

Privacy Policy

This website (the “Site”) is owned and operated by IFX Forum, Inc. (“IFX”). IFX values your right to privacy. This Privacy Policy is effective September 22, 2016 and describes the types of information that IFX gathers from visitors and how that information is used. IFX reserves the right to modify this Privacy Policy at any time. The currently operative Privacy Policy will always be available by clicking on the Privacy Policy link on the home page. Please read this policy carefully and, if you have any questions, please contact us at info@ifxforum.org.

We do not collect any personally identifiable information unless you specifically provide it to us. You may provide such information to us by registering on the Site or by otherwise specifically providing such information to us.

Unregistered Users

Unregistered users have access to all of the public spaces of our Site, which includes information about IFX and reports and other materials that IFX is able to share with the public. We collect certain information from users which is necessary to assist us in operating the Site. We log your IP address to assist us in diagnosing server problems, administering the Site, and tracking usage statistics. Your IP address is provided to you by your Internet Service Provider and may be constant or may be different each time you access the Internet, depending on the type of Internet service you have. We do not try to identify you through your IP address.

If you click through to the Site from another website, then we may collect that information to help us make the Site better. Any such information is collected and used only in the aggregate. Although we can generate reports to help us understand the information as a whole, we cannot generate reports about specific users. If you have provided personal information to another website from which you click through to the Site, then you should review the privacy policy of that website to determine what information that website collects and how it is used. At present, the Site does not receive any personal information you may have provided to any website not operated by IFX, and we have no plans to do so.

We may place small files known as “cookies” on your computer’s hard drive to help us learn about how visitors use our website and to provide our users with a better experience. A cookie may, for example, contain certain information that allows us to track your path through the Site, to determine whether you are a return visitor, and to automatically log you in to our Member Areas. Except to the extent that they may automatically log you in to our Member Areas, for which you would have provided certain personally identifiable information described in the Registered Users section below, cookies do not permit us to personally identify you and cannot access any other data on your computer. Your web browser may provide a way for you to refuse cookies and you are free to do so without affecting your ability to access the Site. However, cookies are harmless, so we encourage you to allow us to place one on your computer so that you can take full advantage of everything the Site has to offer.

Registered Users

The above information concerning Unregistered Users also applies to Registered Users. Registration is purely voluntary, but is necessary if you wish to take advantage of certain benefits offered through the Site. For example, in order to access the IFX Community Forum bulletin board, you must register with IFX. Once you are registered, you may share information on the bulletin board at your sole option. Additionally, you must register if you wish to become a Member of IFX. Membership is necessary to access the Member Areas of the Site. Membership offers a multitude of benefits, including opportunities for content development, and Members will be bound by the terms of the IFX Membership Rules in regard to such content development. Finally, you may wish to participate as a Subscriber to the Business Message Specification (BMS), which is the IFX Standard, without becoming a Member. Access to the BMS as a Subscriber requires you to register and to accept the terms of a License and Subscription Agreement. If you choose to register with IFX for any of the foregoing reasons, then you will provide a username and email address as part of the registration process. Additionally, if you become a Member or Subscriber, your name, address and payment information will be collected by IFX's payment processor, which is responsible for proper use and secure maintenance of that information. That information is not shared with IFX.

How We Use Your Information

We use the information that we collect about you or that you provide to us for various purposes, including: registration and management of your account, to communicate with you, to enable us to publish forum posts that you write, to respond to your questions, to improve our products and services, to customize your experience of the website, to solicit information from you, to resolve disputes or problems, to prevent prohibited or illegal activities, and to otherwise enforce our Terms of Use.

Disclosure of Personal Information

Except as specifically described below, we do not disclose your personal information to any third party. We do not sell or rent any personally identifiable information to any third party. We may share personally identifiable information with third parties that we specifically engage to provide services to IFX, such as management services, but in those circumstances we will require those parties to use that information solely for the purpose of providing those services to IFX. We also may share personal information within IFX.

IFX must cooperate with legal authorities, and may be required to disclose personally identifiable information in response to requests from law enforcement authorities, or in response to a subpoena or other legal process. In the unlikely event that this should happen, we will provide only the information we must provide. We may also disclose personally identifiable information if we believe we must in order to prevent a violation of the law. By using the Site and by providing personally identifiable information to us, you consent to our doing so, in our sole discretion. You also agree that we may disclose personally identifiable information in the course of legal proceedings, if we reasonably believe that doing so might mitigate our liability or assist us in enforcing our legal rights.

Collection of Personally Identifiable Information by Third-Party Sites.

The Site may contain links to web sites of third parties. When you leave our website for a third-party website, we do not send any personally identifiable information to that website. However, we have no control over any third-party website or over any personally identifiable information that any third-party website may collect from you. Before providing any personally identifiable information to any such third-party website, you should review that website's terms of use and privacy policy and make sure that they are acceptable to you.

E-Mail Opt-out

When you provide an e-mail address to us, you consent to our use of that e-mail address to communicate with you. We may send you emails about IFX Forum, newsletters, and other information that we believe you may find useful. However, you can opt-out of receiving these emails if you wish by clicking the "opt out" link that we will include in any such emails.

How we protect your personal information.

IFX takes reasonable steps and complies with all applicable laws to protect your personally identifiable information. However, it is possible that third parties may unlawfully intercept transmissions of personal information, or otherwise access that information. In the unlikely event that someone should gain access to personally identifiable information, IFX will comply with any applicable laws on the notification of persons affected by the disclosure of personally identifiable information.

Use of our Websites from Outside the United States

If you access our websites from outside the United States, you should know that your information may be transferred, stored, and processed in the United States. The applicable data protection and privacy laws of the United States may differ from those in your country.

Changes to this Privacy Policy.

We reserve the right to change this policy. The most recent version of this policy will always be posted here. You should review the policy periodically to make sure that you still agree to it and to make any desired changes to the personal information you have provided.

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