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# Public use files – are they obsolete

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# Public use files

Public use file – data that can be downloaded on registration of basic personal information



# Safe or unsafe



why not open?

## Public use file



why not protected?



# Why registration?

But we need registration data to know who our users are/count our users

Not necessary  Web analytics

# Proportionality

## Under GDPR

**personal data should adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed**

Is collecting personal data for public user files proportionate?



Are public use files obsolete?

Is collecting registration data  
for public use files in breach of  
GDPR?



# Thank you

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