Using Risk Management to Improve Privacy in Information Systems



Potential Problems for Individuals

Loss of Trust

Loss of Self Determination Loss of Autonomy

Exclusion

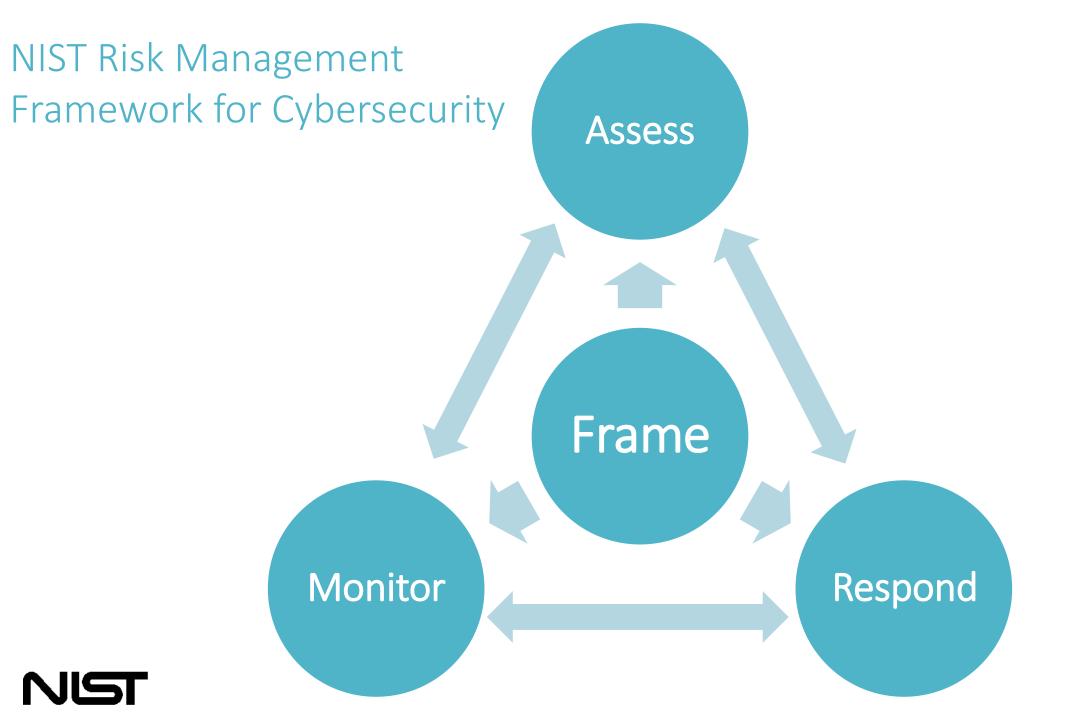
Loss of Liberty

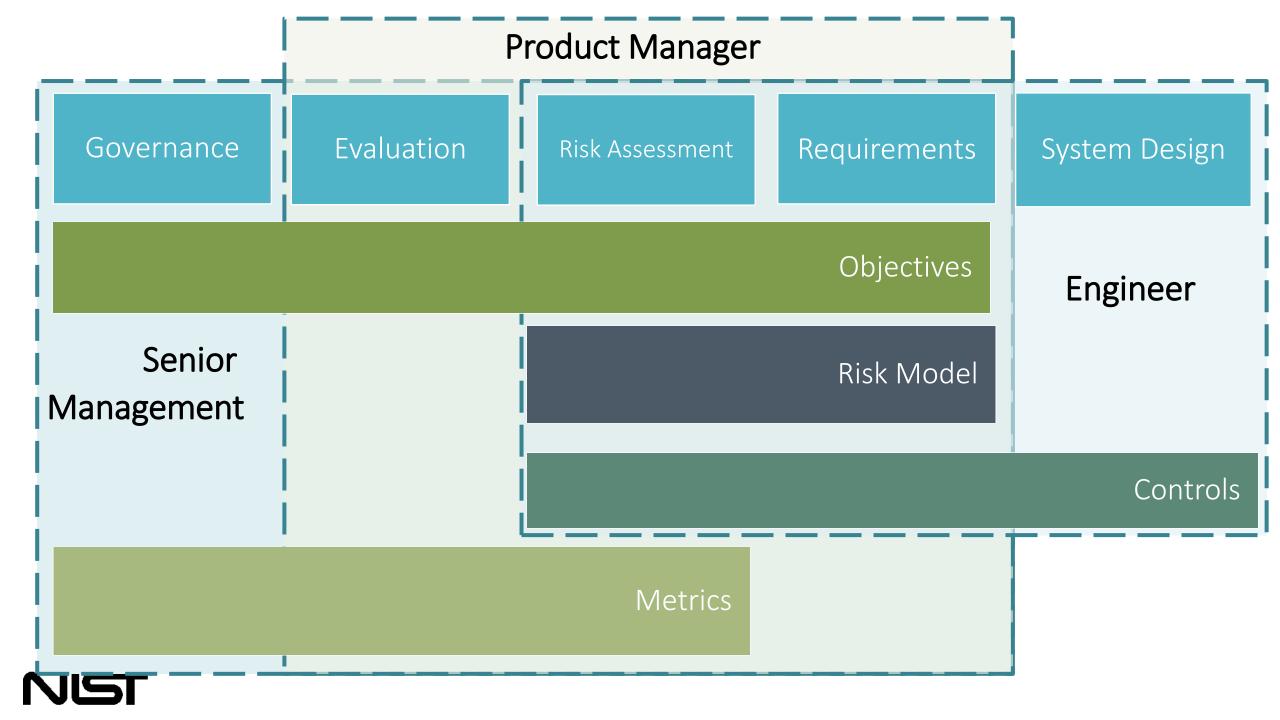
Physical Harm

Stigmatization Discrimination Power Imbalance

Economic Loss







The Right Tool for the Job

Many current privacy approaches are some mixture of governance principles, requirements and controls.

USG FIPPs

Transparency
Individual Participation
Purpose Specification
Data Minimization
Use Limitation

Data Quality and Integrity
Security
Accountability and
Auditing

NIST SP 800-53, Appendix J

Authority and Purpose
Accountability, Audit, and
Risk Management
Data Quality and Integrity
Data Minimization and

Retention

Individual Participation and Redress

Security

Transparency

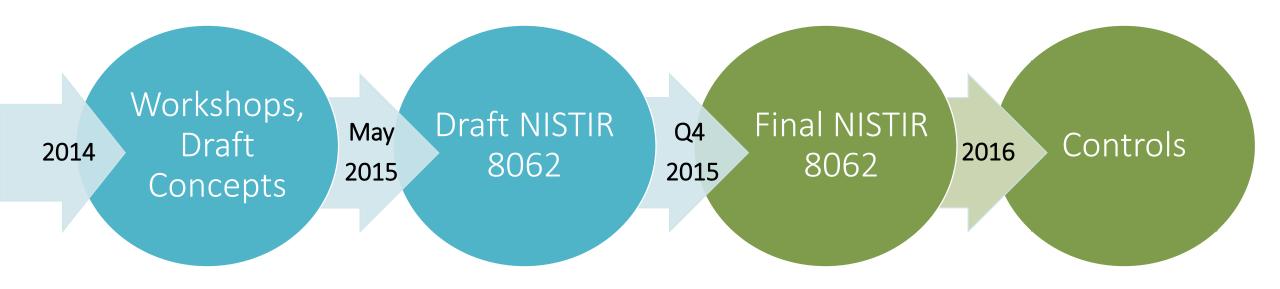
Use Limitation



