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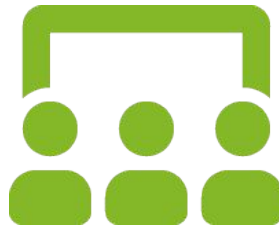
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Today's Goals

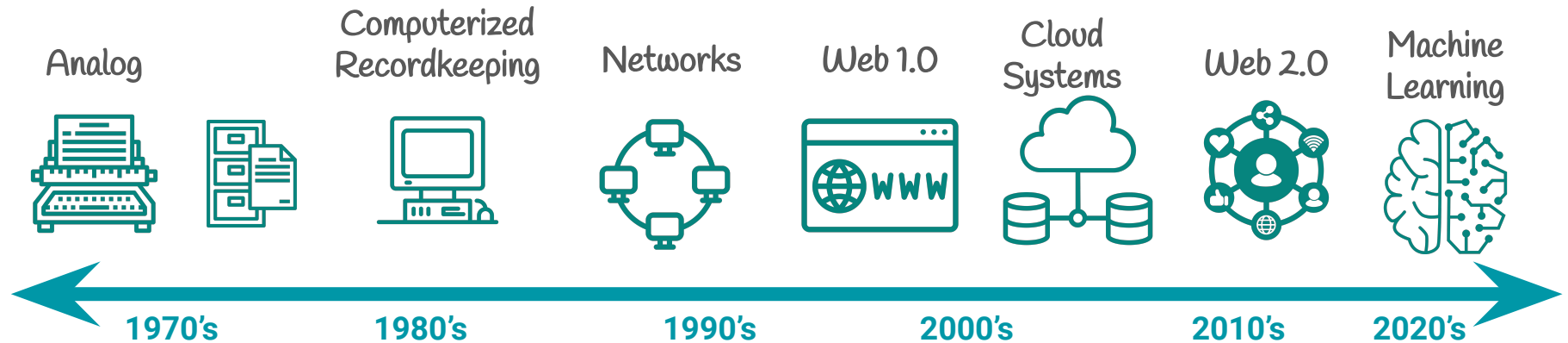
- Raise awareness about Data Ethics and Privacy
- Share foundational ideas and resources for further learning



Data Responsibility

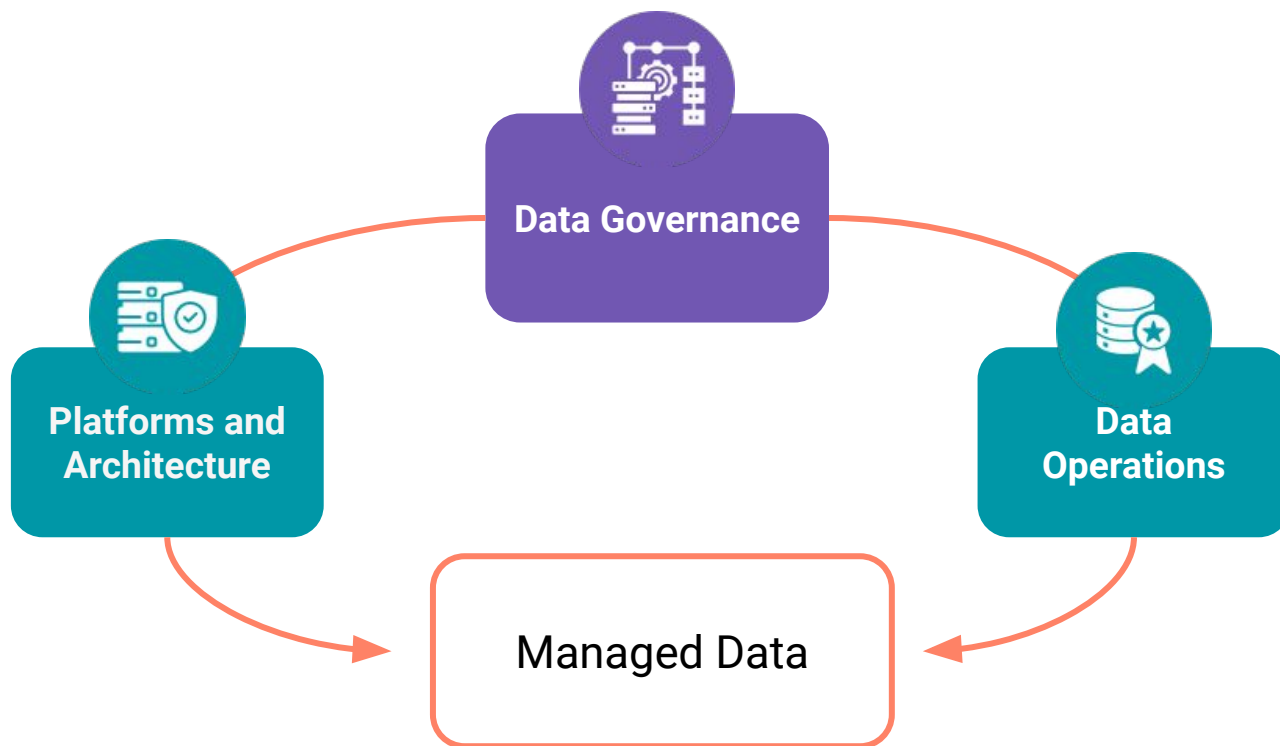


The evolving “Information Age”



....has brought increases in responsibility.

