

GDPR-Compliant Hashing

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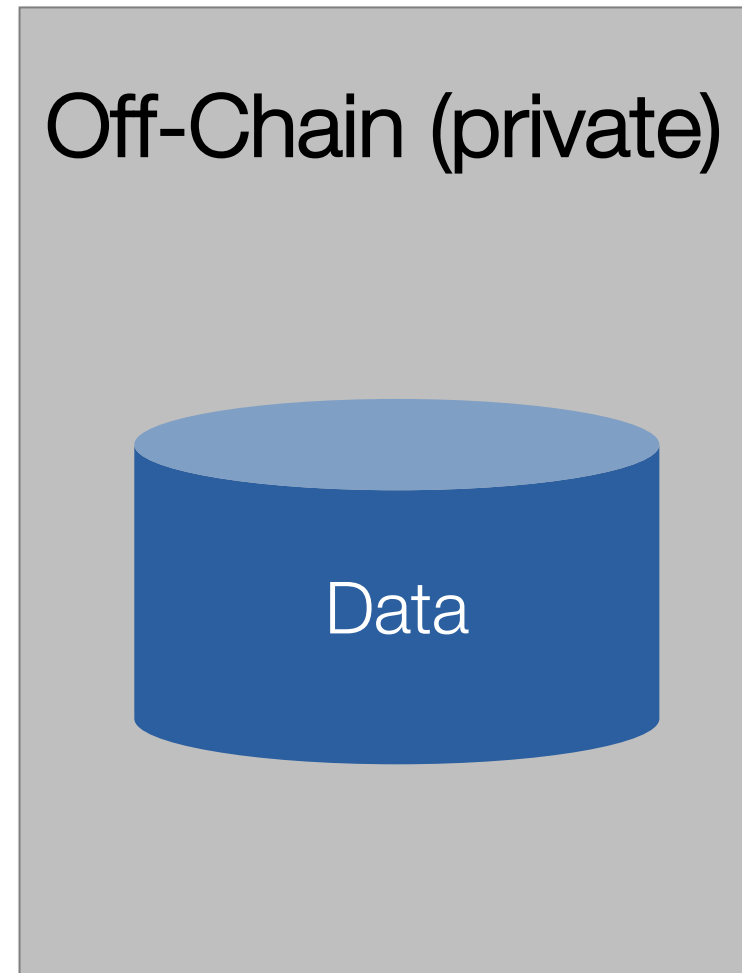
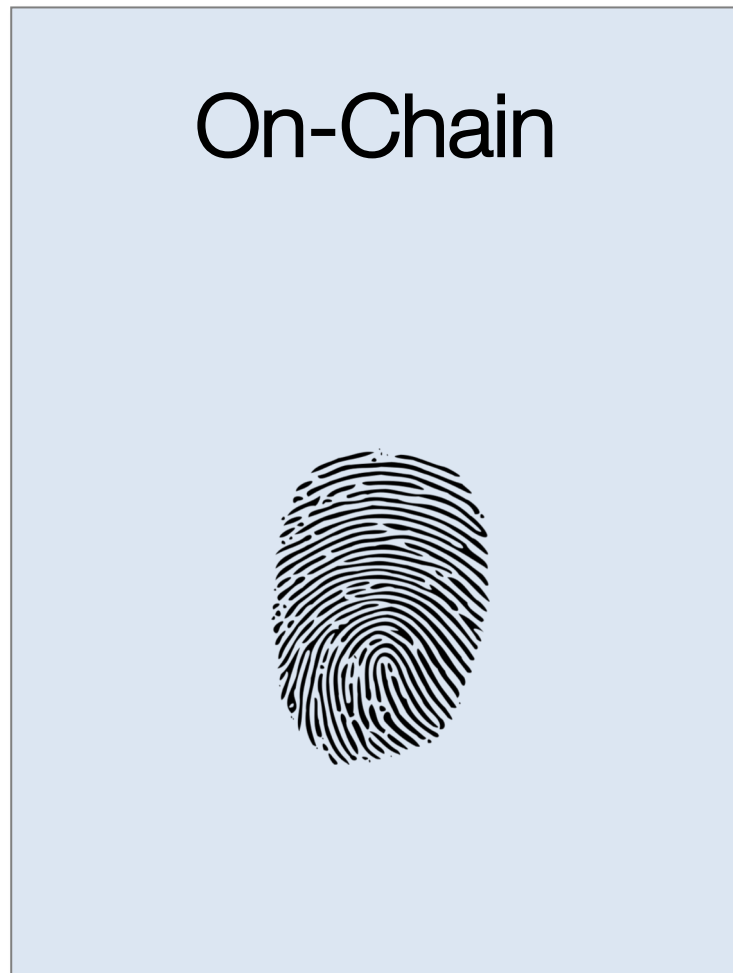
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Cryptographic hash functions

- Serve as digital fingerprints
- Virtually unique
- Fixed length (e.g. 32 bytes)
- For digital objects of any size



Use Cases for Cryptographic Hash Functions

- Validate external documents
- Time-stamping
- Proof of Existence
- Basic functionality for cryptography and DLT

The wrong use of hash functions can lead to the identification of data subjects!

