

Data Redact

The Right to be Forgotten

Article 17 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into effect in May 2018 dictates that individuals have the Right to Erasure (Right to be Forgotten); the right to have personal data erased and to prevent processing in some specific circumstances, for example:

- The personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected or processed
- The individual withdraws consent
- The individual objects to the processing and there is no overriding legitimate interest for continuing the processing
- The personal data was unlawfully processed (i.e. otherwise in breach of the GDPR).

The company has a choice to make, for all systems which store personal data. They could:

- Refuse the right to be forgotten (and build a legal standpoint for taking this view)
- Reactively delete/remove data on request
- Set up retention periods with periodic removal.

What is Data Redact?

Data Redact can allow companies to remove the sensitive or identifying data, without removing the entire record. This makes the process simpler and less invasive.

Existing products follow the route of blocking access for processing, or perpetual archiving. Neither is efficient at helping companies to be compliant with this aspect of GDPR.

Data Redact is a follow-on Fiori app from Data Disclose which handles the searching and retrieval of personal data. With this related application, the data retrieved can be submitted for redaction so the data can't be identified. The data is effectively removed for identification purposes, thus allowing you to comply with the legislation and the individual's right to be forgotten. However, as the information is still in the system, you can run reports as normal – albeit with the required data redacted.

How it works

- 1** Records identified in Data Disclose or Data Retain are submitted for redaction
- 2** A different user role is required to receive those submissions in Data Redact, review the information, and execute redaction in real time
- 3** An audit log is retained for a one-month period before being automatically removed