
Beyond Consent: Evolving to Mutual Agency in Me2B Relationship

User Respect on the Web

Infancy

Users secondary to publishers.



Users as publishers.



Users as sources of [behavioral] raw material, free for the taking.

Adolescence

GDPR -> Consent

Maturity

Symmetrical Me2B Relationship

Consent Management & Consent Receipt Roadmap

Consent Receipt Dynamism - Static to Dynamic & Record to Agent

2019

Consent Receipt

In practice, Consent is an automatic click-thru with little user understanding.

Consent and Consent Management is solely controlled by Enterprises.

2021

Control Panel

Users have a Control Panel to view and manage permissions with vendors.

Consent Management is still solely controlled by Enterprises.

2023

Personal Privacy Agent (same as "Control Panel"?)

Users have Personal Privacy SW Agents (PPAs) through which they can manage permissions with vendors.

Consent Management provided by User Agents.

2025

Mutual Agreement / Service Negotiation

Users are endowed with full agency and able to actively negotiate terms via PPAs.

Consent Management provided by Intermediaries.

Consent Management Roadmap

2019

European Policy /GDPR Consent

In practice, Consent is an automatic click-thru with little user understanding.

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2021

Meaningful Consent

Care is taken to ensure that users truly understand the ramifications of their consent.

Consent Management is still solely controlled by Enterprises.

2023

User Supplied Terms

Tables are turned and users provide sharing terms to which Enterprises must indicate consent?

Consent Management provided by User Agents.

2025

Mutual Agreement / Service Negotiation

Consent is replaced with a Sharing (or Service) Negotiation process.

Consent Management provided by Intermediaries.

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Consent

- reflects power asymmetry
- is disempowering
- is a *binary only* bargain

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**“Consent by one party
permits another to act in a
way that might otherwise be
illegal or immoral.”**

- Nancy S. Kim, *Consentability*, p.7

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**“Consent” is NOT
human friendly.**

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**Instead, we should
be empowering user
rights over their
digital assets.**

Legal Tools for Establishing Formal Me2B Relationships

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- **Consent (Exception Management)**
 - **Service provider to User [today]**
 - **User to Service Provider**
- **License**
 - **Right to Use License**
- **Contract**
 - **Information Sharing Agreement**
 - **Licensing Agreement**

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Use case 1:

My first-time-here, digital interaction with a new-to-me brand and I just browse/windowshop [no relationship creation, and no transaction].

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Use case 1.a:

My first-time-here, digital interaction with a new-to-me brand and I create a relationship by asking the SP to Remember Me, conveying no other rights to SP.

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Use case 1.b:

My first-time-here, digital interaction with a new-to-me brand and I create a relationship by asking the SP to Remember Me and I perform a transaction, conveying rights that cover only this transaction.

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Use case 1.c:

My first-time-here, digital interaction with a new-to-me brand and I create a relationship by asking the SP to Remember Me and I perform a transaction, conveying rights that cover this transaction (Transaction Terms) and all future transaction (Relationship Terms).

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**Use case 3:
My not-first-time-here with a
brand with whom I already have
a relationship and terms, and I
want to use those Relationship
Terms to cover this Use Session.**

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**Use case 4:
My not-first-time-here with a
brand with whom I already have
a relationship and terms, and I
want to change my Relationship
Terms to cover this Use Session.**

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**Use case 5:
My not-first-time-here with a
brand with whom I already have
a relationship and terms, and I
want to change my Relationship
Terms for this Use Session and as
the default going forward.**

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**Use case 6:
My not-first-time-here with a
brand with whom I already have
a relationship and terms, and I
want to change my Relationship
Terms for this Use Session and as
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Use case 7:
I want to terminate a Relationship with a
SP, revoking all rights.