Canada’s Digital Charter: Trust in a digital world

In this digital world, Canadians must be able to trust that their privacy is protected, that their data will not be misused, and that companies operating in this space communicate in a simple and straightforward manner with their users. This trust is the foundation on which our digital and data-driven economy will be built. The 10 principles of the Charter will help guide the federal government’s work to help address challenges and leverage Canada’s unique talents and strengths in order to harness the power of digital and data transformation.

The 10 principles of the Charter

1. Universal Access
2. Safety and Security
3. Control and Consent
4. Transparency, Portability and Interoperability
5. Open and Modern Digital Government
6. A Level Playing Field
7. Data and Digital for Good
8. Strong Democracy
9. Free from Hate and Violent Extremism
10. Strong Enforcement and Real Accountability

The Charter in action

Programs and initiatives to make Canada a competitive, data-driven digital economy:

- Strengthening Privacy in the Digital Age
- Intellectual Property Strategy
- Protecting Democracy
- National Cyber Security Strategy
- Directive on Open Government
- Letter to the Commissioner of Competition
- Modernizing Canada’s Privacy Act
- High-speed Internet
- CanCODE program
- Global Skills Strategy
- Canadian Digital Service
- Connect to Innovation
- Connecting Families
- Computers for Schools
- Accessibility Technology Program
- Digital Literacy Exchange
- Skills Boost
- Future Skills
- Smart Cities Challenge
- Economic Strategy Tables
- Pan-Canadian AI Strategy
- Innovation Superclusters
- Innovative Solutions Canada
- Strategic Innovation Fund
- Canadian Data Governance
- Standardization Collaborative
- Advisory Council on Artificial Intelligence
- International Panel on Artificial Intelligence
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What we heard during the National Digital and Data Consultations

(June–October 2018)

- 6 Digital Innovation Leaders
- +550 participants
- +1,900 online interactions
- 30 roundtables

“We must ensure that while we support the greater use of data, we are also protecting the trust and privacy of Canadians.”

“...”

To truly be a nation of innovators, we must build a culture of innovation, one which embraces resilience and risk.”

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