NIST IR 8062

Privacy Risk Management for Federal Information Systems

NIST Process





Draft Privacy Engineering Objectives

- Design characteristics or properties of the system
- Support policy
- Support control mapping

Predictability is the enabling of reliable assumptions by individuals, owners, and operators about personal information and its processing by an information system.

Manageability is providing the capability for granular administration of personal information including alteration, deletion, and selective disclosure.

Disassociability is enabling the processing of personal information or events without association to individuals or devices beyond the operational requirements of the system.



Security Risk Equation

Security Risk = Vulnerability * Threat * Impact



Privacy Risk Equation

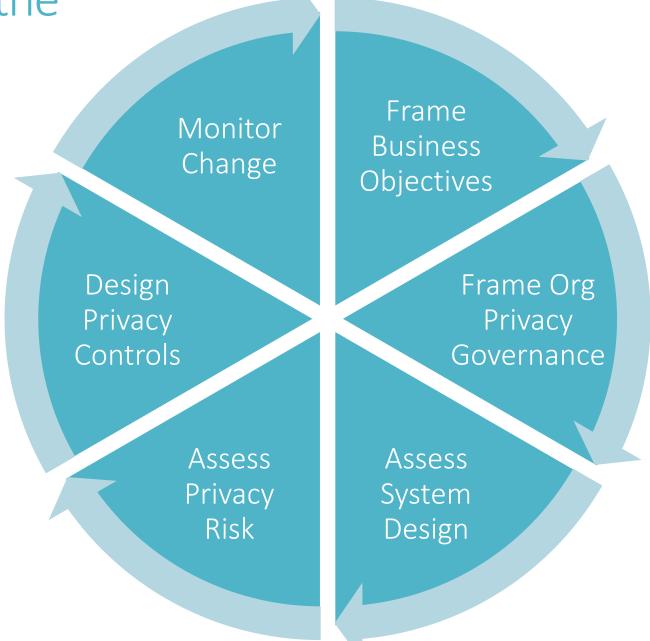
Privacy Risk = Likelihood of a Problematic Data Action * Impact

