



**High Level Customer Centric Extracts from Data  
Privacy and Protection Policy**

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## 1. OBJECTIVE

Dependence on Data / Information is high in the present digitized and networked environment. At Tech Mahindra, (Here after it will be referred as "TechM") this increases the risk of information being copied or stolen, or modified, hidden, encrypted, misused or destroyed. Although the defined controls provide an essential element of protection, these only deliver a percentage of the required protection, the most effective defense being achieved through awareness and good working practices.

This policy document forms TechM's **Data Privacy and Protection Policy** in support of the **Information Security Policy**. Compliance with this Policy will minimize the risk to information that is being compiled, used, transported, processed or held within/outside TechM premises and aligns with the Indian IT Act 2000, the EU Data Privacy Protection Directive, 1995, the UK's Data Protection Act 1998, the USA's- Safe Harbor Principles and other related privacy principles and best practices.

The purpose of this policy is to define the requirements to safeguard personal data which includes Personal Information ("PI") and Sensitive Personal Information ("SPI"), as defined below, related to TechM or its clients that are accessed or contained on any system, portable device and portable electronic storage media on or off TechM premises, and the procedures to be followed. This policy also explains how the most important PI and SPI which identifies TechM staff (also referred to as "associates" in this policy) will be used and processed by and on behalf of the TechM group.

In addition, the aim is to ensure that associates handling the PI or SPI are fully aware of the data privacy and protection requirements and handle it in accordance with the data protection procedures.

This policy must be read in conjunction with all other relevant Information Security policies, Data Security policies and HR policies as necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this policy shall supersede the provisions regarding data protection and privacy contained in the data provided by the respective client or any related documents signed for the protection of such data including but not limited to:

- In any Data Protection Policy provided by the Client to TechM;
- Any Data Breach Policy provided by the Client to TechM;
- In the agreement between the Client and TechM

## 2. SCOPE

This policy covers PI or SPI held in (electronic & paper form) including that held in associated IT infrastructures such as software, networks, desktops, laptops, tapes (eg. audio and CCTV) and servers at all TechM facilities.

## 3. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all business units and associates of TechM who create, store or access PI and/or SPI. This policy defines the minimum requirements for data privacy and protection which need to be complied with by TechM and its associates. Clients may adopt more stringent requirements depending on their in-country specific regulations and compliance on data privacy and protection. Whilst it is recognized that compliance with all aspects of this policy cannot be policed, those to whom it applies will be held accountable and responsible for any aspect of non-compliance involving them that subsequently comes to light under the Enforcement clause of this Policy.

TechM believes in Maintaining contracts and agreements with third parties and affiliates consistent with the data privacy policy, legal requirements, and operational risk tolerance. Tech M follows procedures to maintain data privacy requirements for third parties (e.g. vendors, processors, affiliates). Privacy professionals evaluate all the MSA and SOW for Privacy and security requirements. Tech M Conduct due diligence around the data privacy, security posture of potential vendors / processors, maintains a vendor data privacy risk assessment process & maintains use of cloud providers.

#### 4. DEFINITIONS

**Business Requirements:** Requirements that can be traced back to the planning and execution of TechM's vision, mission, business goals and objectives, and its compliance to all relevant laws, regulations, policies and procedures.

**Personal Data - Or Personal Information (PI)** – (Also known as Personally Identifiable Information) Any information that, when used alone or combined with other data, may be used to identify a living individual. This includes, but is not limited to:

- an individual's first and last name,
- an individual's Internet ID (not necessary his/her name)
- e-mail address,
- mailing and/or residential addresses,
- telephone number,
- title,
- birth date,
- gender,
- occupation,
- contact information,
- credit card or bank information,
- biographical information (where it is combined with information that identifies someone).

**Sensitive Personal Information (SPI)** - means any personal information like:

- password, (note even if applicable law may not categorise passwords as sensitive TechM does and you should treat them accordingly),
- national insurance number,
- social security numbers,
- race
- ethnic origin
- sexual orientation
- political opinions
- religious or philosophical beliefs
- trade union memberships that contains individuals health-related records (e.g. patient records, medical photographs, diet information, hospital information records, biological traits and genetic material),
- criminal records
- legal investigations and proceedings, etc.

**Processing** - is obtaining, using, holding, amending, disclosing, destroying deleting, transferring and any other activity with personal data. This includes some paper based personal data as well as that kept on computers.

**Data Subject** - is an individual who is the subject of personal data

**Data Controller** --: The Legal entities alone or with others, control the Purpose and manner in which the personal data are used, for example TechM in its role as Provider of employment and other related services/benefits to the employees

**Data Processor** - is someone who provides services to its clients and processes personal data on behalf of a data controller. (for example TechM in its role as a service provider to its clients)

**Portable Devices:** Electronic computing and communications devices designed for mobility, including laptop, desktop, tablets, smart phones, in-vehicle personal computers, personal data/digital assistants (PDAs), cellular phones, and other devices that have the ability to store data electronically.

