

.auCheck Privacy Statement

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This privacy statement explains how ASPI, as custodian of .auCheck, handles any personal data that is collected through your use of .auCheck, how this information is used, and under what circumstances and to whom it may be disclosed. It also describes security measures in place to secure your data.

Your rights are covered by the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth of Australia). A comprehensive explanation of ASPI's personal information handling practices can be found in ASPI's Privacy Policy at <https://www.aspi.org.au/privacy>.

ASPI is committed to protect users' privacy when using .auCheck and follows the Australian Privacy Principles as maintained by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's (see: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/australian-privacy-principles-guidelines>).

If you have any privacy concerns about the website, you should direct them to ASPI's Privacy Officer by emailing enquiries@aspi.org.au and aucheck@aspi.org.au.

Who is collecting data?

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ABN 77 097 369 045) through our technical partner AddAxis (operating under Netbrane Pty Ltd; ABN: 75 146 614 584).

How is personal data collected through .auCheck?

.auCheck collects potential personal data through your use of the .auCheck tests, interaction with our social media channel and/or by contacting use via email.

When you use <https://aucheck.com.au> we collect the following data when running one of the tests:

- The IP addresses for web and mail servers, DNS records and all data that is presented in the reports, but only for the domains analysed;
- For the Connection test, we record the user's IP, reversed IP name, internet service providers (ISP) and DNS provider
- In the logs, .auCheck saves the user's IP address, browser (user-agent), the time they connected to the site and their acceptance of .auCheck's Terms and Conditions (yes/no).

Except for the Twitter interface, .auCheck is not using any tracking cookies. Generally, if you do not want someone to track your device, we recommend that you turn on the *Do Not Track* function in your browser. For more information about Do Not Track and how to turn it on in your browser, see the website [All About Do Not Track](#).

When you send an email to aucheck@aspi.org.au we collect the following data:

- Your email address and other mail header data (like time);
- Any personal data that the sender includes in the email.

What's the purpose of this data collection?

Data collected when using our tests is required for the functioning of the website and the various tools that are offered. We also need data to check users have read and accepted our Terms and Conditions to ensure responsible use of the test tools.

Any contact data (from email) is required to respond to questions, feedback, comments and other forms of engagements.

ASPI may, in its sole discretion, use and disclose such data (___in an aggregated and de-identified form___) to its affiliates, sponsors and third-party service providers to:

- (a) evaluate the effectiveness of the Services;
- (b) conduct policy assessments of the uptake of internet (security) standards across the .au domain;
- (c) optimise and improve the Services.

ASPI will not sell your personal information.

What are the consequences when this data is not collected?

When .auCheck would not be collecting this data, we would not be able to offer test results and subsequent advice.

In what circumstances will personal information collected through .auCheck be disclosed?

No personal information will be disclosed unless we have reason to believe .auCheck is used in contravention of the Terms and Conditions, or in the unlikely event of a criminal investigation where a law enforcement agency may exercise a warrant to inspect the log file.

Except for contact by email, no attempt is made to identify individual users or their browsing activities except.

Is .auCheck likely to disclose personal information to overseas entities?

No. We are not likely to disclose the personal information that we collect to overseas recipients.

Links to other sites

This website contains links to other sites. ASPI/.auCheck is not responsible for the content and the privacy practices of other websites and encourages you to examine each site's privacy policy and make your own decisions regarding the accuracy, reliability, and correctness of material and information found.

What measures are in place to secure the collected data?

Our services are running on servers that are maintained by Amazon Web Services. ASPI is in charge of operating the mailbox. Collected data and received information may be shared with constituent partners of .auCheck for the purposes of resolving issues, answering questions or improving our services.

ASPI/.auCheck takes all reasonable steps to protect the personal information it hold against loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure in line with the Australian Government's *Information Security Manual*.

Technical measures

Among other things, .auCheck is implementing the following technical measures to secure your personal data:

- Modern, secure standards are in place. We comply with our own tests such as offering an encrypted connection (HTTPS);

- Software on our servers is updated regularly;

Cloudflare issues a certificate securing the site. You can verify the source of the certificate by going to <https://aucheck.com.au>, click the (green) lock and verify the security settings.

ASPI uses commercially reasonable safeguards to preserve the integrity and security of your personal information. If any personal information under our control is compromised, we will take reasonable steps to investigate and, if required by law, notify those individuals whose information may have been compromised.

Reporting and responsible disclosure of vulnerabilities

In case you find a vulnerability, despite of our efforts, please act in accordance with our responsible disclosure policy which can be found at:

<https://dev.aucheck.com.au/feedback/> .

Update privacy statement

We may change our privacy statement. We will announce this change on our website. Older versions of our privacy statement will be stored in our archive. Send us an email if you want to consult it.