Responsible data requires management



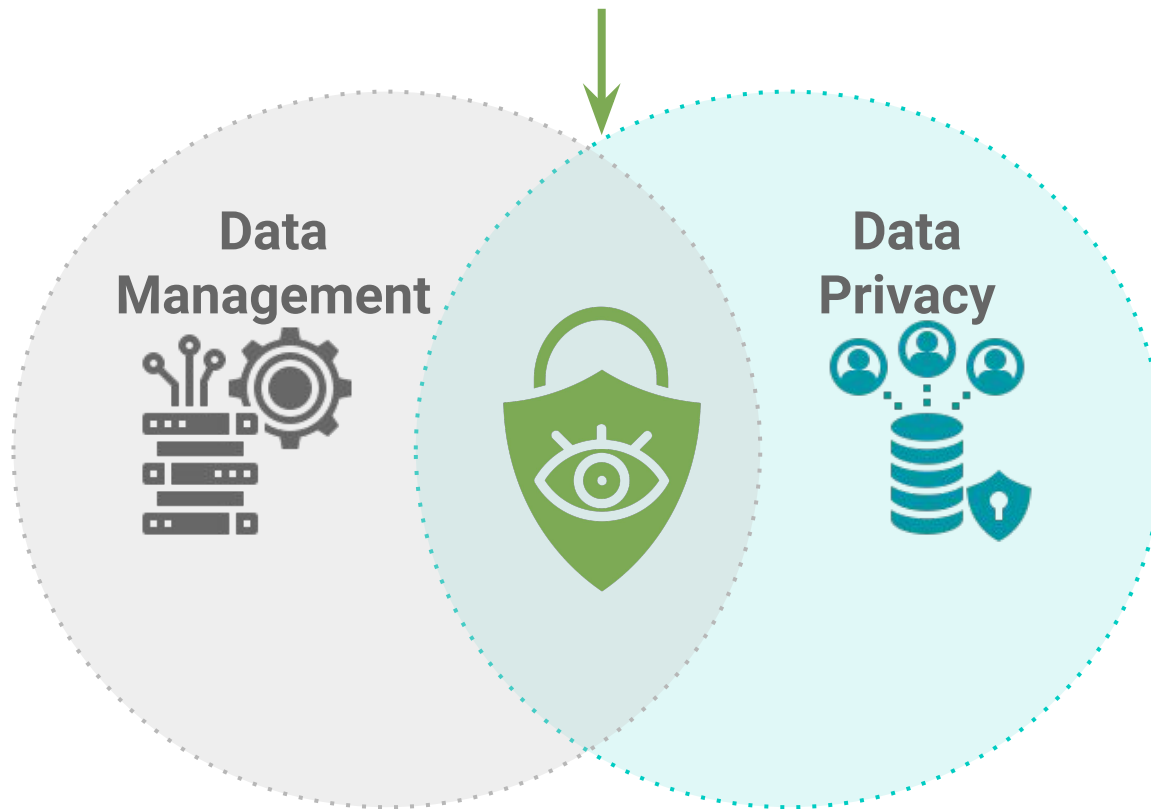
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**Data
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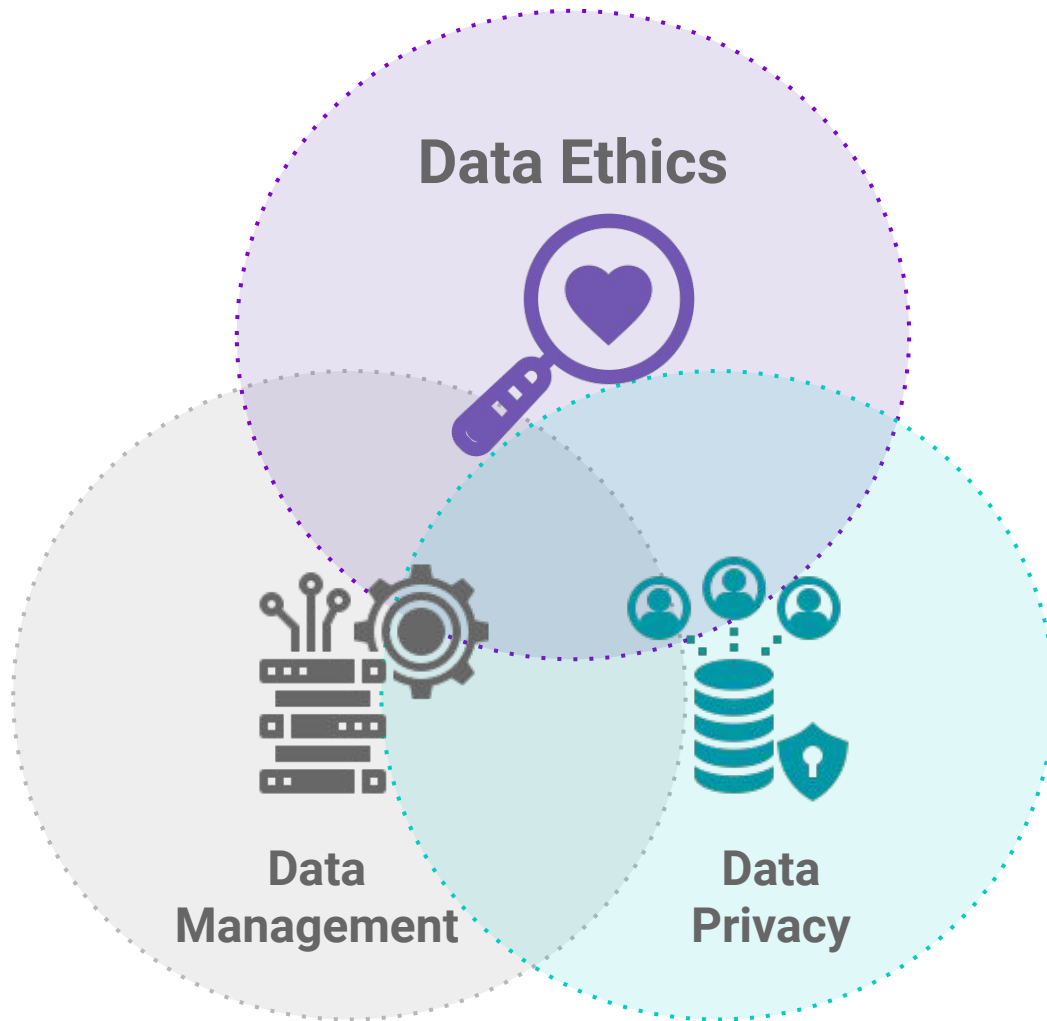


