

Concerning a User Database

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User Database



To be able to efficiently deliver marketing information and purchased products to users of our website, we will need a way to securely collect and compile their contact information. The best way for us to do this is to create a User Database.

Features & Objectives

Feature: Collect customer information using web forms on our website and mobile app.

Objective: Use modern web security features and technology to protect the transmission of data, disclosing data-usage permissions specifically and clearly to the customer at the point of entry.

Feature: An internal database for storing customer information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, payment information, order history and more.

Objective: “Build A Wall” of security around our customers’ sensitive information through government policy compliance and industry best practices to keep bad-actors out and protect them as well as our company.



Privacy Concerns

- Government Policy Compliance
- Privacy and Security Best Practices
- Clear and Specific Policies
- Full Disclosure of How Data is Used



Government-Mandated Requirements

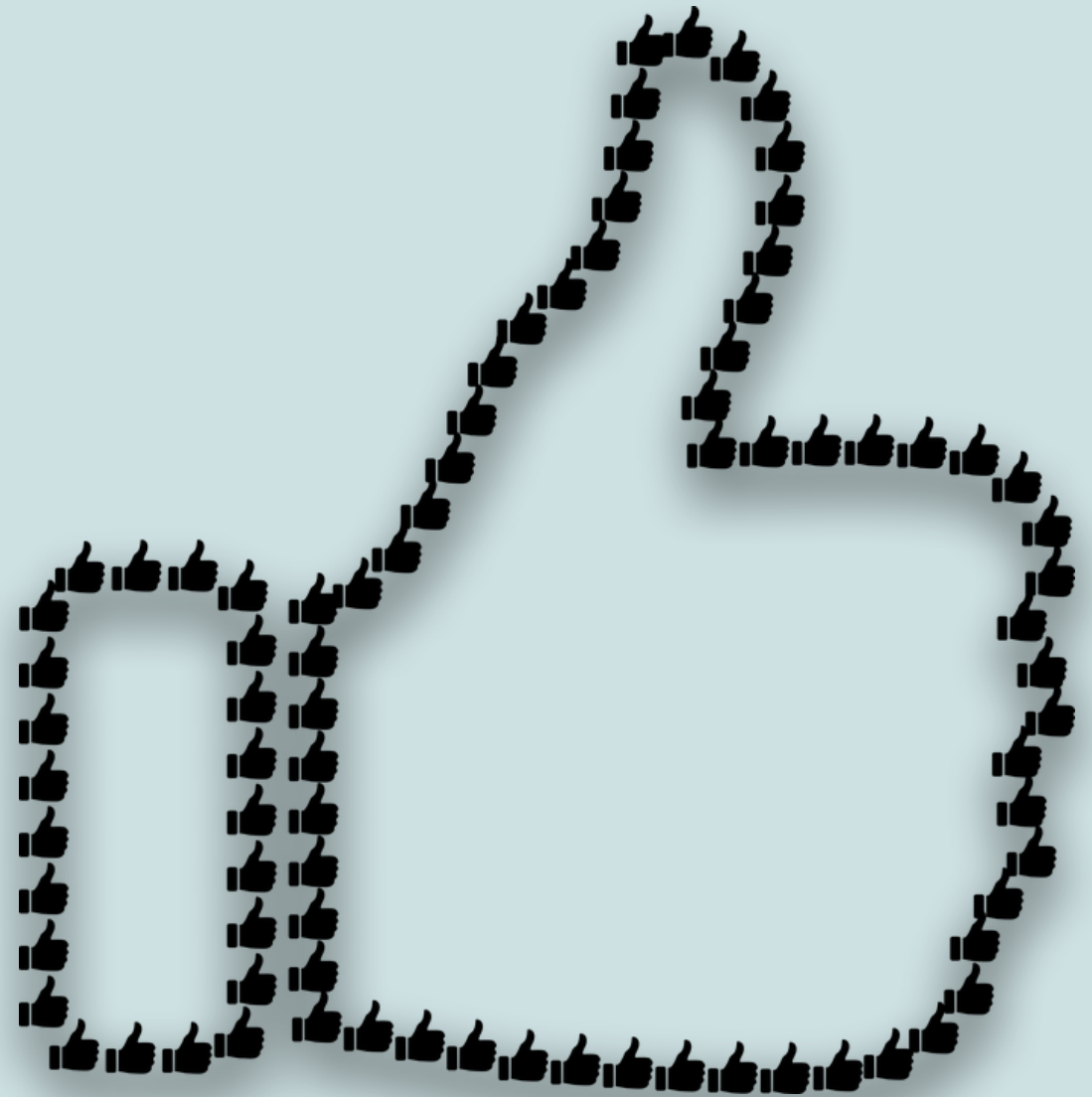
- **COPPA - The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act** requires that there is special care taken for users under the age of 13, relating to keeping confidentiality and allowing parents to give or revoke consent. More info at <https://www.privacypolicies.com/blog/coppa/>
- **CalOPPA - The California Online Privacy Protection Act** focuses primarily on the implementation of a strong privacy policy. The requirements for which can be found at <https://www.privacypolicies.com/blog/caloppa/>
- **DNT (Do Not Track) - The DNT clause** is about disclosing whether we respond to users' DNT requests (a modern browser feature, learn more at <https://allaboutdnt.com/>).

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- **GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation** requiring us to clearly communicate what users consent to separately and descriptively. More information can be found at <https://www.privacypolicies.com/blog/gdpr/>
- **EU Cookies Directive (The Cookie Law)** - Requires that a disclosure is made informing users whether or not cookies are being used. More information here: <https://www.privacypolicies.com/blog/eu-cookie-law/>
- **PIPEDA - The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act** is Canada's main federal law relating to privacy in the private sector, requiring companies to adhere to 10 Fair Information Principles that can be read about at <https://www.privacypolicies.com/blog/pipeda/>
- **HIPAA - The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act** does not apply to us, but rather deals with health related information. More information at <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>

Relevant Industry Best Practices and/or Recommendations

- Make data theft more difficult
- Have an elaborate password policy
- Backup data regularly
- Perform third-party security audits
- Don't store plain text passwords
- Manage employees' permissions
- Monitor network and actions
- Use at-rest encryption



Additional Thoughts



If we intend to transact business with a worldwide audience, we should consider being compliant with government policies from the EU and Canada, as well as others as they become widely adopted by the industry.