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## Ariadne Labs Privacy Policy

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This Privacy Policy will tell you what information we collect, how it is used and what your choices are. By using the Ariadne Labs (a joint center for systems innovation, between Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health) website, you agree to acceptance of this Website Privacy Policy. **Please read the following carefully before using the site.**

### Information Collection and Use

#### **Information We Collect:**

- Name
- Email address
- Organization/Facility
- Job title/Role
- Country
- Postal code
- Degree
- Specialty
- Address
- Phone number

In addition we would like and require the following information:

- Confirmation of this Terms of Use Agreement
- Whether you would like to receive communication directly from our program areas
- Why would you like to be part of the community?

IP Addresses - We collect and log the IP address of all visitors to the Ariadne Labs community website. An IP address is a number automatically assigned to your computer whenever you access the Internet. IP addresses allow computers and servers to recognize and communicate with one another. We collect IP address information so that we can properly manage our system and gather information about how our site is being used. This includes the pages visitors are viewing. Your IP address may be associated with records containing personal information.

Personal information- includes information that is unique to an individual, such as a name, address, job title, email address or telephone number.

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### **How We Use This Information**

Ariadne Labs uses the information you provide to fulfill online requests, or in other ways as required by law.

We may use your information:

- To help us understand how to grow and develop our work
- To personalize your experience and inform you about the work in which you have indicated an interest



- To improve our website offerings and send you information and updates
- To test, or survey a proposed site feature
- To communicate changes to our privacy policy or terms of use

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## Changes to This Policy

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