

Mini-case Study: Privacy Risk Map

Pick a real technology (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Photos, Aadhar).

Students create a privacy risk diagram showing:

What data is collected

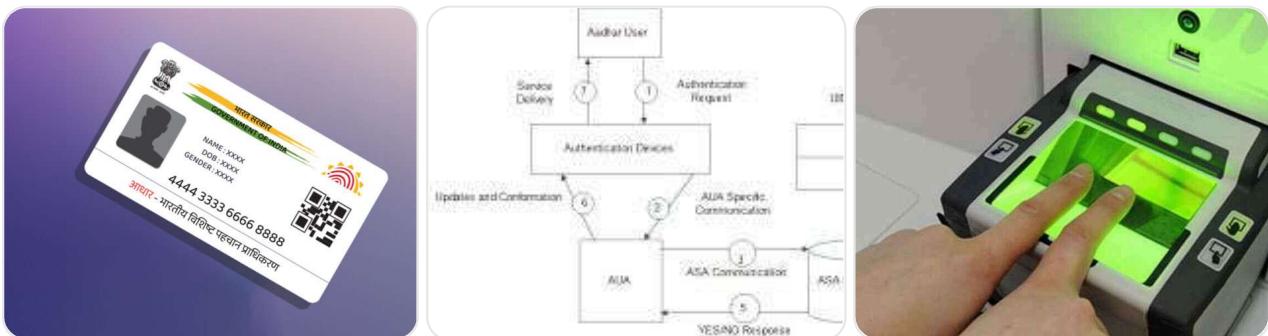
Where it is stored

Who can access it

(Focus: investigation, small experiments, structured thinking)

Here is a **simple and clear mini-case study** with a **Privacy Risk Map** for Aadhaar (UIDAI System) — you can directly use it in assignments or presentations.

Mini-Case Study: Privacy Risk Map – Aadhaar System



Aadhaar is India's nationwide digital identity system managed by UIDAI. It collects sensitive personal and biometric data to authenticate individuals for government schemes, banking, telecom services, and more.

1. What Data is Collected

A. Personal Information

- Full Name
- Date of Birth / Age
- Gender
- Address

- Mobile Number
- Email ID

B. Biometric Information (Highly Sensitive)

- Fingerprints (all 10 fingers)
- Iris scans (both eyes)
- Facial image

C. Usage Data

- Authentication logs (when, where, which service accessed Aadhaar)
- Device and operator used for authentication

2. Where the Data is Stored



A. Central Identity Data Repository (CIDR)

- Core Aadhaar database
- Stores **biometrics + demographic data**
- Highly secured servers managed by UIDAI

B. Local Registrar / Enrollment Agency Systems

- Temporary storage during enrollment
- Data is encrypted and transferred to CIDR
- Must be deleted after upload (risk if mishandled)

C. Service Providers' Databases (Indirect Storage)

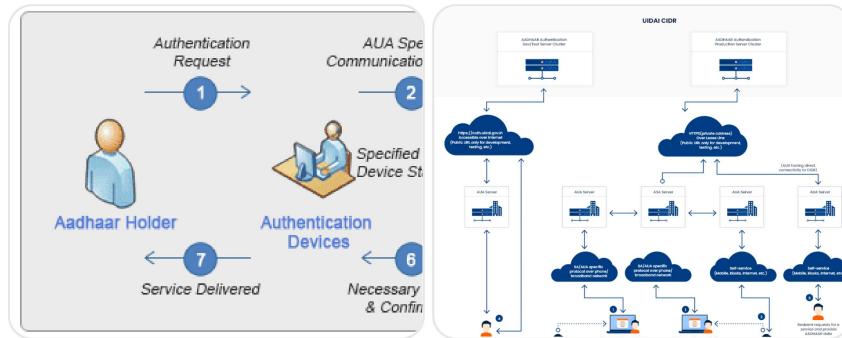
Many banks, telecom companies, and apps store:

- Aadhaar Number (sometimes masked)
- Last 4 digits

- Authentication tokens
- KYC documents linked with Aadhaar

Privacy risk: Multiple third parties storing Aadhaar-linked data increases chances of leaks.

3. Who Can Access the Data



A. UIDAI Officials / Systems

- Full access to CIDR
- Automated matching systems access biometrics for authentication

B. Authorized Service Providers

These entities can access Aadhaar for verification:

- Banks
- Telecom companies
- Government departments (subsidies, tax filing, pensions)
- PAN services
- Welfare schemes

They **cannot** access biometric data; only **authentication response** ("yes/no" or eKYC data).

