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# GDPR Compliance Report — dev.to

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Scan date: 22/02/2026, 19:18:28 Scanned URL: <https://dev.to> Scan duration: 8.4s Tool: gdpr-cookie-scanner v0.1.0

## Global Compliance Score

● 13/100 — Grade F

Criterion	Score	Progress	Status
Consent validity	0/25	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>	✗
Easy refusal	0/25	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>	✗
Transparency	0/25	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>	✗
Cookie behavior	13/25	<div style="width: 52%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div>	⚠
<strong>TOTAL</strong>	<strong>13/100</strong>		<strong>F</strong>

## Executive Summary

✗ **No consent modal detected.** The site sets cookies without requesting consent. ✗ **2 non-essential cookie(s)** set before any interaction (RGPD violation). ✗ **2 non-essential cookie(s)** persisting after rejection (RGPD violation). ✗ **2 tracker request(s)** fired before consent.

3 critical issue(s) and 0 warning(s) identified.

## 1. Consent Modal

No consent modal detected on the page.

## 2. Dark Patterns and Detected Issues

✗ **Critical issues**

No cookie consent modal detected

A consent mechanism is required before depositing non-essential cookies

## 2 non-essential cookie(s) deposited before any interaction

\_ga\_TYEM8Y3JN3 (analytics), \_ga (analytics)

## 2 tracker request(s) fired before any consent

Google Tag Manager, Google Analytics

## 3. Cookies Set Before Any Interaction

Name	Domain	Category	Expiry	Consent required
ahoy_visit	dev.to	unknown	< 1 day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ahoy_visitor	dev.to	unknown	13 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_Devto_Forem_Session	.dev.to	unknown	2 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_ga_TYEM8Y3JN3	.dev.to	analytics	13 months	 Yes
_ga	.dev.to	analytics	13 months	 Yes

## 4. Cookies After Consent Rejection

No non-essential cookie detected after rejection.

*No cookies detected.*

## 5. Cookies After Consent Acceptance

*No cookies detected.*

## 6. Network Requests — Detected Trackers

### Before interaction (2 tracker(s))

Tracker	Category	URL	Type
Google Tag Manager	analytics	<a href="https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=G-TYEM8Y3JN3">https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=G-TYEM8Y3JN3</a>	script
Google Analytics	analytics	<a href="https://region1.google-analytics.com/g/collect?v=2&amp;tid=G-...">https://region1.google-analytics.com/g/collect?v=2&amp;tid=G-...</a>	fetch

## 7. Recommendations

1. **Deploy a CMP solution** (e.g. Axeptio, Didomi, OneTrust, Cookiebot) that displays a consent modal before any non-essential cookie.
2. **Add a "Reject all" button** at the first layer of the modal, requiring no more clicks than "Accept all" (CNIL 2022).
3. **Do not set any non-essential cookie before consent.** Gate the initialisation of third-party scripts on acceptance.
4. **Remove or block non-essential cookies** after rejection, and verify consent handling server-side.

## Scan Errors and Warnings

- ⚠️ No reject button found — could not test rejection flow
- ⚠️ No accept button found — could not test acceptance flow

## Legal References

- **RGPD Art. 7** — Conditions for consent
- **RGPD Recital 32** — Consent must result from an unambiguous positive action
- **ePrivacy Directive 2002/58/EC** — Consent requirement for non-essential cookies
- **CEPD Guidelines 05/2020** — Consent under the RGPD
- **CEPD Guidelines 03/2022** — Dark patterns on platforms
- **CNIL Recommendation 2022** — Rejection must be as easy as acceptance (same number of clicks)

# GDPR Compliance Checklist — dev.to

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4 rule(s) compliant · 13 non-compliant · 0 warning(s)

## Consent

Rule	Reference	Status	Detail
Consent modal detected	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 7 · ePrivacy Dir. Art. 5(3)</a>	✗ Non-compliant	No consent banner detected
No pre-ticked checkboxes	<a href="#">GDPR Recital 32</a>	✓ Compliant	No pre-ticked checkbox detected
Accept button label is unambiguous	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 4(11)</a>	✓ Compliant	Modal not detected

## Easy refusal

Rule	Reference	Status	Detail
Reject button present at first layer	<a href="#">CNIL Recommendation 2022</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Rejecting requires no more clicks than accepting	<a href="#">CNIL Recommendation 2022</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Size symmetry between Accept and Reject	<a href="#">EDPB Guidelines 03/2022</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Font symmetry between Accept and Reject	<a href="#">EDPB Guidelines 03/2022</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected

## Transparency

Rule	Reference	Status	Detail
Granular controls available	<a href="#">EDPB Guidelines 05/2020</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected

Rule	Reference	Status	Detail
Processing purposes mentioned	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 13-14</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Sub-processors / third parties mentioned	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 13-14</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Retention period mentioned	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 13(2)(a)</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Right to withdraw consent mentioned	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 7(3)</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Privacy policy link present in the consent modal	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 13</a>	✗ Non-compliant	Modal not detected
Privacy policy accessible from the main page	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 13</a>	✓ Compliant	Link found: <a href="https://dev.to/privacy">https://dev.to/privacy</a>

## Cookie behavior

Rule	Reference	Status	Detail
No non-essential cookie before consent	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 7 · ePrivacy Dir. Art. 5(3)</a>	✗ Non-compliant	2 illegal cookie(s): _ga_TYEM8Y3JN3 (analytics), _ga (analytics)
Non-essential cookies removed after rejection	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 7 · CNIL Recommendation 2022</a>	✓ Compliant	No non-essential cookie persisting after rejection
No network tracker before consent	<a href="#">GDPR Art. 7 · ePrivacy Dir. Art. 5(3)</a>	✗ Non-compliant	2 tracker(s): Google Tag Manager, Google Analytics

# Cookie Inventory — dev.to

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## Instructions

This table lists all cookies detected during the scan, across all phases. The **Description / Purpose** column is to be filled in by the DPO or technical owner.

- **Before consent** — cookie present from page load, before any interaction
- **After acceptance** — cookie set or persisting after clicking "Accept all"
- **After rejection** — cookie present after clicking "Reject all"

## Cookie table

Cookie	Domain	Category	Phases	Expiry	Consent required	Description / Purpose
_ga	.dev.to	Analytics	before consent	13 months	<span style="color: yellow;">!</span> Yes	
_ga_TYEM8Y3JN3	.dev.to	Analytics	before consent	13 months	<span style="color: yellow;">!</span> Yes	
_Devto_Forem_Session	.dev.to	Unknown	before consent	2 months	<span style="color: green;">✓</span> No	
ahoy_visit	dev.to	Unknown	before consent	< 1 day	<span style="color: green;">✓</span> No	
ahoy_visitor	dev.to	Unknown	before consent	13 months	<span style="color: green;">✓</span> No	

*Automatically generated by gdpr-cookie-scanner. Categories marked "Unknown" could not be identified automatically and should be verified manually.*