



What You Need to Know About Addressing GDPR Data Subject Rights in Aleph



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This paper is based on Ex Libris' understanding of certain requirements of the GDPR. However, the application of the requirements of the GDPR is highly fact specific, and many aspects and interpretations of GDPR are not well-settled.

As a result, this paper is provided for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon as legal advice or to determine how GDPR might apply to you and your organization. We encourage you to work with a qualified legal professional to discuss GDPR, how it applies specifically to your organization, and how best to ensure compliance.

Introduction

On May 25, 2018, a new privacy law called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) takes effect in the European Union (EU). It replaces the Data Protection Directive (Directive''), which has been in effect since 1995. While the GDPR preserves many of the principles established in the Directive, the GDPR gives individuals greater control over their personal data and imposes many new obligations on organizations that collect, handle, or process personal data.

Ex Libris is committed to GDPR compliance across all of our products and services. We have closely analyzed the requirements of the GDPR, and our engineering, product, security and legal teams have been working to align our procedures, documentation, contracts and services to support compliance with the GDPR. We also support our customers with their GDPR compliance journey with our strong foundation of certified security and privacy controls.

This paper describes tools and capabilities built into Aleph that can assist your organization in addressing data subject rights and requests as a *controller* under the GDPR of personal data processed on Aleph.

Definitions

Personal Data means any information relating to an identified or an identifiable natural person (**Data Subject**); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors

specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that person.

Controller means the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data. Where the purposes and means of such processing are determined by Union or Member State law, the controller or the specific criteria for its nomination may be provided for by Union or Member State law. With respect to the use of Aleph, the customer is the **controller**.

Processor means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller. With respect to the use of Aleph, Ex Libris is the **processor**.

Data Subject is an identified or an identifiable natural person to whom personal data relates (e.g., patrons and staff).

As you read through this paper, keep in mind that your compliance with the GDPR involves your role as the **controller** and Ex Libris as the **processor**.

Summary of Data Subject Rights

The rights of data subjects provided by the GDPR include the following:

1. *Right to be Informed (Article 13, 14 GDPR)*

The right to be informed encompasses your obligation to provide '*fair processing information*', typically through a privacy notice. It emphasizes the need for transparency over how you use personal data.

2. *Right of Access (Article 15 GDPR)*

Under the GDPR, individuals have the right to obtain:

- Confirmation that their data is being processed
- Access to their personal data; and
- Other categories of information - some of which should be provided by the controller in a privacy notice (see Article 15).

3. *Right to Rectification (Article 16 GDPR)*

Individuals are entitled to have their personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete without undue delay. If you have disclosed the personal data in question to third parties, you must inform such third parties of the rectification unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort. You must also inform the individuals about the third parties to whom the data has been disclosed where requested.

4. *Right to Erasure (Article 17 GDPR)*

This right is also known as the *Right to be Forgotten*. It enables an individual to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.

Individuals have the right to have their personal data erased and to prevent further processing of their personal data in specific circumstances delineated in the GDPR, such as:

- Where the personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected/processed.
- When the processing was based on consent, and the individual has now withdrawn their consent.
- When the individual objects to processing and there are no overriding legitimate grounds for continuing the processing.
- The personal data was unlawfully processed.
- The personal data has to be erased in order to comply with a legal obligation in Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

There are circumstances described in the GDPR where the right to erasure may not apply and a controller can resist a request for erasure.

5. *Right to Restrict Processing (Article 18 GDPR)*

When this right is exercised you are permitted to store the personal data but not further process it. The *Right to Restrict Processing* applies in the specific circumstances set forth in the GDPR, including:

- Where an individual contests the accuracy of the personal data, then processing should be restricted for a period enabling the controller to verify the accuracy of the personal data.
- When processing is unlawful and the individual opposes erasure and requests restriction instead.
- If you no longer need the personal data but are required by the individual to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim.
- Where an individual has objected to processing for reasons specified in the GDPR, pending the verification whether the legitimate grounds of the controller override those of the individual.

6. *Right to Data Portability (Article 20 GDPR)*

This right allows individuals to receive the personal data the individual provided to a controller in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and to transmit such data to another controller, without hindrance from the original controller. In exercising this right, the individual shall have the right to have the personal data transmitted directly from one controller to another, where technically feasible.

The *Right to Data Portability* applies where the individual has given consent to the processing of their personal data for one or more specific purposes, or where processing is carried out by automated means or in other circumstances specified in the GDPR.

7. *Right to Object (Article 21 GDPR)*

Individuals have the right to object, on grounds relating to his or her particular situation, at any time to processing of personal data which is based on certain specified provisions of the GDPR, including profiling based on those provisions.

