

# GDPR Compliance: How infrastructure as a service can ease your journey

Companies around the world are grappling with how to comply with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Get on the right path to GDPR compliance with Azure IaaS.

## Avoid GDPR Misconceptions



GDPR doesn't apply to organizations that don't do business in the EU.



GDPR applies to any company that has the personal information on file of an EU citizen, regardless of their location.



Getting GDPR compliant is as simple as purchasing the right solution.



There are no solutions on the market that can "make" a company GDPR compliant. It is a significant undertaking and requires an ongoing commitment by the company.



Classifying data is the responsibility of the party that digitizes and stores your data (in this case, the cloud service provider).



The company that collects the data bears sole responsibility for data governance, which includes classifying it, and identifying which data falls under the GDPR's new definitions.



The GDPR requires that personal data stay in the EU.



Under the GDPR, companies may store an EU citizen's personal data outside the EU, but the data must be stored in accordance with GDPR regulations.

## Shared Responsibilities



When you operate in an entirely on-premises model, the security worries are all your own. When using IaaS, the cloud service provider is responsible for elements such as servers and networking hardware. While you still have shared, or sole, responsibility for configuring the network, managing identity and access, securing endpoints, Azure offers services that help:

### GDPR requirement

Companies must identify and locate any personal data that falls under GDPR jurisdiction.

### How Azure helps

Data Subject Request (DSR) processing capability built into the Azure Portal helps you manage personal data requests.

Companies must promptly report when a personal data breach has occurred.

Security Center allows you to automatically monitor for threats and security breaches.

Companies must honor a person's objections to processing their data.

With role-based access control you can revoke access to data at any time.

## Set a course for the future

Azure IaaS provides an efficient and cost-effective solution to help you manage any personal data under GDPR jurisdiction. It also helps you scale for the future with:



A flexible cost structure ensures you only pay for what you use.



Elastic server capacity that expands and contracts with your needs.



Managed services that help you stay focused on your business.

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