

KRONYX Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) Summary v1.0

Platform: KRONYX (Patent-Pending IoT Telemetry Engine)

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1. Description of Processing

KRONYX is a PAAS product of NMESYS. It processes sensor and gateway data for large-scale IoT deployments. The platform receives messages via FTP, MQTT, HTTP, and other protocols, updates live device state in memory, and archives normalized data securely for reporting and compliance.

2. Nature of Data

- Device telemetry data (temperature, pressure, flow, consumption, etc.)
- Metadata linked to building units and devices
- Pseudonymized user reference identifiers (e.g., tenant ID)
- No direct personal identifiers processed

3. Purpose of Processing

- To provide lawful and secure telemetry processing
- To support customer billing, technical monitoring, and regulatory reporting

4. Legal Basis

Processing is conducted on behalf of the controller (Customer) under:

- **GDPR Art. 6(1)(b):** Performance of a contract
- **GDPR Art. 28:** Processor responsibilities

5. Risk Assessment

Risk Area	Risk Level	Mitigation
Unauthorized access	Low	Role-based access control, logging, encryption
Data breach	Low	Encrypted at rest (AES-256) and in transit (TLS 1.3)
Re-identification	Very Low	Pseudonymization and architectural separation of PII
Cross-border transfer	None	All data processed and stored exclusively within EU

6. Security Measures

- End-to-end encryption (TLS 1.3, AES-256)
- In-memory real-time state engine
- Sharded, encrypted archival database

- Strict separation of roles, no shared root accounts
- Daily access audits and key rotation protocols
- No access by non-EU entities or subprocessors
- No 3rd Party Access
- No sale of data

7. Data Minimization & Storage Limitation

- Only necessary metadata is retained
- Full messages are archived under retention policy with encryption & compression
- Cold storage logs available for 36-month recovery and auditing

8. Processor Rights & Transparency

- Full controller access to reports, data, and audit logs
- DPIA can be shared with DPA upon request
- Subject rights honored as directed by controller (access, rectification, deletion)

9. Evidence of Secure Data Storage (Visual Samples Available)

Screenshots of KRONYX's database schema are available upon request and demonstrate:

- Use of pseudonymized identifiers for all user and device data
- Encryption of sensitive fields
- Absence of direct personal identifiers
- Strict separation of access by function and role
- Example sensitive data at rest

USER:

```
{
  "_id": {
    "$oid": "685ea53cccf75115dd4f2f1"
  },
  "created_at": 1751033152750,
  "updated_at": 1751033152750,
  "user_id": "tpx4ymcevxcnf",
  "account_id": "402weo18m1t7lpqq",
  "allow_passwordless_login": true,
  "roles": [
    "accountOwner",
    "authenticatedUser"
  ]
}
```

```

    ],
    "scopes": [],
    "active": true,
    "__v": 0
  }

```

CONTACT:

```

{
  "_id": {
    "$oid": "685ea53cccf75115dd4f2f1"
  },
  "created_at": 1751033148749,
  "updated_at": 1751033148749,
  "contact_id": "tpx4ymcevxcnf",
  "first_name_hash":
"6a1e9e2d9b75e944ae0061145fde801b7fa05707bdbca2cba9224613747d0fd873b3133d1c
bff5f2951bd57e1ff4289a",
  "last_name_hash":
"2389e4ccfe1085ccff33e9be343a4d8c439cdcf9240d3601c86e9971c23adeb31eab95ed09
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  "attributes": [
    "user"
  ],
  "first_name":
"08b6fa54064e7a66760594be94b2c97c170aa93dcce074b87d34cebe61f9fcf975a76098e9
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  "last_name":
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  "address_ids": [
    "m3od56u4"
  ],
  "phones": [
    {
      "type": "work",
      "number":
"73eafccd38f268480c19bba88adbc59080f1c4c02987f753069465e14d143997a2641286ee
accc4bf9248156569ecca8261471b70b182f1c6871c2d6:0187d798a7b5f00a392a3c33a804
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      "hash":
"dc4267b66dc709fefc6aa8d63d06aabb89bcd6bce907a5b51f80ef471abee800dbe2b054e6
2bb10fae9fe5664327f9b6"
    }
  ],
}