**Portable Electronic Storage Media (Portable Storage):** Includes floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, optical platters, flash memory drives, backup tapes, USB HDDs, and other electronic storage media or devices that provide portability or mobility of data.

**Secured Storage Environment:** Data storage devices and support systems, such as direct attached server storage and Storage Area Network (SAN) devices, managed by our TIM team or provided explicitly under contract, and are secured by physical and logical means consistent with data storage best practices and TechM's Information Security Policy recommendations ensuring Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability (CIA).

## 5. HIGH LEVEL POLICY

Personal/Sensitive Personal Data (PI or SPI) that is held or processed in any form including paper/electronic form within/outside TechM premises, related to TechM or its clients, must be protected appropriately and always in line with TechM's and its clients' policies and procedures.

Such data must be collected and used fairly, stored safely and not disclosed to any other person unlawfully in each case in line with the provisions of TechM policies and client senior manager directions. Physical access to and transmission and storage of PI or SPI shall be restricted to only those who require such access as part of their day to day job function.

TechM is committed to protect the PI or SPI of its associates as well of its customer's no matter where it is collected, transported, processed or retained within the scope of the applicable contractual as well as regulatory requirements.

## 6. DETAILED POLICY

If you require more detailed Policy, Procedure information on how TechM assures and ensures Data Privacy and Protection please write email to:

[Corporateombudsman@techmahindra.com](mailto:Corporateombudsman@techmahindra.com)

TechM also has a nominated & designated appointed DPO who can be reached at [dpo@techmahindra.com](mailto:dpo@techmahindra.com) for escalation of privacy issues

### COMPLIANCE

1. Associates shall note and comply with the applicable data protection and privacy laws and take note of the relevant guidelines and industry codes of practices and standards.
2. Compliance shall be indicated by individual and organizational adherence to the requirements and procedures of this policy and Data Privacy and Protection Directives of the Client.
3. In addition, associates need to undergo regular trainings on Data security and Privacy and be aware of the security procedures and control requirements as mentioned in the agreement and/or the regulatory requirements provided by the Client.
4. The internal Information security team to regularly audit and assess the compliance to the security and Privacy requirements and report it through Online Audit Management tools.
5. All the Information Security and Privacy related incidents to be reported immediately through an Online Incident Management portal. Such incidents will be further escalated depending on the type of the incidents and the contacts for the relevant locations as defined in the TechM Incident Management Policy and procedure.
6. With regard to breach of Security and Privacy policies, the organisation and individual may be liable for costs incurred as a result of loss, theft or unauthorised use of PI or SPI and remedy measures as relevant. The actions will be taken based on HR policy and Legal team's opinion regarding the issue.

7. For business reasons, and in order to carry out legal obligations in our role as an employer, use of our IT and telephone systems including devices which we allow our staff to access and use are monitored. Further, TechM reserves the right to retrieve the contents of messages sent and searches made by and to inspect content stored on company owned devices. Monitoring is only carried out if and to the extent permitted or as required by law and as necessary and justifiable for business purposes. If evidence of misuse of TechM and its group's IT systems is found, TechM may undertake a more detailed investigation in accordance with its disciplinary policy. If necessary, the matter may be referred to the Police Authority for criminal investigation. Investigations and disclosure of information to the relevant authorities shall be carried out in terms of the applicable laws.
8. In order to fulfil the Data Privacy laws and regulations, TechM reserves the right to disclose an individual's PI and SPI to law enforcement agencies, regulatory bodies and, government agencies as required by law or for statutory compliances.
9. All the data having PI & SPI shall be captured under Asset Inventory maintained as a part of Risk Assessment and Risk treatment plan to assess the risk associated with data privacy. TV list to be referred mandatorily during risk assessment process. For further details about Risk Assessment and Risk treatment plan, refer the Risk Management Guidelines and Asset Inventory and Risk Assessment template available on TechM BMS portal.

## 7. EXTRACT FROM HR DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Sr No	Violation Category	Description	Violation Examples	Action
2	Misuse of Privileged Access or Rights	Misuse of privileged access or rights or assets or resources.	Sharing or unauthorized use of individual passwords or credentials or devices (example Security Tokens, ID or Access Cards, etc.) used for authentication or authorization for maintain information security or data privacy	L II / L III (Depending on Intent / Impact / Extent of Misuse / Possible Impact)
3	Violation Leading to Low / Medium Security Impact	Any action or attempt that impacts or could impact TechM or its customers or vendors or other parties' information security, business continuity, data privacy or lead to Contractual, Legal, Financial or other business issues.	Using unauthorized or unapproved means for data transmission or sharing or storage or exchange that could lead to information being leaked (e.g. using Dropbox for storing project data without approval, using personal pen drive for sharing data)	L II / L III (Depending on Intent / Impact / Extent of Misuse / Possible Impact)

