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Age verification: a threat to the open-source ecosystem

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Why is age verification a big digital human rights issue?

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How it's been in the past:

- 1) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- 2) Digital Services Act (DSA)

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What's happening now

- 1) DSA Article 28 Guidelines
- 2) Child Sexual Abuse Regulation, aka
“Chat Control 2.0”

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DMA Art 2.(15): 'software application' means any digital product or service that runs on an operating system;

DMA Art 2.(14): 'software application stores' means a type of online intermediation services, which is focused on software applications as the intermediated product or service;

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CSAR Art 6.1. Providers of software application stores shall:

- (b)take reasonable measures to prevent child users from accessing the software applications in relation to which they have identified a significant risk of use of the service concerned for the purpose of the solicitation of children;
- (c)take the necessary age verification and age assessment measures to reliably identify child users on their services, enabling them to take the measures referred to in point (b).

Technical Implications

Age Verification vs. Age Assurance

Implementation

Service Level
Browser Level
Operating-System Level

Implementation

Verifier
Enforcer
Policy Selector
Rater

Technical Implications

It's like rolling out a release without testing

Real-Life Examples

Risks for FLOSS development platforms

Australia Social Media Minimum Age

Risks for FLOSS operating systems

German Treaty on Protection of Minors
in the Media

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