Adding Salt and Pepper to Hashes

- Ensuring enough **entropy**
- Making guessing really hard
- Can prevent rainbow table attacks
- Can prevent parallel attacks



Kryptographic Hashing – GDPR-Compliant



Kryptographic Hashing – not GDPR-Compliant



How to Hash Data

Data

First Name	Last Name	Article	Quantity	Price
John	Smith	1984 by George Orwell	1	10
Lisa	Doe	Ulysses by James Joyce	1	20
John	Smith	Inside Wikileaks by Domscheit-Berg	1	15

Wrong solution

Off-chain

First Name	Last Name	Salt
John	Smith	87683746776923452362
Lisa	Doe	98793603485743636365

Hash

→ 87627648267459265308697
→ 98796983579348569273643

On-chain

Hash	Article	Quantity	Price
87627648267459265308697	1984 by George Orwell	1	10
98796983579348569273643	Ulysses by James Joyce	1	20
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Still problematic solution

Off-chain

First Name	Last Name	Article	Quantity	Salt	Hash
John	Smith	1984 by George Orwell	1	87683746776923452362	→ 76482654672653086974532
Lisa	Doe	Ulysses by James Joyce	1	98793603485743636365	→ 35793485692736433524132
John	Smith	Inside Wikileaks by Domscheit-Berg	1	29749850385739857395	→ 86786876868594939653656

On-chain

Hash	Price
76482654672653086974532	10
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Better solution

Off-chain

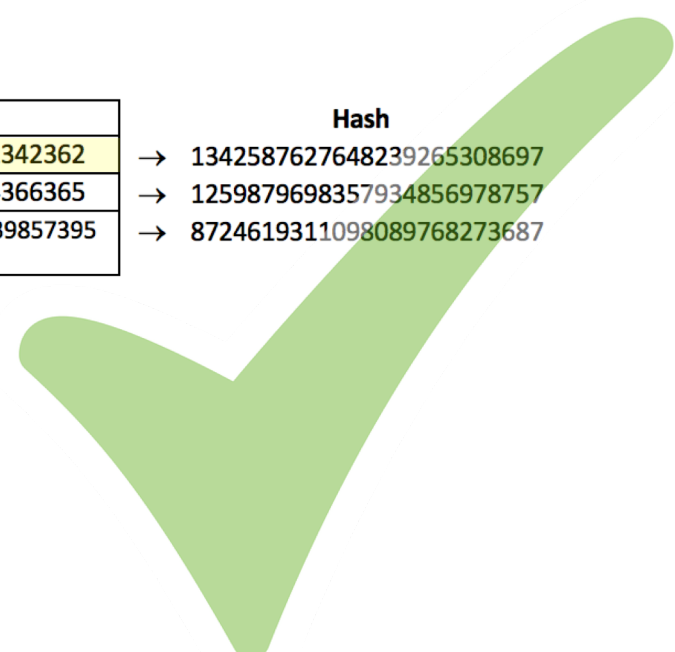
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Hash

→ 1342587627648239265308697
→ 1259879698357934856978757
→ 8724619311098089768273687

On-chain

Hash
1342587627648239265308697
1259879698357934856978757
8724619311098089768273687



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Also a better solution

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John	Smith	Inside Wikileaks by Domscheit-Berg	1	15	297498503857398573

Hash

→ 1342587627648239265308697
→ 1259879698357934856978757
→ 9809287431093239482357898

On-chain

Hash	Price
1342587627648239265308697	10
1259879698357934856978757	20
9809287431093239482357898	15

Test: Can you Derive Personal Data from the Blockchain?

Does the blockchain disclose personal data?

What if

- somebody knows one transaction, can she see further transactions of the same person?
- somebody knows part of a transaction, can she see further details?
- somebody knows personal details of a person, can she discover information about the person's activity?

Blockchain

GDPR Quick Check
beta test V0.2



<https://erbguth.ch/QuickCheck>