4	Violation Leading to Serious Implications or High Security Impact	Any action or attempt that could or that seriously impacts TechM or its customers or vendors or other parties information security, business continuity, data privacy or lead to Contractual, Legal, Financial or other business issues.	Violation of Client IPR or Code of Conduct	L III
			Sharing with unauthorized persons or parties, information that is protected as per law or is critical to customer business (e.g. Personal Information of client's customers)	
			Gain access to confidential or proprietary information by unlawful or unauthorized means	
5	Unauthorized Information Disclosure or Extrusion	Data disclosure or movement or copying without approval or authorization.	Disclosing confidential or proprietary information (which includes but is not limited to financial information, new business or product ideas, marketing strategies or plans, employee information or information regarding clients of our customer or vendor, customer list, technical product information, source code or test scripts, application executables, computer or network access credentials or codes, business relationships, etc.) to any unauthorized person or making unauthorized copies of the same or sharing / uploading the same outside TechM or customer domain (e.g. to personal mail, personal storage, internet data sharing sites) without approval.	L III
6	Malicious Activity	Any malicious activity or action or attempt	Unauthorised deletion or manipulation of information or actions causing information or assets or services to be lost/ inaccessible/ impacted	L III

Level III	Serious misconduct wherein the delinquent associate has been found to have compromised with the values of Tech Mahindra / commitment to customers, internal and external / commitment to investors / reputation of the company and/or failure to take corrective action on written reprimand and/or serious violations of policy and procedures resulting into financial / reputation loss to Tech Mahindra or posing serious security concerns/ affecting Tech Mahindra's market image or having major financial / legal implications.	Termination of services by way of dismissal
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**DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Discipline" means ethical behavior, living by the values of the organization and fairness in dealing. The definition of 'misconduct' is enumerated below:
2. Misconduct means:
  - Failure to obey orders, rules, or instructions, or failure to discharge the duties for which an individual was employed; or
  - substantial disregard of the employer's interests or of the associate's duties and obligations to the employer; or
  - Evincing such willful or wanton disregard of an employer's interests as is found in deliberate violations or disregard of standards of behavior which the employer has the right to expect of an associate; or
  - Carelessness or negligence of such degree or recurrence as to manifest equal culpability or wrongful intent.
  - Failure to comply with the Information Security policies and procedures enforced from time to time.

**8. EXTRACT FROM DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION POLICY**

Following are the extracts from Data Privacy and Protection Policy where TechM acts as a data processor on behalf of its customers

**A: Collection of Personal Data**

Data Processor for Customer data	<p>Collection of PI or SPI on behalf of Client shall be done fairly and transparently, kept up-to-date, stored safely with proper security measures as per the contractual requirements, Also it needs to be deleted when the data is no longer needed and not disclosed to any other person unlawfully.</p> <p>TechM to have a proper <b>Data Transfer</b> /Data Processor Agreement in place with its customers regarding collection of personal data.</p> <p>PI or SPI needs to be identified by the Business Head/Delivery Head/Account Manager/Project Manager in the requirements stage (and/or in execution stage) and it should be owned appropriately.</p> <p>Business Head/Delivery Head/Account Manager/Project Manager to ensures to report to ISG for the PI or SPI data, He/She is handling or has access by means of view or audio as part of its business deliverables. Once identified and reported, PIA (Privacy Impact Assessment) will be completed and applicable security control measures shall be chosen and mapped to the security requirements as agreed with the Client</p>
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**B: Access and Storage of Personal/Sensitive Personal Data**

Data Processor for Customer data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TechM to ensure that the DTA or Data Processor Agreement to explicitly state the storage limitation details</li> <li>• Business units/projects shall collect, store and use the PI or SPI based on their business requirements mentioned in the DTA / Data Processor Agreement</li> <li>• Access shall be based on business requirements and limited solely to users authorized by the functional unit.</li> <li>• Not be used or stored outside TechM offices unless there is a business</li> </ul>
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	<p>requirement and agreed with client in written form. Post approval from client, it needs to be approved by the BU Head / TechM Owners and or Custodians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client PI/SPI Only be stored on TechM-owned portable/non-portable devices and storage media if there is a business requirement and is approved by the BU Head/TechM Owners and always following TechM approved data security protocols.</li> </ul>
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## 9. DATA TRANSFER MECHANISM

Tech Mahindra may transfer personal data of its customers, subsidiaries, and its employees across country borders for data processing. To comply to the country's privacy regulations, Tech Mahindra signs a Data Transfer Agreement (DTA) / data processing agreement (DPA) which ensures appropriate data protection controls and approvals from governing authorities for a safe movement of personal data to third countries.

Tech Mahindra contracts use standard contractual clauses (SCC's) for any data transferred across the borders. Based on the data exporter requirements, any additional measures could be agreed and signed in the data transfer agreements after legal review.

Further TechM does not use any customer data for any secondary purposes other than the original purpose

## 10. ANNEXURE

A Privacy Notice is published that applies to the processing of personal data <https://cache.techmahindra.com/cache/investors/Worker-Privacy-Notice.pdf>

## 11. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Version	Date	Author (function)	Approved by	Nature of changes
Issue 1.0	1-July-2020	ISG (Data Privacy Team)	Vasanth Pai	Added Extracts from Data Protection and Privacy Policy and HR Disciplinary Policy