### Quantitative Privacy Risk Analysis R. Jason Cronk\* & Stuart S. Shapiro





## **Talk Outline**

Why measure privacy risk? What is privacy risk? Quantitative privacy risk modeling Discussion





## Why measure risk?

- Prioritize risk mitigation efforts
- Fit within acceptable tolerance levels
- Comply with laws and regulations

GDPR Article 25 Data Protection by Design and Default

"Taking into account the state of the art, the cost of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risks of varying likelihood and severity for rights and freedoms of natural persons posed by the processing, the controller shall, ..."





The likelihood of a threat exploiting a vulnerability and resulting in adverse consequences

### What is "risk?"





#### Factors Analysis of Information Risk (FAIR) - Privacy







# **Quantifying risk**



### What is privacy "risk?"

#### Threat exploiting a vulnerability and resulting in adverse consequences



Threat = Wicked Witch Watches (threat actor and means)

Vulnerability = Oz is visible through Crystal Ball

Consequences = Dorothy and party are surveilled



**Time Period:** Dorothy's trip to Oz

**At-Risk:** Dorothy and her compatriots

Threat Actor: Wicked Witch

Capability (skills and resources): Crystal Ball

Impediments: None





| Ent l | Awareness | No | ne   | • |   |  |          | Violation? |
|-------|-----------|----|--|---|---|--|----------|------------|
|       |           |    |  |   | Doroth  | у  | Yes      |            |
|       | Benefit   | No | None   |   | Scarecrow   |  | row      | Yes        |
|       |           |    |  |   |   | Lion                                     |          | Yes        |
|       | Consent   | No | ne   |   |   | TinMar                                   | n        | No         |
|       |           |    |  |   |   |  | Severity | 75%        |
|       | Magnitude |    | Severity<br>Secondary<br>Consequency<br>Risk |   | Seconda<br>Conseque<br>Frequer<br>Second<br>Conseque<br>Magnitu | ary<br>ence<br>ncy<br>ary<br>ence<br>ude |          |            |

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|                                       |    |          |         |    | Vio    | lation? |          |
|---------------------------------------|----|----------|---------|----|--------|---------|----------|
|                                       |    | Dorot    | thy     |    | Yes    |         |          |
| Scared                                |    | Scare    | ecrow   |    | Yes    |         |          |
| 0                                     |    | Lion     |         |    | Yes    |         |          |
| .75                                   |    | TinM     | an      |    | No     |         |          |
| 1                                     |    | Severity |         |    | 75%    |         |          |
| 0                                     |    |          |         |    |        |         |          |
|                                       |    |          | Delayed |    | Burned | Rusted  | Scared   |
| Secondary<br>Consequence<br>Frequency | Fr | eq.      | 100%    | 7  | 75%    | 25%     | 50%      |
| Secondary<br>Consequence<br>Magnitude | M  | ag.      | 1 hour  | 1% | to 5%  | 20%     | .75 to 1 |

|           | Delayed | Burned | Rusted | Scared |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dorothy   | 1 hour  | 1%     | 0%     | 0      |
| Scarecrow | 1 hour  | 5%     | 0%     | .75    |
| Lion      | 1 Hour  | 0%     | 0%     | 1      |
| Tin Man   | 1 Hour  | 1%     | 20%    | 0      |

**Privacy Risk** 

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Magnitude

Secondary Consequency Risk

**Privacy Risk** 

3 Violations of Privacy (e.g. people surveilled) 4 hours of delay

3 burns over 1-5% of their body

1 Rusting over 20 percent of their body 2 People scared from .75 to 1 on a 0-1 scale



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- Each factor uses a probability distribution to represent uncertainty and variance in values
- Monte Carlo method used to simulate thousands of trial periods



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Use Case – Data Transfer Risk Assessments (Article 46 GDPR)



Alternatively, you may decide to proceed with the transfer without being required to implement supplementary measures, *if you consider that you have no reason to believe that relevant and problematic legislation will be applied, in practice,* to your transferred data and/or importer.

- European Data Protection Board







**At-Risk:** Data subjects of transferred data

**Threat Actor**: Government authorities

**Capability:** Do they have legal (warrant, subpoena, etc.) or technical skills and resources

**Impediments:** Supplemental Measures

Secondary Consequences:

Unable to exercise rights of redress, erasure, access No-fly list, arrest, seizure



## Questions

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## BACKUP SLIDES – Privacy Design Strategies



### Mapping FAIR to Privacy Design Strategies







### BACKUP SLIDES -Comparison with Privacy Risk for Data Subject Aware Threat Modeling (IWPE 2019)



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### **Privacy Harms** FAIR-P

#### Solove Taxonomy of Privacy

- Collection •
  - Surveillance
  - Interrogation
- Information Processing •
  - Aggregation
  - Identification
  - Insecurity
  - Exclusion

- Information Dissemination
  - Disclosure  $\bullet$
  - Exposure
  - **Increased Accessibility**
  - Breach of Confidentiality ٠
  - Appropriation ٠
  - Distortion •
- Invasion

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- Intrusion ٠
- **Decisional Interference** ۲

### **Privacy Risk for Data Subject** Aware Threat Modeling





#### **IDENTIFIABILITY**



#### NON-REPUDATION



DETECTABILITY





### **Frequency Factors**

#### Data Subject Aware Threat Modeling



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### **Magnitude Factors**

#### Data Subject Aware Threat Modeling



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