```

```

"emails": [
  {
    "type": "work",
    "address":
"01bea71cb7b4ef13c573f0bd815b17e156b5489da2c21bcdabdcd93610ce40f7099a6fbef4c
7402c446c706b348347df28c5380edab6db12ba66616c3ccfc0533e0b1:ece35b00d12f3b96
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"39973b4e06eebd64c3d79a01445b51d78ebd69707d032730e77ee4ffee41cd0d8914ced3fd
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    "verified_at": 1751274679264,
    "gravatar":
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  }
],
"tags": [],
"avatar": "",
"eSocial_media":
"8eb861b83333348c4f019f97f238eea0dd723b265f8fcde6b7fec1dddf6200ad9f85878b81f
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85de89829358f79615eb97b9dc29fba3a301a9c38c188593c67c77c8f5f8d5e95b5cce57ce0
9008c06590d228c860d07cdbf|k1",
    "__v": 0,
    "account_id": "402weo18m1t7lpqq"
  }
}

```

10. Advanced Encryption & Hashing Implementation

- All plaintext fields (e.g., names, contact details) are fully encrypted using AES-256
- A unique, symmetric AES key is randomly generated per encryption operation
- This AES key is encrypted remotely using a secured master key server and returned alongside the encrypted payload
- First names, last names, and other searchable identifiers are hashed using SHA3
- Lookup operations (e.g., by email) are performed against the SHA3 hash, not the plaintext
- Passwords and API tokens are hashed using Argon2i with unique salts for each entry
- Decryption is possible only through the authorized KRONYX decryption routine, which validates origin, user permissions, and integrity before granting access

Example Search Hash:

Where **Red** is the encrypted email address and **Blue** is the SHA3 hash allowing search and query by email address.

```
"emails": [  
  {  
    "type": "work",  
    "address":  
    "01bea71cb7b4ef13c573f0bd815b17e156b5489da2c21bcd93610ce40f7099a6fbef4c  
7402c446c706b348347df28c5380edab6db12ba66616c3ccfc0533e0b1:ece35b00d12f3b96  
e243da9bc2dd8c51b17d0c831224695d57899e53ca8bf3db13be11e50e13feb41d198f8a999  
c9a70ea1b9da3b7879f8eef8357904b2aa30d118b4f872822a2bc8568c858c5a9bf11a5913c  
9ca1035f93ee0bb3986434a4f5be926b895bad88f9b53a85c64e01c271|k1",  
    "hash":  
    "39973b4e06eebd64c3d79a01445b51d78ebd69707d032730e77ee4ffee41cd0d8914ced3fd  
22a4dce8c2609bfff898bd8",  
    ...
```

Example Encryption Schema:

Where **Blue** is the encrypted payload. **Red** is the encrypted random AES256 Symetric Key and **Yellow** is the key version ID.

```
8eb861b83333348c4f019f97f238eea0dd723b265f8fcde6b7fec1ddf6200ad9f85878b81ff  
a0f735c01a1aa47d4aac772484de9c44d4531963e706ffaa62e5f92c55712b1b40ce8a4f761  
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5de89829358f79615eb97b9dc29fba3a301a9c38c188593c67c77c8f5f8d5e95b5cce57ce09  
008c06590d228c860d07cdf|k1
```

11. Roles & Scopes based Router Resource Control

KRONYX uses Fastify-based scoped routing logic to restrict access to data based on assigned user roles and scopes. All client requests are authenticated and inspected through secure session cookies signed by the IronToken system. These requests inject user metadata into the `req` object, ensuring that access is both user-specific and traceable.