C. Enrollment Agencies

- Temporary access during enrollment
- Risk if security guidelines are not followed

D. Potential Unauthorised Actors (Risks)

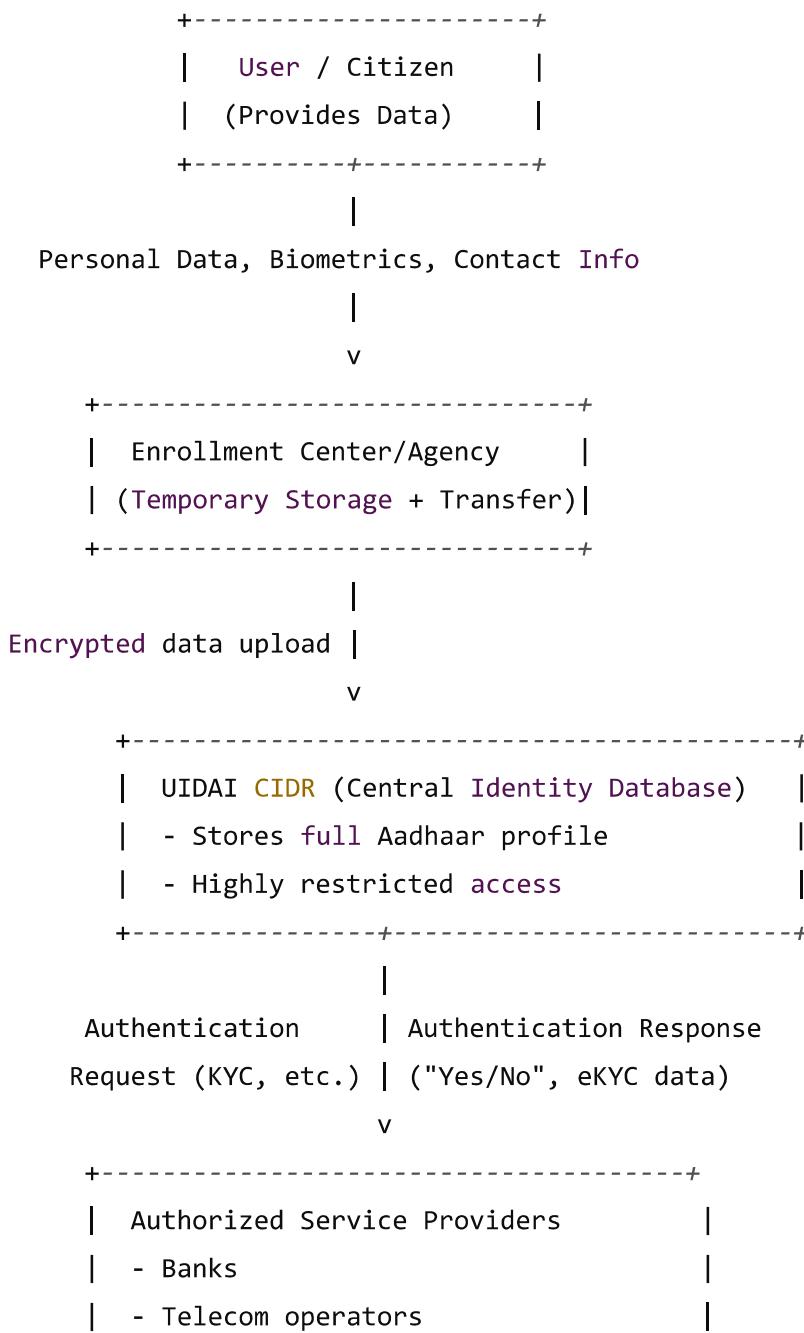
- Data brokers

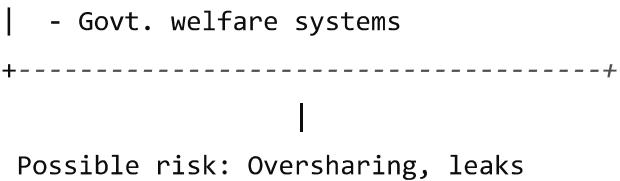
- Hackers targeting weak links (local storage, third-party apps)
- Insider threats
- Misuse by service providers (excessive data collection)

Privacy Risk Map (Simplified Diagram)

Here is a text-based privacy risk map you can draw in your notebook or convert into a visual diagram:

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Key Privacy Risks Identified

1. Centralized Biometrics

- Single target for attacks (CIDR).
- Irreversible if leaked (you cannot change fingerprints).

2. Third-Party KYC Storage

- Banks/telecoms may store Aadhaar numbers improperly.
- Multiple copies increase attack surface.

3. Authentication Tracking

- Logs may reveal user behavior (when/where Aadhaar was used).

4. Insider Misuse

- Enrollment staff or agency misuse before deletion.

5. Linking of Databases

- Aadhaar number can become a universal identifier → profiling risk.

Conclusion

Aadhaar enables fast and large-scale identity verification but also introduces significant privacy risks due to:

- Centralized sensitive data
- Widespread usage
- Third-party storage
- Potential misuse of authentication logs

A structured privacy risk map helps understand how personal information flows and where interventions (encryption, access controls, audits) are needed.

If you want, I can also create:

- A PowerPoint slide
- A clean infographic-style diagram
- A case study on ChatGPT or Google Photos instead

Just tell me!

