help policy makers and legislators understand technical feasibility of their proposals
- ▶ Widely Industry Connections - Establish design guidelines to have privacy built into products & systems
- ▶ Represent IEEE Membership base in support of Digital Privacy of personal and private information
- ▶ Connect external efforts with IEEE Operational Units
 - [Privacy Workforce Public Working Group | NIST](#)
 - [MIT Future of Data, Trust, and Privacy | CSAIL Alliances](#)

Digital Privacy Positioning



What are some of the concerns that need to be addressed ?

- Scope, responsibility, and accountability policy of Data Holders
- Rights of individuals to own and to control their own data
- Requirements for data collection, storage, sharing, and accessibility
- Policy and ethics for consistent and fair data treatment
- Unique cultural and jurisdictional perspectives of data
- Confidentiality challenges of aggregated data
- Privacy preserving incentive mechanisms and economic models and business practices
- Evolving privacy enhancing technologies, methodologies, and standards to support changing data policies

Addressing Privacy Dimensions w/ Policy and Technological Enforcement

Public Visibility

Private/Confidential

Non provable Metadata

Searchability of Data/Metadata

Value of Data as Economic Indicator

Trend of Economic Data

Visibility to Economic Indicators

Owner Opt-in to Proxy Data Storage

Owner Opt-out to Proxy Data Storage

Local Machine Containment

Remote System Persistence

Provable Data Integrity

Value of Individual Data

Ability of Neutral Verification

Owners Rights to Verify Data

Fair Incentivization

Dispute Resolution

Data Priority

Metadata Lineage

Data Reliability

Data Quality

Value of Aggregated Data

Jurisdiction of Aggregated Data

Data Proxy Agent Rights

Regulatory Responsibility to Owner

Information Sharing

Compliance Enforcement

Data Accountability

Data Trust

Data and Transaction Risk

Independence of Participants

Vetting and Selection of Participants

Penalization and Removal of Participants

Participants Cohesion Risks

Accountability of Transactor

Anonymity of Transactor

Restriction Audit Access

Public Visibility

Data in Transit

Data in Rest

Modularity for Multiple Use Cases

Adaptability and Scalability

Get Involved !

- We welcome your participation and we want to hear from you!
- Contact: digitalprivacyinfo@ieee.org