Likelihood is determined by contextually-based analysis that a data action is likely to create a problem for representative set of individuals

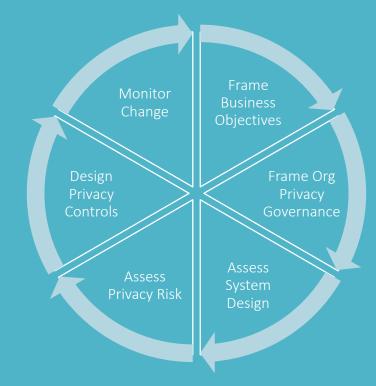
Impact is determined by an analysis of the adverse affects on an organization of creating the potential for privacy problems

Note: Contextual analysis is the comparison of Data Actions, the personal information on which they act, and contextual considerations

Implementing the Theory



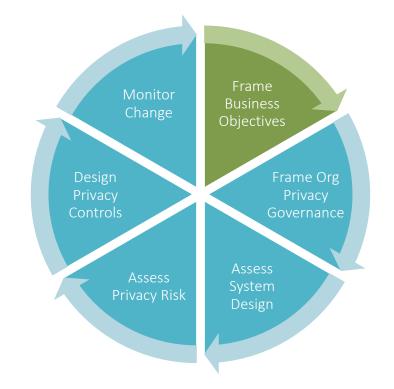




Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology

Frame Business Objectives

Frame the business objectives for the system(s), including the organizational needs served.



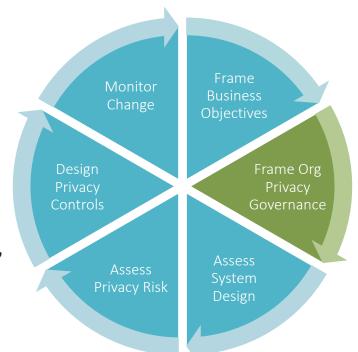
- Describe the functionality of your system(s).
- Describe the business needs that your system(s) serve.
- Describe how your system will be marketed, with respect to any privacy-preserving functionality.



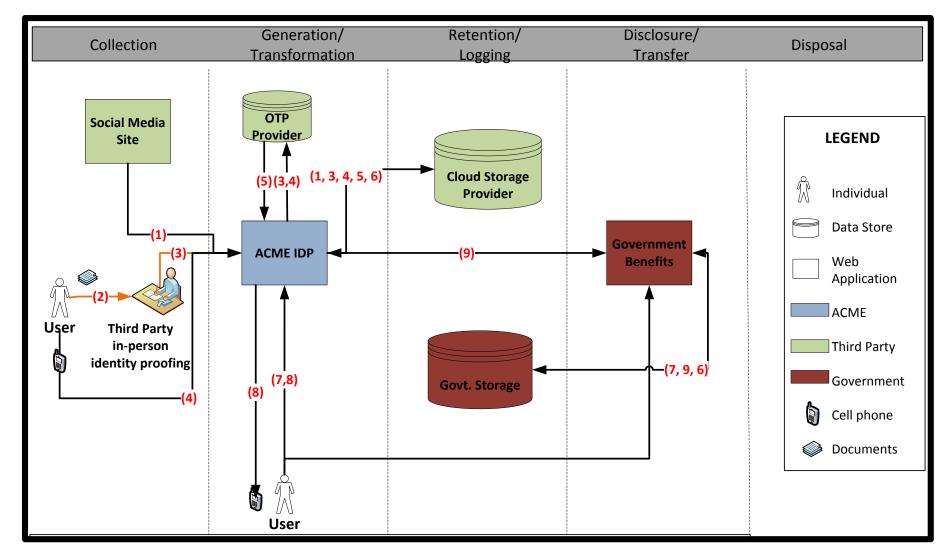
Frame Privacy Governance

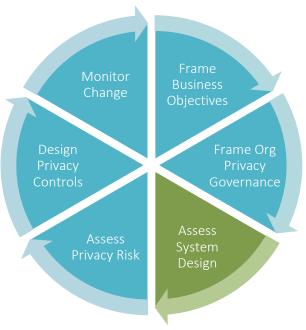
Frame the organizational privacy governance by identifying privacy-related legal obligations, principles, organizational goals and other commitments.

- Legal Environment: Identify any privacy-related statutory, regulatory, contractual and/or other frameworks within which the pilot must operate.
- Identify any privacy-related principles or other commitments to which the organization adheres (FIPPs, Privacy by Design, etc.).
- Identify any privacy goals that are explicit or implicit in the organization's vision and/or mission.
- Identify any privacy-related policies or statements within the organization, or business unit.



Assess System Design – Data Actions







Assess System Design - Context

Example:

An individual wishes to use ACME IDP service to augment a social credential with identity proofing and a second authentication factor to create a stronger credential. This stronger credential will be used to access government benefits.

