

P3P Resources

Articles about P3P:

- P3P- <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/privacy/story/0,10801,75389,00.html>
- P3P- <http://www.nwfusion.com/details/625.html?def>
- Status of Implementation- <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0223/pol-privacy-02-23-04.asp>

Training

- **Good Presentation about the Basics, Implementation, and Testing-** <http://www.cdt.org/privacy/20040122machinereadability.pdf>

P3P Websites

- W3C- <http://www.w3.org/P3P/>
- FAQ's- <http://www.w3.org/P3P/P3FAQ.html>
- **Good Site about P3P-** <http://p3ptoolbox.org/guide/>
- **IBM's free policy generator-** <http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/p3peditor>
- AT&T's Privacy Bird (user agent)- <http://www.research.att.com/projects/p3p/>

Some Questions from FSA to Dept of Ed about their implementation of P3P

(Answers from Shelia Hamblin, who did the P3P for Ed.gov)

- **What program did the Department use to write their P3P policies?**
I used the IBM product located at <http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/p3peditor> along with the book "Web Privacy with P3P".
- **Does it matter which program FSA uses?**

It does not matter which program you use. I started with the IBM program but then edited the xml by hand because the program can be clunky.

- **How long did it take you to complete the process?**
It took me about 2 1/2 weeks because the book is geared to the private sector, and I couldn't figure out what was necessary for our policy. ED.gov turned out to be pretty simple.
- **Is there just one P3P policy that applies to the Ed.gov site?**
We have several policies depending on which page a person is using. For instance, OIG and OCR have blanket exceptions to the Privacy Act, so their human readable privacy policies are

separate from ED.gov as are OSFAP pages on our servers. We also placed reference files on the coldfusion server that runs some of our applications.

- [Could we get a copy of the Dept's full P3P code/file/policy?](#)

Almost every site that enables p3p places the main policy reference file at /w3c/ and calls it p3p.xml (this is what the browsers are looking for). From there, you can find the name of the actual policy file. Ours is /w3c/generalpolicy.xml. I will warn you that FSA collects a lot more data than we do, so your policy should be more detailed. To answer the example question, you are welcome to look at our code, and I know IRS, FTC and SSA have done theirs also.

- [How did it work out with implementation with the servers? \(We anticipate the contractors may have to create the policies at their desk and send them to the contractors responsible for the servers.\)/ Can you describe the changes in the server configuration that will have to be made for P3P?](#)

We created a folder, /w3c/, at the root level and then deployed a p3p.xml file into that folder, so we did not make any changes to the server configuration. We decided against a compact policy for our cookies because we only use session cookies, and it didn't seem necessary.