



Data Mapping Guide

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A practical guide for identifying and documenting personal data flows across business systems and operational teams.

Data Discovery

Identify where customer, employee, analytical, and operational data enters systems.

Flow Mapping

Map movement across websites, applications, warehouses, dashboards, support systems, analytics platforms, and vendors.

Governance Opportunities

Data maps help organizations improve retention, minimization, consent visibility, warehouse governance, and downstream access management.

Operational Ownership

Assign business and technical owners for major systems, datasets, integrations, and reporting environments.

Review Area	Focus
Governance	Ownership, workflows, accountability

Consent	Collection, propagation, withdrawal
Engineering	Masking, retention, minimization
Analytics	Dashboard exposure, warehouse governance
Monitoring	Audit logs, exports, downstream visibility

Operational Implementation Considerations

Organizations should operationalize privacy governance beyond documentation. This includes embedding controls into onboarding workflows, ETL pipelines, warehouses, dashboards, analytical systems, reporting environments, and downstream integrations.

Need help operationalizing privacy governance?

Cipher Guardians helps organizations improve DPDP readiness, privacy engineering maturity, analytics governance, consent management, and operational privacy workflows.

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