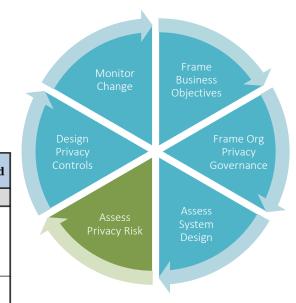
government	government benefits.						
Data Action	Personal Information			Assess Privacy Risk Assess System Design			
Collection from the Social Media Site	- Self-Asserted Full Name - Validated Email -List of Friends -Profile Photograph	 One-time action (per user) between social credential and ACME IDP, but establishes an ongoing relationship between user's social media presence and ACME IDP Social credential linking is visible to user Linking of social credential simplifies access to government benefits system User profile may contain information the user considers sensitive User profile may contain information from other users not participating in the system 	- Full social credential profile access (including picture and list of friends) is not necessary for fulfilling operational purpose - Will users understand the eventual high-assurance credential is controlled by ACME and not by their social credential provider? - How will perception of the social media organization's privacy practices impact users' willingness to consent to this data action? - Will the user understand ACME will have	Design			
Site		E					
		System includes both govern					
		System includes both government benefits agency and commercial service providers Multiple privacy policies governing system					
		Public perception: high expectation of privacy with					
		Relationships: No pre-existing relationship with ACME IDP, regular is	ractions with social credential provider				
		System Personal information is not intended to be made public.					
		Personal information is not intended to be made public New system, no history with affected individuals. Low similarity with existing systems/uses of social identity.					
		. accounty.					
		High sensitivity about government benefits provided by system					
		Users exhibit various levels of technical sophistication Potential user confusion regarding who "owns" the various segments of each system					
		20% of users use privacy settings at social provider					
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Assess Privacy Risk

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	Data Actions	Summary Issues	Problematic Data Actions	Potential Problems for Individuals	Likelihood
		Full social credential profile access (including picture and list of friends) is not necessary for fulfilling operational purpose.	-Appropriation -Induced disclosure	Stigmatization: Information is revealed about the individual that they would prefer not to disclose.	7
Collect	Collection from the Social		-Surveillance -Unanticipated Revelation	Power Imbalance: People must provide extensive information, giving the acquirer an unfair advantage.	2
	Media Site	Will users understand the eventual high-assurance credential is controlled by ACME and not by their social credential provider?	-This summary issue will be associated with another data action.		NA
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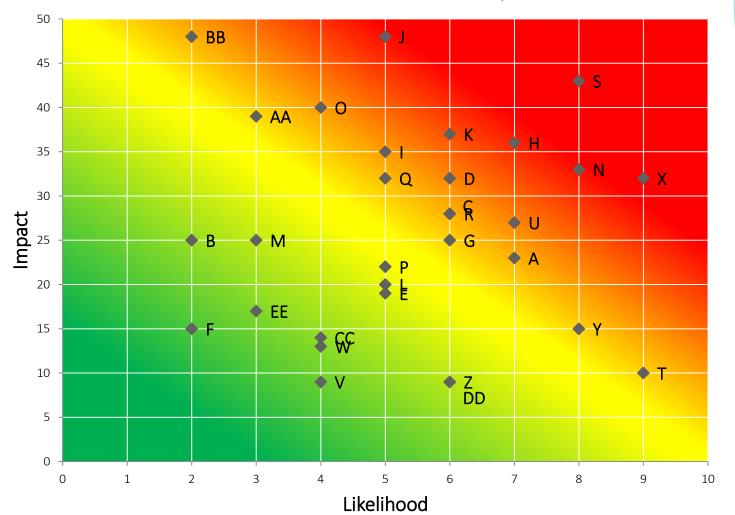


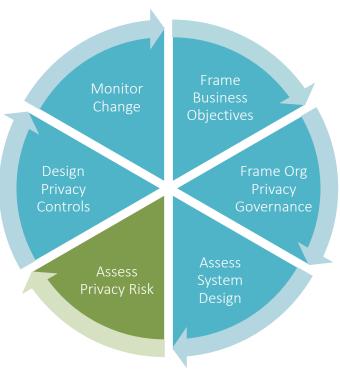
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					Noncompliance Costs	Direct Business Costs	Reputational Costs	Internal Culture Costs	Other	
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				Power Imbalance	7	6	8	4		25
		How will perception of the social media organization's privacy practices impact users' willingness to consent to this data action?	disclosure	Loss of Trust	7	6	8	7		28



Assess Privacy Risk

Problem Prioritization Heat Map







Resources

NIST Privacy Engineering Website:

http://csrc.nist.gov/projects/privacy_engineering/index.html

Draft NISTIR 8062:

http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsDrafts.html#NIST-IR-8062

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