

Cheat Sheet: 5 Advanced Consent Management Tactics



Introduction

Managing user consent is more critical than ever. With increasing regulations like GDPR and CCPA, organizations must ensure they handle personal data responsibly and transparently.

However, consent is more than just a cookie banner tick box for brands that want to prove to consumers that they're serious about their data privacy.

Consent management needs to move beyond simple opt-in and opt-out or accept and reject.

Consumers feel that their rights are often overshadowed by corporate profit motives, and many do not feel adequately informed or in control of their personal data.

It's becoming increasingly important for businesses to prioritize data privacy, transparency, and consumer control to build trust and foster long-term relationships.

This cheat sheet provides a concise guide to some more advanced tactics for consent management, helping you navigate the complexities of data privacy and build trust with your users and go beyond the simple opt in.

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1 Granular Consent Options

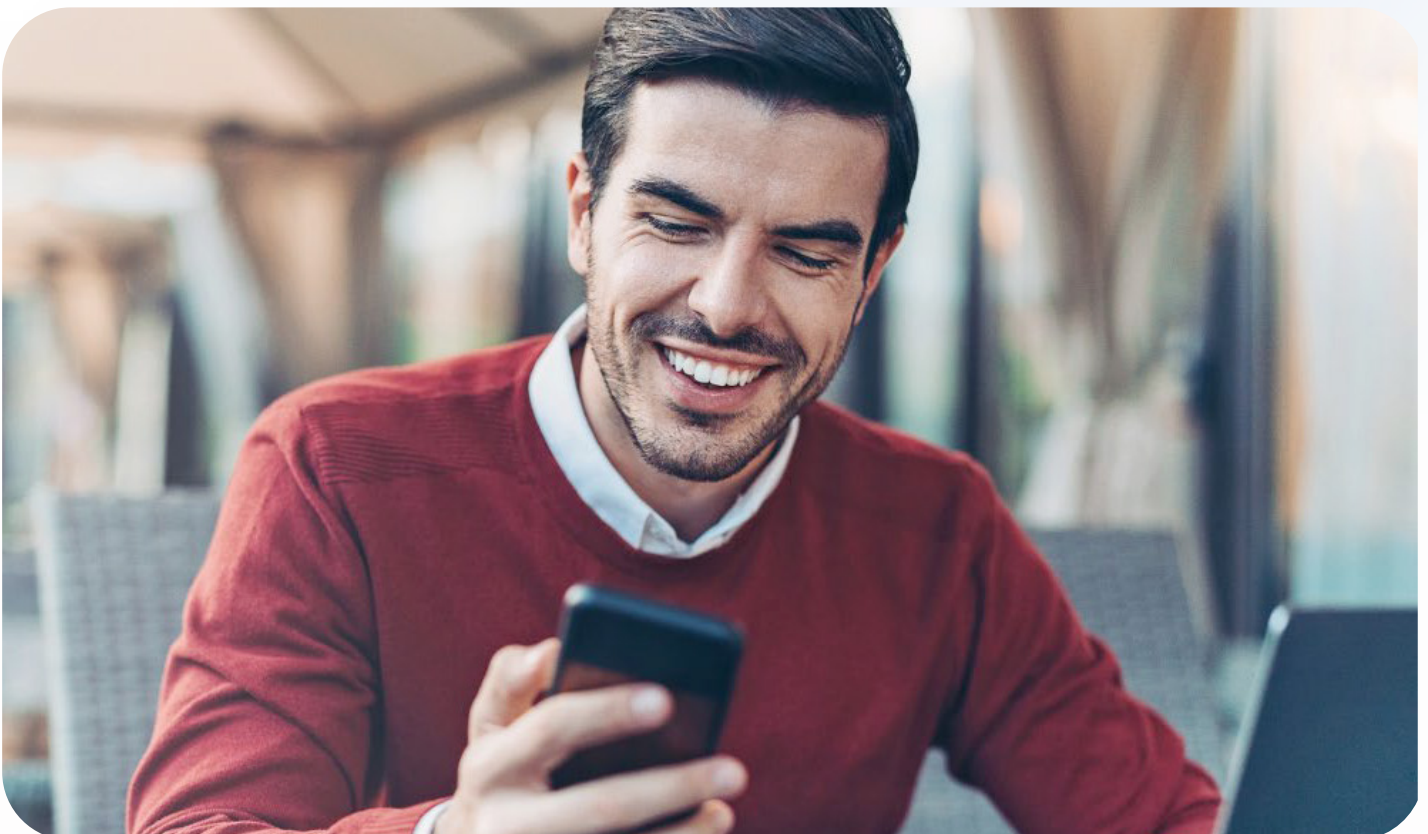
Granular consent allows users to give consent for specific types of data processing activities rather than a blanket consent. This means users can choose what data they are comfortable sharing and for what purposes, such as marketing communications, data sharing with third parties, or personalized content.