Data Responsibility

Cybersecurity



Data Responsibility



Data Ethics Fundamentals



What is data equity?

"Equity is both a process and an outcome."

- Data Feminism

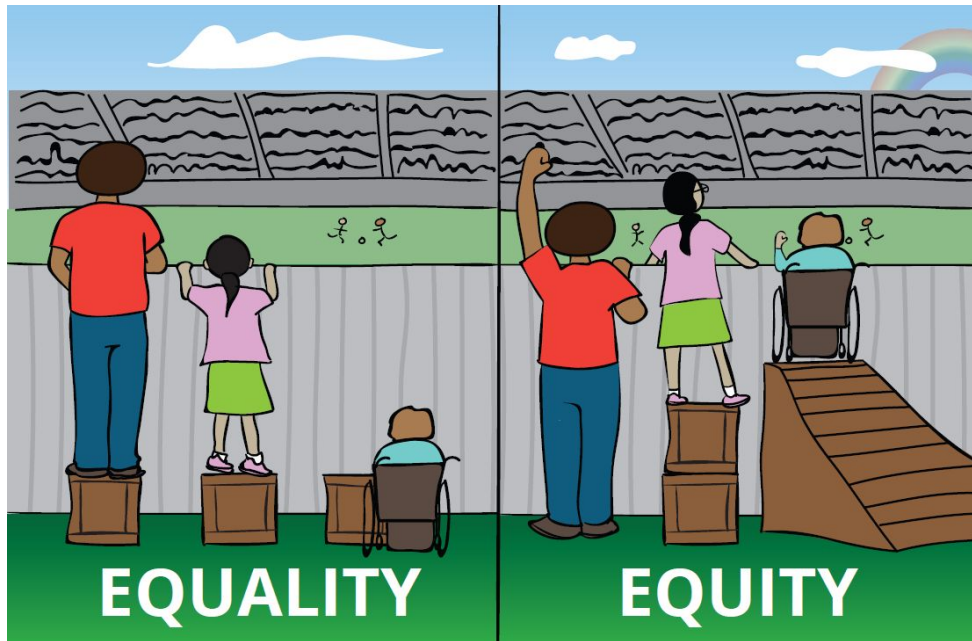


Image from equitytools.org

What is data ethics?

"We often focus too narrowly on whether we have complied with ethical guidelines, and we forget that ethical issues concerning technology don't just go away once we have diligently performed our own particular tasks. It is essential to think about what happens to ... data after it leaves our hands."

