

Definitions — Art. 4 GDPR

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Assessment. Consolidated text of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. A reading copy of the official text rather than commentary; the operative wording of Article 4(2) is quoted verbatim and matches the OJ text.

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Article 4(2) — 'processing'

"any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction"

Article 4(8) — 'processor'

"a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller"

Note for the edition: retrieval and consultation are both enumerated operations. The definition contains no threshold of cost, effort, novelty or storage location, so a prompt-cache read of previously transmitted content is not excluded by being cheap or by being a repeat.