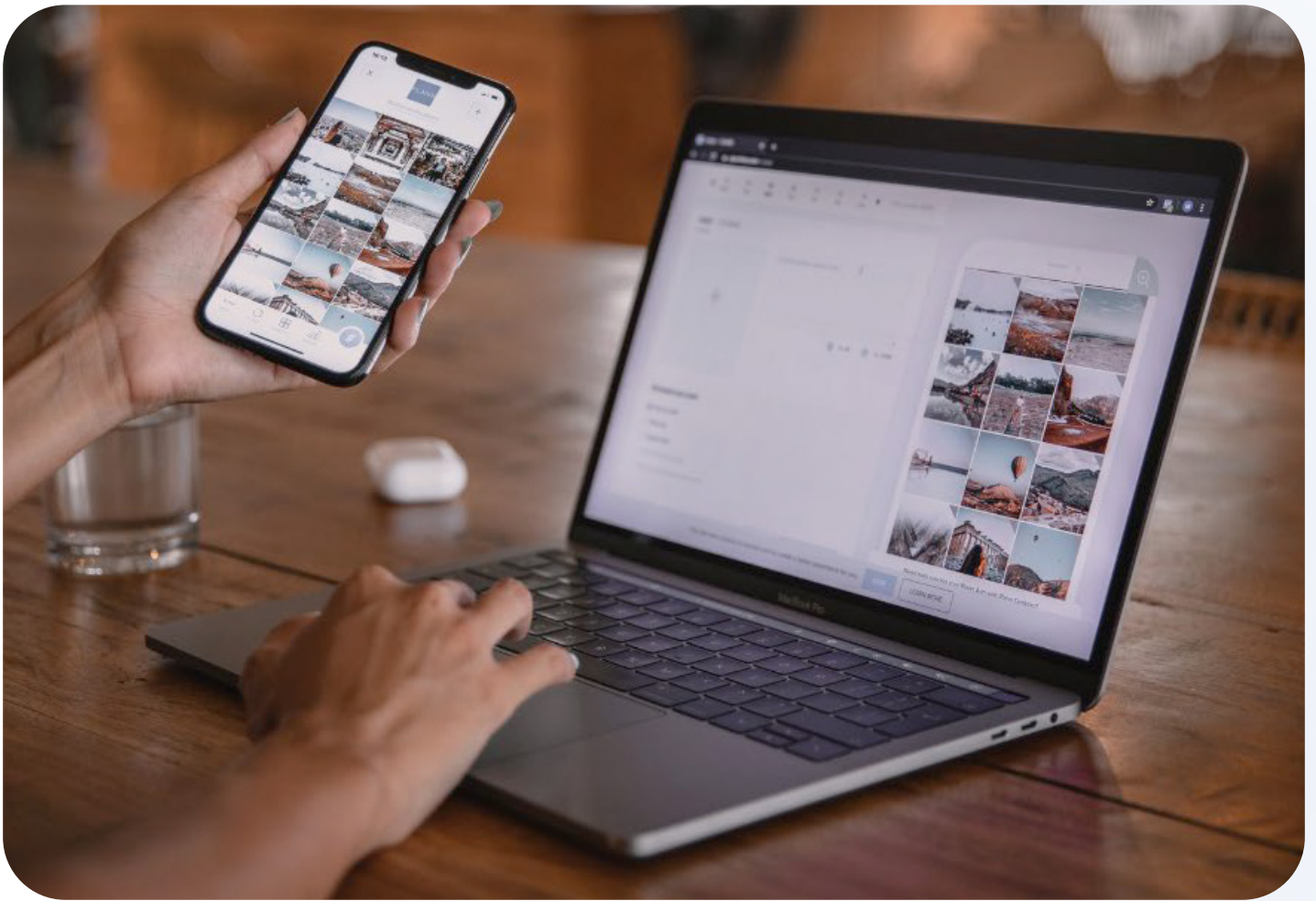
Benefits

- **Enhanced control:** Users have more control over their data, leading to increased trust and willingness to share information. Give users the choice to opt-down rather than opt-out.
- **Transparency:** Clear and specific consent options help users understand exactly what they are consenting to, reducing confusion and potential legal issues.
- **Compliance:** Meets regulatory requirements by ensuring that consent is explicit and informed.

Implementation tips

- Break down consent into detailed categories.
- Use clear and simple language to describe each consent option.
- Provide examples of how the data will be used for each category.





2 Follow-me Consent

Some consent management platforms can ensure consent and preferences essentially ‘follow’ identified users across domains and devices, creating a more streamlined user experience. This approach also supports Global Privacy Control (GPC) protocols, which are part of certain US legislations like CCPA and Colorado Privacy Act.

Benefits

- **Seamless experience:** Users do not need to repeatedly provide consent when switching between devices or platforms.
- **Consistency:** Ensures that user preferences are consistently applied across all interactions.
- **Compliance:** Supports compliance with regulations that require persistent consent management.

Implementation tips

- Use a centralized consent management platform that integrates with various systems.
- Ensure real-time synchronization of consent preferences across all channels.
- Support GPC protocols to automatically apply user preferences.

3 Regenerate Consent

Privacy browser settings aim to enhance user privacy by limiting cross-site tracking of browsing activity. However, they also impede legitimate tracking and analytics. More advanced consent platforms can compliantly retain the correct identity of returning visitors, allowing for the collection and attribution of accurate data, optimizing campaigns and enhancing the user experience.