- Shannon Vallor + Brian Green,

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics



What could this look like for nonprofits?

Documentation is a powerful tool for ethics and equity.

DATASET USAGE AND BEST PRACTICES:

AVOID WEAPONIZING COVID-19 DATA –

COVID-19 data should not be used to determine risk. It should not be used to surveil, criminalize, cage, and/or deny critical benefits.

COVID-19 data should not be used to inform any of the following automated decision making systems, for example:

- Predictive policing and enforcement of social distancing orders (i.e., COVID-19 hot spots should not be assigned greater police presence and prioritized enforcement of social distancing measures)
- Public safety assessments to determine whether a person can be released from jail or prison

INTENDED PURPOSE OF DATA –

COVID-19 Data should inform the implementation of the following immediate actions:

- Release of individuals in jails, prisons, and ICE detention facilities
- Transparent, accountable, and community-informed protocols on automated decision systems used for contact tracing and other public health concerns

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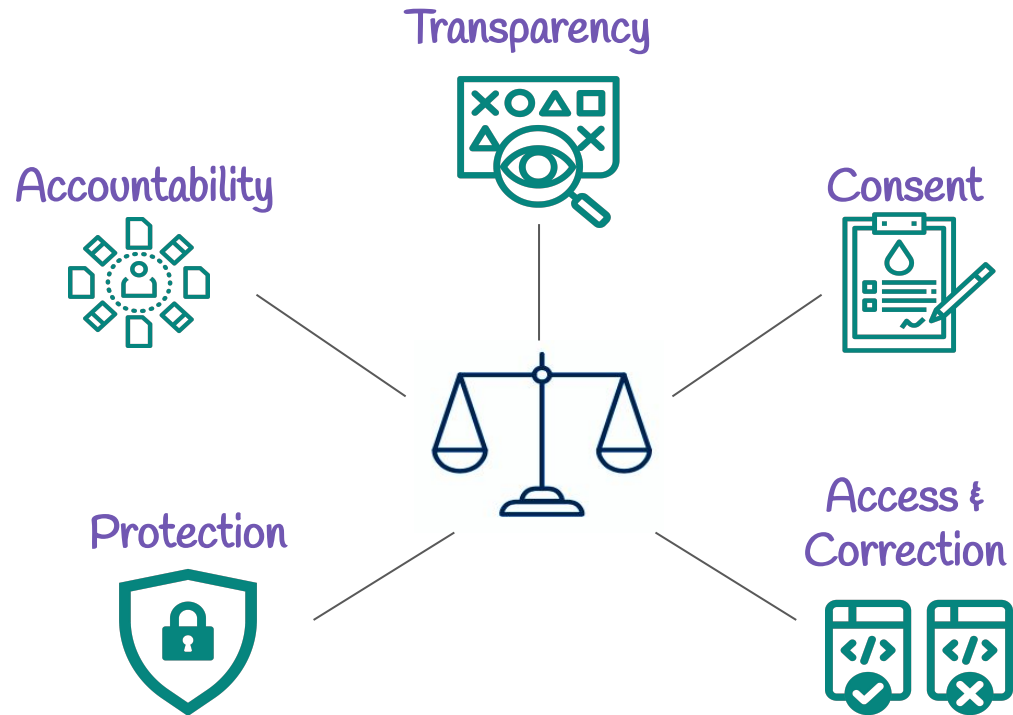


Data Privacy Fundamentals



Privacy isn't new...



























Privacy Act of 1974
Code of Fair Information
Practice




...until recently



What information is “private”?

