

GDPR Readiness Kit

The Alchemer platform will assist you in complying with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. Visit [Alchemer's GDPR Command Center](#) for additional information.

Privacy Notice and Opt-In Consent

Thanks to our advanced privacy notice and opt-in consent process, our platform enables survey respondents to clearly understand how their data will be used, and have the ability to easily consent to the collection of their data.

This consent is then stored as an “artifact” that can be easily referenced should data collection authorization be questioned.

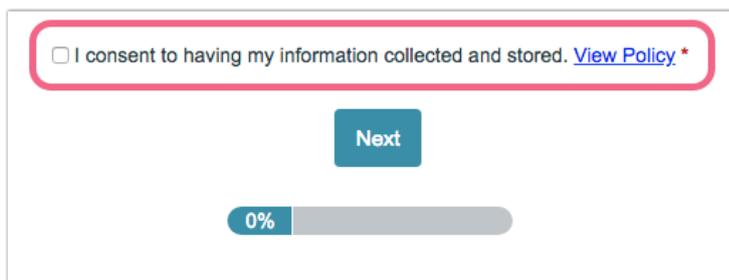
Configure Privacy Notice and Opt-In Consent

Within Alchemer, an Account Administrator can configure a Privacy/Data Use Policy for use on all surveys in the account. The admin can then require use of the configured policy on all surveys.

Not sure what you should include in your Privacy/Data Use Policy?

Review the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) documentation concerning [Lawful basis for processing](#) and [Consent](#).

- Once a Privacy/Data Use policy has been configured and enabled for surveys, a consent checkbox will be displayed to respondents in the survey footer, just above the Next/Submit button. For mobile surveys, the consent checkbox will be in the footer.
- Respondents will be required to consent to your policy before proceeding with your survey. Should a respondent elect to not consent to your policy, they will not be able to proceed in your survey.
- After consenting, respondents will be able to refer to your policy via a link in the footer on subsequent survey pages.
- The Alchemer Privacy Policy will also be available to survey respondents when they click to view your policy.



I consent to having my information collected and stored. [View Policy](#) *

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Privacy/Data Use Policy Setup

1. To configure an account-wide Privacy/Data Use Policy, navigate to **Account > Settings > Account Defaults**. The Privacy/Data Use fields can be found at the bottom of the page.

The screenshot shows the 'Privacy/Data Use' settings page. It contains four main sections, each with a red callout bubble:

- Privacy/Data Use -- Checkbox Text:** A text input field containing 'I consent to having my information collected and stored.' with callout '2'.
- Privacy/Data Use -- Policy Link Text:** A text input field containing 'View Policy' with callout '3'.
- Privacy/Data Use -- Policy Title Text:** A text input field containing '[survey("title")] Privacy Policy' with callout '4'.
- Privacy/Data Use -- Policy:** A large text area containing the default policy text: 'The survey/form creators have not supplied a custom statement for the usage of any data collected and therefore any data you provide could be used for any means.' with callout '5'.

At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled 'Force all surveys to require consent and use the Privacy/Data Use settings above' with callout '6', and a 'Save' button.

2. Start by supplying the **Checkbox Text**. This is the text that the respondent will see next to the consent checkbox. *Make sure to keep this text short, especially if you expect to have respondents taking your survey on mobile devices.*

The screenshot shows a survey consent screen. The text 'I consent to having my information collected and stored.' is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. To its right is a blue link 'View Policy *'. Below the text is a blue 'Next' button.

3. Next, you have the option to customize the **Policy Link Text**. This is the text of the link that the respondent can click on to view your policy. The default for this link text is **View Policy**.

The screenshot shows the same survey consent screen as in the previous step. The blue link 'View Policy *' is now highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. The 'Next' button remains below.

4. You can then customize your **Policy Title Text**. This is the text that will appear at the top of your policy. By default, this text includes the survey title and the words *Privacy Policy*.

The screenshot shows the survey consent screen with a red arrow pointing from the 'View Policy *' link to a modal window. The modal window has a dark background and contains the following text:

- At the top: 'I consent to having my information collected and stored. View Policy *'
- A blue 'Next' button.
- A large heading: **Q1 Feedback Survey Privacy Policy**
- Below the heading: 'The survey/form creators have not supplied a custom statement for the usage of any data collected and therefore any data you provide could be used for any means.'

5. Last, you will want to customize the actual **Policy** text to indicate how you plan to use the supplied respondent data. [How to create your GDPR policy?](#)



6. Now that you have customized the provided fields, you have the option to force this policy to be used on all surveys created on your account. To do so, select **Force all surveys to require consent and use the Privacy/Data Use settings above**. *This setting applies to all surveys on your account, including surveys that have already been created**.
7. Make sure to **Save** your settings to finish!

*With the **Force all survey to require consent...** setting enabled, the Privacy/Data Use policy cannot be customized on a per-survey basis. The policy will be visible within a survey by accessing **Tools > Response Settings**. The fields here will be read-only.