Benefits

- **Accurate data collection:** Ensures that data collected from returning visitors is accurate and reliable, even with privacy browser settings in place.
- **Optimized campaigns:** Enables better attribution and analysis of marketing efforts, leading to more effective and targeted campaigns.
- **Enhanced User Experience:** Provides a seamless experience for users by recognizing their preferences and interactions across sessions and not repeatedly showing the cookie banner.

Implementation tips

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- Ensure real-time synchronization of consent preferences across all channels.
- Support GPC protocols to automatically apply user preferences.



4 Dynamic Consent

Dynamic consent involves ongoing communication with users, allowing them to modify their consent preferences over time. This approach adapts to changes in user preferences and regulatory requirements, ensuring continuous compliance.

Benefits

- **Flexibility:** Users can update their consent preferences as their needs and concerns evolve
- **Engagement:** Regular communication keeps users informed and engaged with their data privacy choices.
- **Compliance:** Adapts to changing regulations, ensuring ongoing compliance.

Implementation tips

- Provide easy-to-access options for users to update their consent preferences.
- Regularly inform users about changes in data practices or regulations.
- Use automated tools to manage and track consent updates.

5 User-friendly Interfaces

Simplifying the consent process with intuitive and easy-to-understand interfaces can significantly improve user experience. This includes clear language, visual aids, and straight forward options for giving or withdrawing consent.