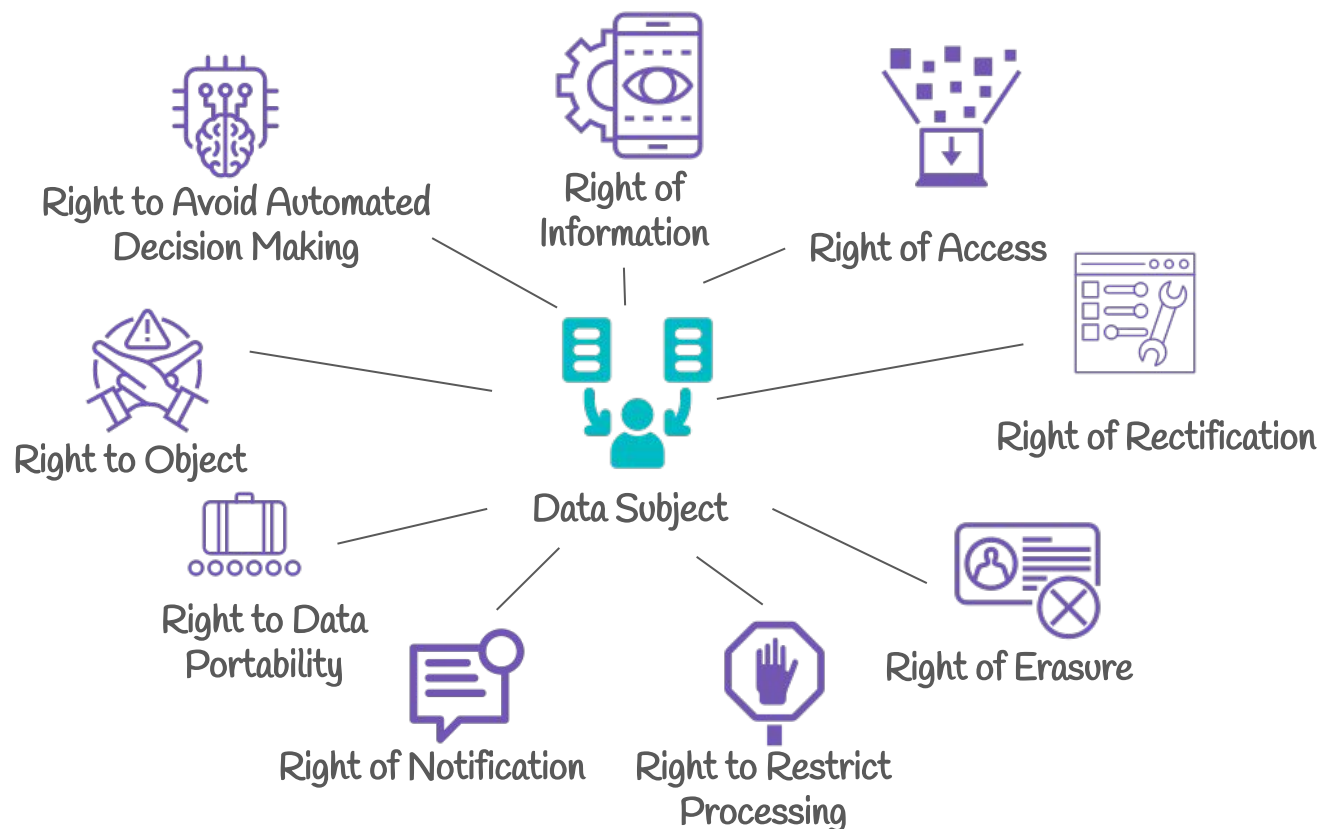
Personal Identifying Information Examples				
Personal Identifying Information (PII)		Sensitive Information	GDPR Special Category	
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 Address	 Device Identifiers	 Passport	 Religious/Philo. Belief	 Sexuality
 Phone Number	 Geolocation	 Health Records	 Political Opinion	
 Email	 Gender	 Financial Records	 Trade Union Membership	
 Birthdate	 Password	 Drivers License	 Biometric	
 Citizenship	 Password Hint	 Credit Card	 Genetic	



GDPR and US-based Organizations



GDPR: Privacy as an Individual Right



Who owns the data?



Information Management

Incorporating Ethics and Privacy



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Frameworks for Implementing Ethics