8. *Right Related to Automated Decision Making and Profiling (Article 22 GDPR)*

The GDPR provides safeguards for individuals against the risk that a potentially damaging decision is taken without human intervention.

Individuals have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning the individual or similarly significantly affects the individual. The GDPR provides certain exceptions and conditions to this right.

9. *Right Related to Data Breach Notification (Article 34 GDPR)*

The GDPR introduces a duty on controllers to report certain types of data breaches to the relevant supervisory authority, and in some cases to the individuals affected by the breach.

A personal data breach is a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed. Where a breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the controller is required to communicate the personal data breach to the data subjects without undue delay.

Addressing GDPR Data Subject Rights with Aleph

The following section describes the capabilities of Aleph that can assist customers in complying with the rights of data subjects. We have provided the information once for Patrons as the Data Subject and once for Staff users as the Data Subject.

1. Rights of Data Subjects – Patrons

Data Subject Right	Corresponding Aleph Functionality
Right to be Informed	Ex Libris provides comprehensive documentation regarding Aleph. Upon request, Ex Libris will provide you with additional relevant information you may need for addressing the Right to be Informed in relation to the processing of personal data by Aleph.
Right to Access	<p>Information about the Patron is stored in Aleph in the following location(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal information. You can find the patron’s personal information using “My Library Card” on the Web OPAC, “Addresses” page. More details can be found on the Ex Libris Knowledge Center: Aleph 23 User Guide - Web OPAC - section 8 - My Library Card. Aleph 23 User Guide – Circulation – Chapter 2 – Patron Overview Patron circulation activity information. This information can be found on “My Library Card” on the Web OPAC. See: Aleph 23 User Guide - Web OPAC Aleph 23 User Guide – Circulation <p>A staff user (Librarian) can print the patron’s information using the Circulation GUI - “Letter” button (“Print Letter to Patron” - on the Global Patron Information screen). See: Aleph 23 User Guide – Circulation - Section 2 "Patron Overview".</p>
Right to Rectification	<p>Changes Made by Patrons</p> <p>Patrons can correct their own personal information including email address, personal address, and phone number by using the functionality within Aleph. This can be done using “My Library Card” function on the Web OPAC, “Addresses” page.</p>

	<p>Aleph 23 User Guide - Web OPAC - section 8 - My Library Card. Changes Made by Staff</p> <p>The librarian can also change this information on behalf of the patron by using the Aleph Circulation GUI.</p> <p>Aleph 23 User Guide – Circulation - Section 2 "Patron Overview".</p>
<p>Right to Erasure (Right to be Forgotten)</p>	<p>Staff that have the appropriate permissions can remove patron data from Aleph through the Aleph Circulation GUI.</p> <p>This can also be done through batch services processing such as: Delete Patron Records (cir-23), Patron Loader (file-20). There is also an option to remove patron IDs from records that are only kept for statistical purposes. This can be done by the batch service: Remove Patron IDs (cir-32).</p> <p>See Aleph 23 User Guide – Circulation - Section 2.5 "Deleting a Patron Record" and section 19.8 "Patron Records."</p>
<p>Right to Restrict Processing</p>	<p>Should a Data Subject wish to object to the processing of their personal data, the individual's Aleph user record could be deleted.</p>
<p>Right to Data Portability</p>	<p>Patron's data can be saved to an XML file by using the PLIF Utility on Aleph server – 'Create PLIF Sequential/XML Files from Borrower Data Files' (util/f/2/5/2).</p> <p>The above utility generates an XML file that contains all patron's data in Aleph structure (Z303,Z305 etc. tables).</p>
<p>Right to Object</p>	<p>Aleph provides you with the full ability to determine which Patrons to include in the data stored in Aleph. Patrons that exercise their "right to object" could be excluded from the patron data load into Aleph. Patrons may also be deleted as described above.</p>
<p>Right related to Automated Decision Making and Profiling</p>	<p>Any profiling or automated decision-making is determined and set by the customer. Generally, reports and task lists generated in Aleph are designed to be used by humans for decision making.</p>

Right related to
Data Breach
Notification

Ex Libris has procedures for data breach handling including notification. In the case of a personal data breach, Ex Libris will, as soon as possible and within 72 hours after having become aware of it, notify the customer.

The notification will:

- Describe the nature of the personal data breach
- Communicate the name and contact details of the data protection officer
- Describe the likely consequences of the personal data breach
- Describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Ex Libris

When required by the GDPR, the institution/library as Data Controller, is responsible for notifying the Supervisory Authorities and the affected data subjects.