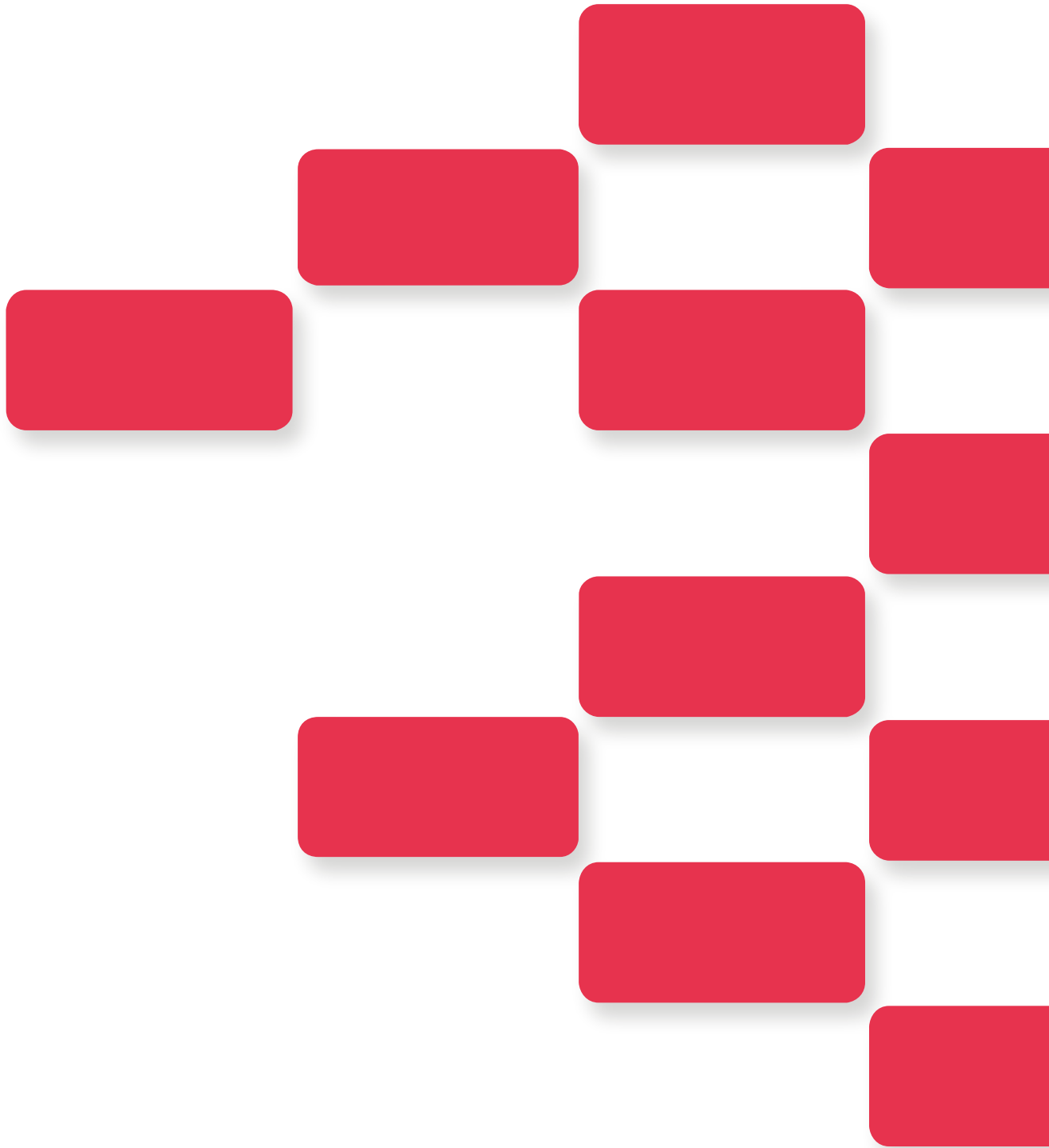
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Implementation tips

- Use plain language and avoid legal jargon.
- Incorporate visual aids like icons and infographics to explain consent options.
- Provide clear and simple options for users to give or withdraw consent.

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