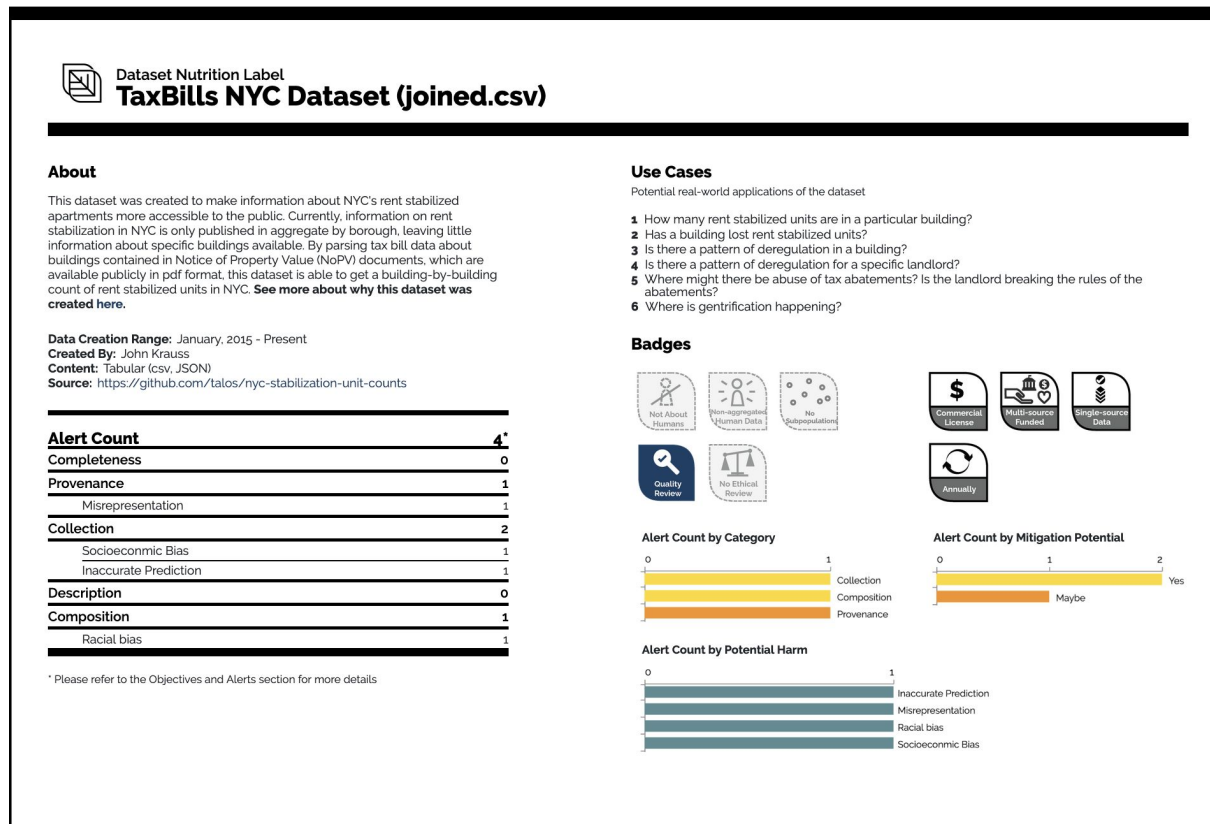


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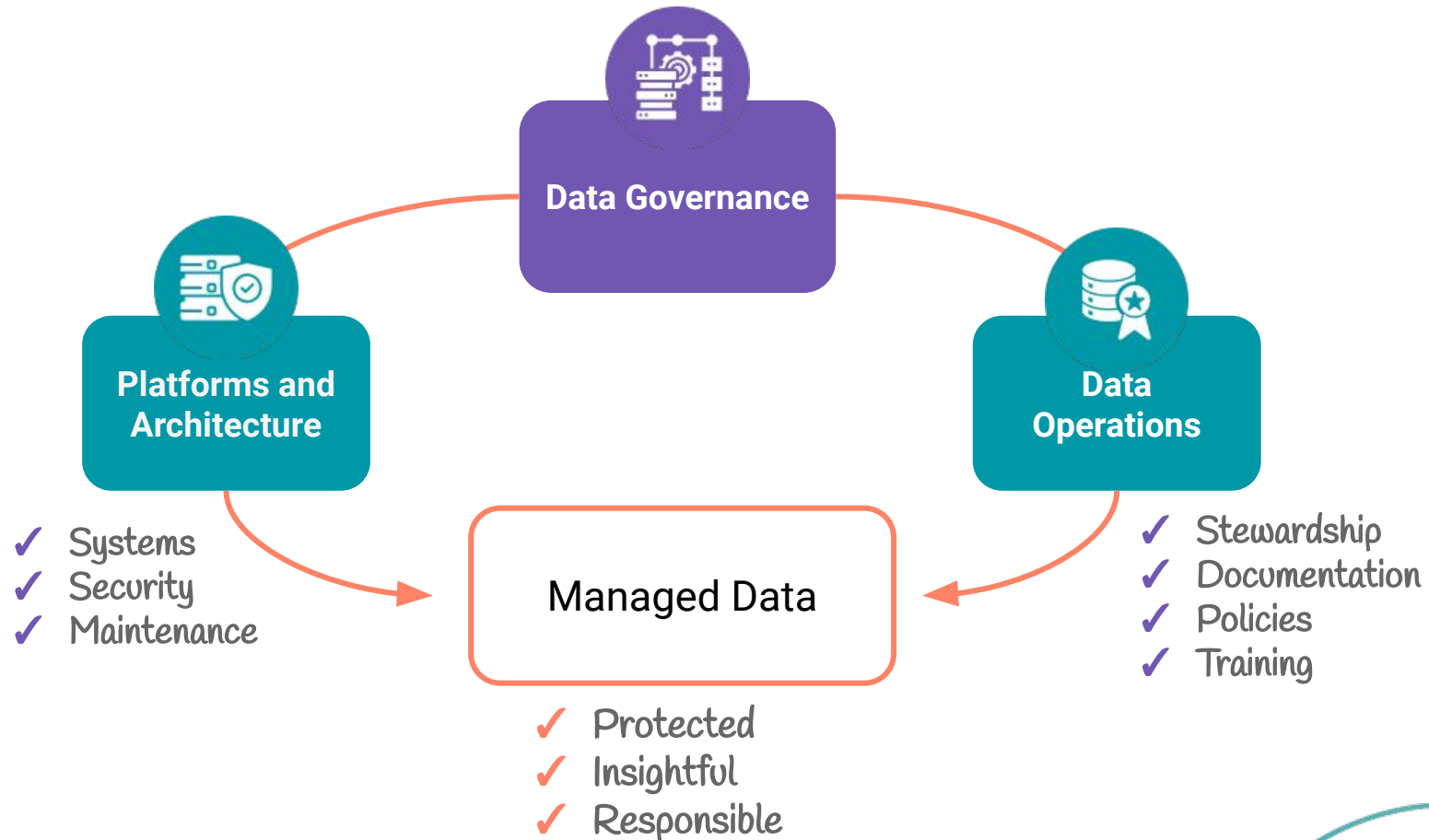
Frameworks for Implementing Ethics