Configure Policy for a Single Survey

If you do not require a Privacy/Data Use Policy for all surveys in your account, a policy can be configured on a per-survey basis.

1. Within the survey, navigate to **Tools > Response Settings**. The Privacy/Data Use fields can be found at the bottom of the page.
2. Select **Require respondent to agree to privacy/data use policy**.
 - a. If an account wide policy has been configured, you will see the customized text in the fields provided. If you do not need to make changes, click **Save Settings** at the bottom of the page to finish.
 - b. If an account-wide policy has not been configured (or if you need to make customizations to the existing policy), you can customize the policy fields here. Review the customization steps [above](#). **Save Settings** to apply your changes.

Translate Privacy/Data Use Policy Fields

If you are running surveys in multiple languages, you will likely want to translate your Privacy/Data Use fields for each language version of your survey.

1. To translate the Privacy/Data Use fields for a given survey, click on **Tools > Text & Translations**.
2. Click on one of the language versions of your survey and access the **Messages** tab.
3. Scroll to the **Privacy/Data Use Messages** section and **Edit** the available fields one-by-one to provide the necessary translations.

Privacy/Data Use Messages			
Privacy/Data Use - Checkbox Text	I consent to having my information collected and stored.	I consent to having my information collected and stored.	Edit
Privacy/Data Use - Policy Link Text	View Policy	View Policy	Edit
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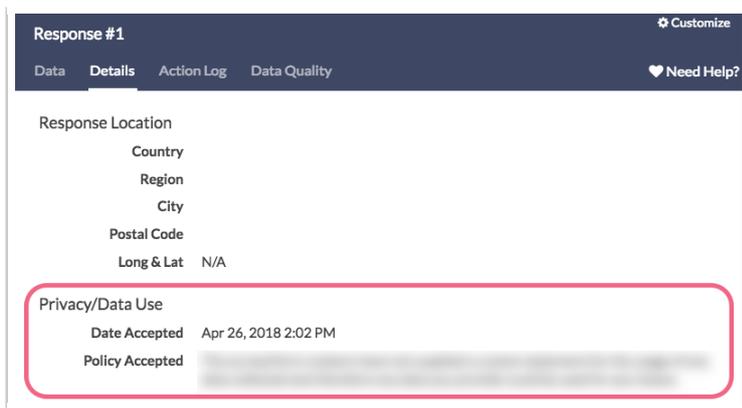
4. Repeat this process for any additional language versions of your survey.

Accessing Stored Consent

If you have enabled a Privacy/Data Use Policy for a survey, you can view the following details about a respondent's acceptance of your policy:

- **Date Accepted** - the date and time that your policy was accepted by the survey respondent
- **Policy Accepted** - the specific wording of the policy that was accepted by the survey respondent

1. To view this policy information, navigate to **Results > Individual Responses**.
2. Locate the response in question and click on the response to view it.
3. Click the **Details** tab and scroll to the **Privacy/Data Use** section to view the Date Accepted and Policy Accepted information for that respondent.



Existing Respondent Data can be Deleted

Our platform is set up to allow for [existing respondent data to be deleted](#).

- Under **Results > Individual Responses** you can review each of your individual responses. Delete responses one-by-one by clicking the trash bin icon on the far right in the response list.
- Select multiple responses to delete using the checkboxes to the left of each response. Then scroll to the top of the list and click the **Delete** button.

Note: Deleting responses this way does allow for response to be restored.

To permanently delete response data, [follow the permanent deletion process](#). Deleting responses is an available feature included in all license types.

Warning: Once responses have been permanently deleted, they cannot be recovered!

Visit additional content on the following topics:

- [Permanently Delete Responses](#)
- [Permanently Delete Surveys](#)

Track Respondent Email Unsubscribe Requests

[Track respondent email unsubscribe requests](#) and import them into other systems to ensure that you are in compliance with the various applicable regulations.

An unsubscribed contact will not receive further invites from any campaign or surveys in the account. This is true regardless of how the contact was added to a given campaign (e.g. uploaded to the campaign itself versus imported from email lists).

A contact can unsubscribe by clicking the unsubscribe link in a survey invitation email, or can be unsubscribed by you from within Alchemer. To unsubscribe a contact within Alchemer, go to the

Contacts page of your email campaign, search for contact's email address and click to edit. On the Contact Info tab [change the Subscription status](#) to **Unsubscribe**.

Customers Can Exercise All or Any of Their Individual Rights Under GDPR

Individual subjects can request any or all of their GDPR individual rights on their data through multiple systems and processes -- via phone, email, or through our main website.

Survey Responses Can be Anonymized

Survey responses can be anonymized to ensure that submitted information is not connected to a natural person.

To configure your survey to collect anonymous responses:

1. Within the survey, navigate to **Tools > Response Settings**.
2. Select the **Anonymous Responses** option.

Visit our documentation for [step by step instructions](#) and additional details.

Note: The Anonymous Responses setting is locked once your survey records at least one response. This means that if you set your survey to be anonymous and collect any data, you will not be able to disable the anonymous setting.

Sources

Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) [Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#)

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