Below is a simplified example of how access is enforced per endpoint:

```
function checkPermissions({ req, requiredScopes = [], mode = 'any' }) {
  const { user } = req;
  if (!user?.user_id || !Array.isArray(user.scopes)) throw new
Error("Unauthorized")
  if (user.roles?.includes('god')) return true;
  const userScopes = new Set(user.scopes);
  const authorized =
    mode === 'all'
      ? requiredScopes.every(scope => userScopes.has(scope))
      : requiredScopes.some(scope => userScopes.has(scope));
  if (!authorized) throw new Error("Unauthorized")
  return true;
}
```

This is paired with request handlers that validate both scopes and ownership via `account_id`:

```
fastify.get("/", {
  preHandler: async (req, reply) => {
    try {
      checkPermissions({ req, requiredScopes: ["account.view.own"] });
      requireAccountMatch(req);
      await Validate.async(req.query, {
        account_id: RULES.stringFieldRuleRequired(),
      });
    } catch (err) {
      if (err.message.includes('Unauthorized')) {
        return reply.status(403).send({ error: "You are unauthorized to
make this request." });
      }
      return reply.status(400).send(err);
    }
  }
}, async (req, reply) => {
  try {
    const cacheKey = CACHESERVICE.keygen({
      namespace: CACHE_NAMESPACE,
      route: "/account",
      user_id: req.user.user_id,
      params: req.query
    });
```

```

let refresh = false;
if(req.query.refresh) refresh = true;

if(!refresh){
  const data = await CACHESERVICE.get({ key: cacheKey });
  if(data) return reply.status(200).send(data);
}

const account = await AccountModel.get(req.query.account_id, refresh);
if (!account) return reply.status(404).send("Account not found.");

await CACHESERVICE.set({ key: cacheKey, data: account });
return reply.status(200).send(account);

} catch (err) {
  console.error(err);
  return reply.status(400).send(err);
}
});

```

This design enforces strict role- and scope-based access control, logs access contextually, and ensures that each query is tied to the authenticated user's `account_id`. As such, data exposure is structurally impossible across unrelated tenants or accounts.

12. IronToken-Based Client Authentication System

KRONYX employs a hardened authentication mechanism built on the IronToken framework (NMESYS) to ensure that only verified, session-bound users can access protected resources. The process includes the following steps:

1. Client Initialization:

- A random APP_KEY is generated client-side and stored in a Secure, Signed Cookie.
- This key is sent with every request in the header (x-appkey) to tie the session to a specific device.

2. User Login:

- Email address is hashed and used to look up the user securely.
- Passwords are verified using **Argon2i** hash comparison.
- Password are optional. The base platform is PASSWORDLESS where a random password is generated for 5 minutes and sent to the user email address. The user has the option to set a fixed password which shall expire every 90 – 180 days.
- Upon success, an IronToken is created using a 32-byte random token and stored as a signed cookie with a max age of 3 days.

3. Session Payload Storage:

- A Redis payload is stored with the token as the key, encrypted and containing:
 - `user_id`
 - `cacheKey`
 - The original `APP_KEY`
- Redis expiration is synchronized with the cookie expiration.

4. Request Verification Middleware:

- For every API request, the IronToken cookie is unsign-verified.
- Redis is queried for the encrypted payload and decrypted.
- The `APP_KEY` from the client is compared to the one stored in Redis.
- The user object is retrieved and injected into `req.user`.
- All microservices rely on this injected identity for authorization.

5. Proxy Gateway Enforcement:

- All backend APIs are accessible **only** from an internal Docker network.
- A Fastify-based proxy performs verification and forwards authenticated requests only.
- Critical metadata (`x-irontoken`, `x-user`, etc.) is injected into headers for downstream services.

This setup ensures that:

- Only trusted, session-bound devices can issue requests
- Session hijacking is mitigated by client-bound `APP_KEY` validation
- Tokens are short-lived and revocable via Redis session destruction
- Backend services never operate on anonymous or client-supplied tokens directly

KRONYX is designed from the ground up to exceed GDPR technical expectations for telemetry platforms. No unencrypted identifiers are stored. Access is restricted to authorized EU-based KRONYX operators only.

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