- Datasheets for Datasets
- Data Ethics Canvas

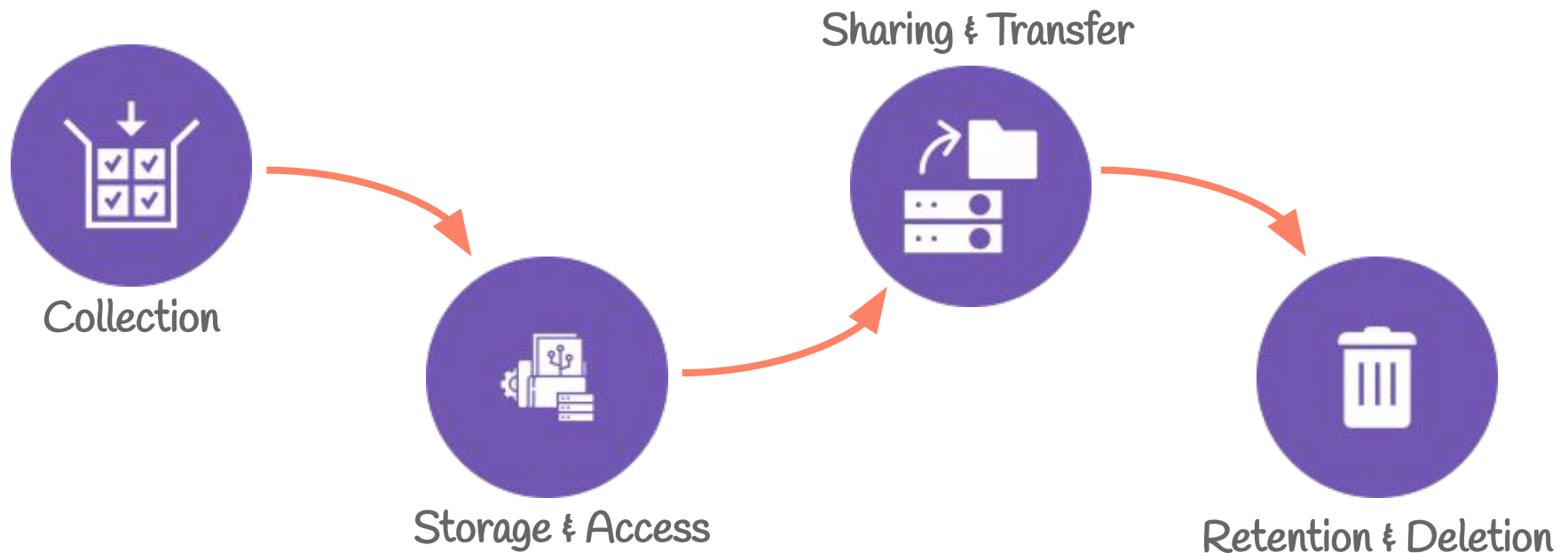


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Privacy compliance and ethical practices necessitate management



Management across the lifecycle



Applying a privacy and ethics mindset...



Collection

What are our data sources?

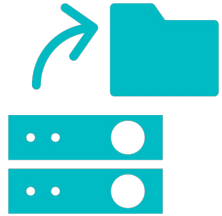
Applying a privacy and ethics mindset...



Storage and Access

Who has access to the information?

Applying a privacy and ethics mindset...



Transfer and Sharing

Do individuals know their information is shared?

Applying a privacy and ethics mindset...



Retention

Do we keep information only as long as we need it?

Culture of Responsible Data

- Prioritizing more responsible practices
- Asking the hard questions



What Next?

Go to roundtabletechnology.com/data-privacy to sign up for a Free 30 Minute Data Consultation

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- Data Health Check-Up
- Personal Identifying Information Examples
- Individual Rights to Privacy
- Presentation Slides

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Appendix



Privacy and Ethics Questions



Collection



Do we need everything we collect?



What sensitive information do we collect?



What are our data sources?



Do we ask for consent?



Are collection points secure?

Privacy and Ethics Questions



Storage and Access



Where do we store information?



How secure is storage?



Who has access to the information?

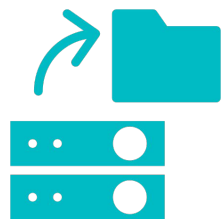


Do we have handling policies?



