



SPATIAL PRIVACY AUDIT FRAMEWORK

What is a Privacy Audit?

Privacy Audits can be a useful progression from the privacy impact assessment process to measure the effectiveness of current privacy practices. The audit process also gauges compliance with existing legal environment as well as corporate privacy strategies.

What is a Spatial Privacy Audit?

Organisations should review their data practices on an on-going basis to ensure that they are appropriate, effective and responsive to current privacy expectations, legislation, and technology. Even though, spatial privacy can still be managed under current information privacy practices, the complex nature of spatial data may pose certain risks to the business that may warrant specific strategies targeted towards spatial privacy management.

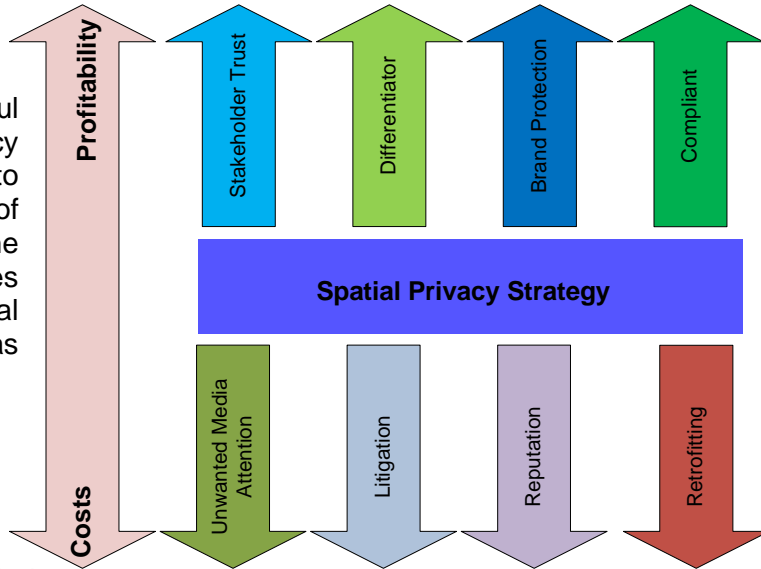
Why do a Spatial Privacy Audit?

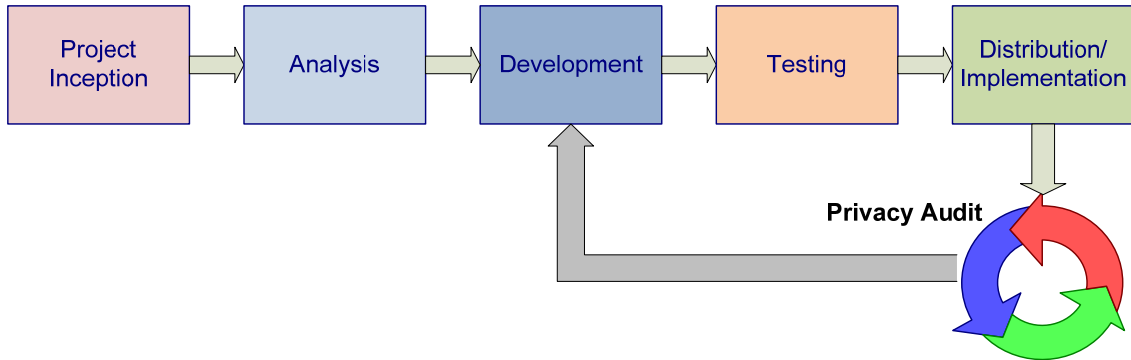
Spatial information systems may encompass other aspects of privacy (such as territorial privacy and bodily privacy) in addition to the traditional information privacy elements. As a result, location of a place may be associated with a person or group and synthesized to generate new personal information (not disclosed by data subject) or sensitive personal information (without the knowledge or consent of data subject). These inferences may not be necessarily true, further adding to the complexity.

A spatial privacy audit program may be helpful to ensure that aforementioned scenarios are avoided, the appropriateness and effectiveness of a privacy strategy is assessed, and compliance with the regulatory regime or standards of practice is measured.

When to do a privacy audit?

A privacy audit is generally performed after deployment and implementation of a project. Statutory offices (Federal, Victorian and NSW Privacy commissioners) responsible for privacy encourage organizations to conduct self audits as part of on-going risk management.





OMNILINK's Approach

OMNILINK can assist organizations to conduct self audits of their spatial privacy practices organisation-wide or for a project. We are also able to advise on specific elements of a project, and can customize solutions according to clients' requirements.

OMNILINK's Spatial Privacy Audit framework takes stock of personal spatial information holdings, identifies the needs for the different functions within the domain, and identifies current information practices. The key deliverable is an audit report which assesses regulatory compliance. The process is targeted at identifying and dealing with problems before they arise in complex technical projects involving spatial data.

Why OMNILINK?

OMNILINK possesses the domain knowledge of the spatial industry and can also advise on the appropriate and effective privacy protective measures (technological, legislative and policy) that could be implemented. Being the only consultancy operating in spatial privacy, we believe that this combination of skills would help us serve you better.

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