Ex Libris Security Incident Response Policy is available in the Ex Libris Knowledge Center - [here](#)

2. Rights of Data Subjects – Staff

The following section describes the capabilities of Aleph that can assist customers in complying with the rights of the data subjects with respect to its staff.

Data Subject Right	Corresponding Aleph Functionality
Right to be Informed	Ex Libris provides comprehensive documentation regarding Aleph. Upon request, Ex Libris will provide you with additional relevant information you may need for addressing the Right to be Informed in relation to the processing of personal data by Aleph.
Right to Access	Staff user information can be viewed by Staff depending on their individual level of access authority. To view, correct, or delete Staff information, the individual should contact the system administrator. Staff information - the staff user can display his/her own information from the 'Staff Privileges' screen form in the Aleph GUI. Aleph 23 User Guide - Staff Privileges . Section 1.3 "User -Password Information"
Right to Rectification	A library staff user with the relevant privileges can edit and correct inaccurate personal data in Aleph user administration via existing standard functionality.
Right to Erasure (Right to be Forgotten)	The Aleph user administrator or system administrator can delete a staff user.
Right to Restrict Processing	Should a staff user wish to restrict the processing of their personal data, the individual's user record could be deleted.
Right to Data Portability	Patron's data can be saved to an XML file by using the PLIF Utility on Aleph server – 'Create PLIF Sequential/XML Files from Borrower Data Files' (util/f/2/5/2). The above utility generates an XML file that contains all patron's data in Aleph structure (Z303,Z305 etc. tables).
Right to Object	Should a staff user wish to object to the processing of their personal data, the individual's user record could be deleted.

Right related to Automated Decision Making and Profiling	<p>Any profiling or automated decision-making is determined and set by the customer. Generally, reports and task lists generated in Aleph are designed to be used by humans for decision making.</p>
Right related to Data Breach Notification	<p>Ex Libris has procedures for data breach handling including notification. In the case of a personal data breach, Ex Libris will, as soon as possible and within 72 hours after having become aware of it, notify the customer.</p> <p>The notification will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the nature of the personal data breach • Communicate the name and contact details of the data protection officer • Describe the likely consequences of the personal data breach • Describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Ex Libris <p>When required by the GDPR, the institution/library as Data Controller, is responsible for notifying the Supervisory Authorities and the affected data subjects.</p> <p>Ex Libris Security Incident Response Policy is available in the Ex Libris Knowledge Center - here</p>

Data Fields used in Aleph

The following are the data fields that contain information about the data subject.

Patron	Data
	Patron ID
	Patron Verification Type
	Patron Verification
	Name (first, last)
	Address
	E-mail, Valid From + To dates
	Zip Code
	Telephone (1, 2, 3, 4)
	SMS Number
	Receive SMS
	Status
	Type
	Barcode
	Registration expires
	Budget
	Proxies/Sponsor
	Salutation
	Title
	Date of Birth

	Gender
	Place of Birth
	Title Request Limit
	Language
	Budget
	Profile
	Valid From/To
	Loans
	Loan History
	Hold Requests + History
	Booking Requests
	Photo Requests
	Cash Transactions
	ILL Total Requests
	ILL Active Requests + ILL Recently Closed
	ACQ requests (Active, Cancelled, Recently closed and Total acq requests)
	Title Level Requests
	Loans
	Loan History
	Hold Requests + History
	Booking Requests
	SDI Requests
	Open Date

	Update Date
	Home Library
	Dispatch Library
	Data Export Consent
	Send All Letters to Patron
	ILL Library
	ILL Total Limit
	ILL Active Limit
	Sponsor's ID
	Primary ID
	Proxy Type
	Mail Attachment
	Global Block 1, 2 and 3
	Global Note 1, 2 and 3
	Additional Note 1 and 2
	Local Block 1, 2 and 3
	Local Block Note 1, 2 and 3
	Local Block Date
	Local Note 1, 2 and 3
	Sublibrary
	Expiration Date
	Registration Date
	Photo Charge
	Cash Limit

	Web OPAC Message
	Local Patron Information - Local Privileges

Staff User	Data
	User (ID),
	Password,
	Name,
	Email,
	Address,
	Telephone
	Expiration date
	User Library
	Cataloger level
	Function Proxy
	Cataloger Proxy
	Budget Proxy
	Order unit/Sublibraries
	Cat. OWN ID
	Cat. OWN Permission
	Circ. Override Level
	Block reason
	ERM User
	ERM Password
	ILL Unit
	Access rights

Scheduled Reports

Scheduled Reports	Data
	Email (recommend using generic email accounts where possible)