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Status
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Subject
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Version
18.x Regression
21.x
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Category
- Legislative Compliance

Feature
UI / UX (User interface and experience)

Resolution status
New

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Description
A German court has ruled that websites that utilize Google fonts possibly violate the GDPR, and the owner of such a site is liable for that.

At first look, this sounds over the edge, but when looking deeper, the court's legal findings are stringent. If a website loads Google fonts, it makes the browser of users load the fonts from Google, thereby compromising personal data to Google.

If the user in question did not agree to this disclosure of personal data to Google (and the site owner can prove that), than it is a clear violation of the GDPR. The user then doesn't know about this disclosure of data, and cannot do anything to prevent this.

Therefore it is advisable that all demo Tiki stuff, including themes, be either stripped of Google fonts, or the fonts should be loaded directly from the site, or the users of such themes be told that the unaltered use of these themes comprises a GDPR violation, which can be fined (for companies) with up to 20 million Euro or 4% of a year's turnover (not profit!), whichever is higher...

Importance
8

Easy to solve?
10 easy

Priority

80

Demonstrate Bug (Tiki 19+)

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Version: trunk ▼

Demonstrate Bug (older Tiki versions)

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Comments

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Is the court ruling specific to Google? In the last few themes I made or updated, I used https://fonts.bunny.net/, which claims to be

❝

> *Fully GDPR Compliant*
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> *Bunny Fonts are hosted by BunnyWay d.o.o. - an EU-based company - and were designed to help you stay fully GDPR compliant. No data or logs are ever collected or passed to a third party. Simply put: we cannot track or monitor your end-users in any way or form.*

Switching all the Tiki themes to that font server should solve the problem, shouldn't it?

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"Is the court ruling specific to Google?"

Yes. The difference is: Google is a US company, and ALL US companies are bound by the US cloud act, meaning: If they receive a "national security letter" from the NSA they MUST deliver ALL data from their customers to the NSA (in its entirety), and keep silent about the security letter towards those customers for all eternity.

This has been ruled by highest courts to be incompatible to ANY European data privacy laws, shattering the "safe haven" accord. If Bunny Way is a true european company (meaning: No US mother) than this can be safe. On contrast, German Google (or German Microsoft subsidiaries) ARE bound by the US cloud act...

Law firms have now begun to make money out of the court ruling, threatening website operators to sue them for GDPR infrigement if they employ Google fonts which is of course very easy to detect

automatically via some clever scripts...

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The court ruling as official publication by the Bavarian government: https://www.gesetze-bayern.de/Content/Document/Y-300-Z-BECKRS-B-2022-N-612?hl=true (in German, of course). The defendant was sentenced, in case of a future repetion of the infringement, to a fine of up to 250 000 Euros or six months in jail for each and every case of repetion. Furthermore, the defendant was sentenced to pay 100 Euros of damage compensation to the plaintiff. This was a Landgericht, which is kind of in the middle of hierarchy of courts. The dictionary says "district court" would be the translation, but IANAL. So the GDPR does have teeth!

Attachments

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