How do we teach our colleagues?

Privacy and Ethics Questions



Transfer and Sharing



Do we share information? *With whom?*



How do we share information?



Do individuals know their information is shared?

Privacy and Ethics Questions



Retention



Do we keep information only as long as we need it?



How do we archive or remove information?



Do we remove information securely?












Personal Identifying Information Examples



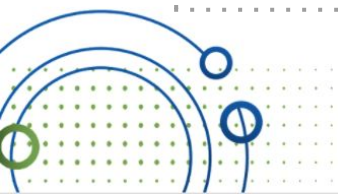
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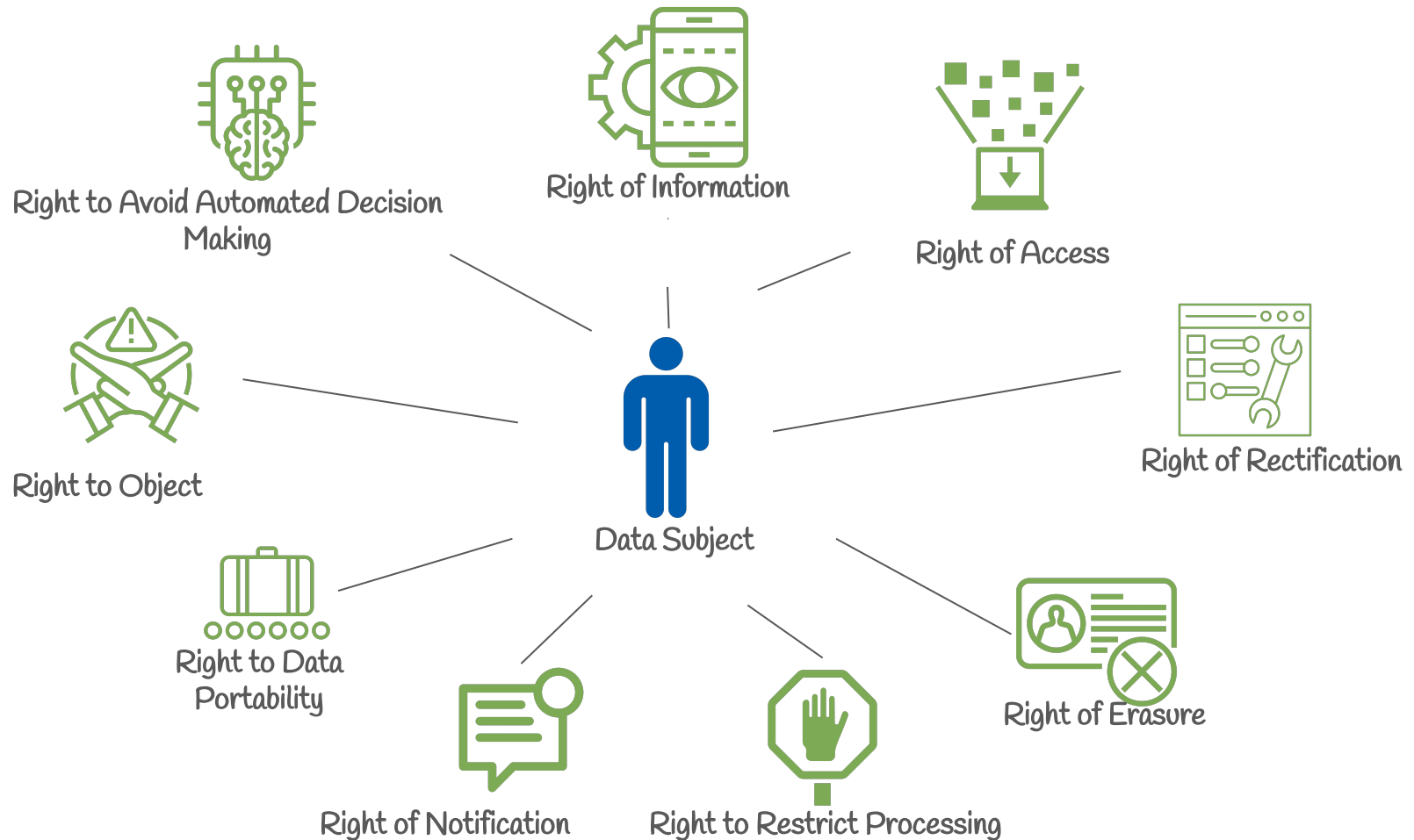
GDPR Special Category

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 Citizenship	 Password Hint	 Credit Card	 Genetic	

**These are common samples of protected information - specific data elements that are protected will vary depending upon the regulation.*



Individual Rights to Privacy



Adapted from:
[General Data Protection Regulation - Rights of the Data Subject Articles 12-23](#)

