

National Cipher Challenge GDPR Compliance

Date 24/03/2020

Data controller: University of Southampton

Information Asset: National Cipher Challenge database

Information Asset Owner: Prof Graham A. Niblo, School of Mathematical Sciences

Summary

1. We use cookies to anonymously track usage of the website through Google Analytics. No personally identifiable information is recorded by Google Analytics' cookies.
2. We also use cookies to keep track of users' activities when they login in order to facilitate the core functions of the site. We don't request more information from you when registering for an account than is necessary to administer the competition. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any aspect of data security on this site then please do contact us at cipher@soton.ac.uk.

Your data

1. We collect data about you solely for use in connection with the competition.
2. We will only share that data with those who need it in order to administer the competition or prizes. This includes the competition staff at the University of Southampton and a small number of staff in the website development team and they are only permitted to use that data in connection with the competition.
3. With the exception of the Leader Boards and material you post on the Forum, if any, we will not share your data with anyone else without your consent.
4. We will delete your data on request, submitted in writing or by email to cipher@soton.ac.uk

Personal Data

Users who registered for the competition in Autumn 2019 were required to provide information in line with the version of this policy dated 27/09/2019. Those policies are still in operation for those accounts. The accounts will be deleted by 27/09/2021 in accordance with that policy.

ALL NEW USERS for the 2020 special edition of the Challenge will be requested to provide information in line with the 2019 policy for Under 13s as follows in order to simplify registration

All new users are asked to provide only a username and not their real name, together a password and three security questions in case you need to reset your password.

On registration all participants are asked to volunteer their gender with the options male, female, neither and prefer not to say. If "neither" is selected then they are offered the opportunity to record a preferred description. Gender information is not associated with the individual account and is used only in aggregate with all other entries to help us understand our audience which is usually sufficiently large (over 1,000 registrations) to provide reasonable anonymity for this data.

Registrants are also asked to provide a team name, and, if relevant the name of their school, which is published alongside the team name on the leaderboards. Schools may also be identified on a registration map on the website.

How we store the data

The data is stored in a secure database hosted by 10 Degrees as part of their WordPress deployment. It is hosted by Cloudflare.

Who has access to the data

Access to the personal information in the database content is controlled by password access and disseminated on a need to know basis to a small team of named administrators at the University of Southampton and 10 Degrees web development agency. The data owner is Prof Graham A. Niblo and GDPR compliance is monitored by the University of Southampton.

Ways in which we use the data we hold

Information is used only in connection with the competition. It will not be lent, sold or otherwise provided to other organisations, or used by us in any way that is not required for the effective conduct of the competition.

Gender: This data is not associated with individuals, but is used in aggregate to help us better understand our audience.

School: This is published in the leader boards alongside team name and is used to analyse participation in the competition. School locations may also be published on a map on the website in order to promote participation.

Data that we will publish

Information about the performance of competitors will be published on the site, in particular on the league tables, and this will comprise team names and school affiliations, but not names of individuals.

The forum associated with the competition will automatically publish user names, but not personal information about competitors, and the forum administrators will moderate entries to ensure that personal information is not published.

How long we hold and publish your personal data

Within one year from the end of the competition, or sooner if you request this in writing, the personal data stored in the registration database will be deleted. Leader boards, news items and forum posts will continue to be published as a matter of public record.