

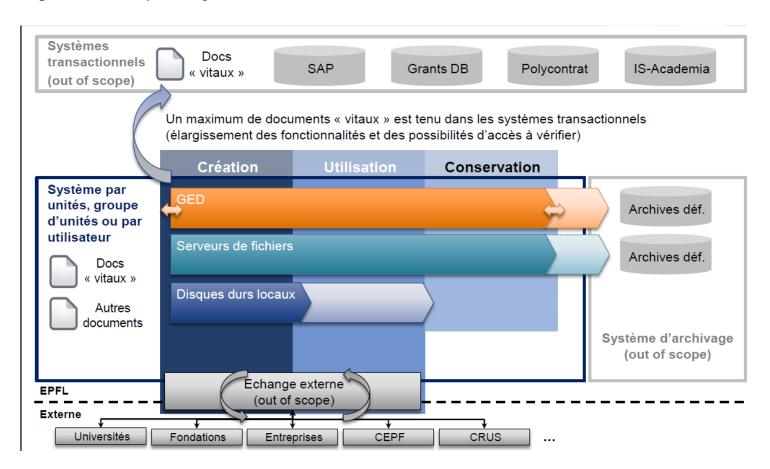
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G Suite at EPFL



Need: Document Management

EPFL was looking for a tool support the creation and sharing of documents; archiving = second priority





Cloud Services: Legal Analysis

A legal analysis has clarified the possibilities and the limits of cloud services

Legal framework applicable to EPFL:

- Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP)
- Loi sur le personnel de la Confédération (LPers) / Bundespersonalgesetz (BPG),
 specifically the article 22 reg. official secrecy
- Freedom of Information Act (FolALoi)

According to the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC), data under the FADP or official secrecy cannot be stored or processed in a cloud which is not 100% Swiss: processing and storage in Switzerland, fully operated by Swiss companies



Deployment of Cloud Services at EPFL

- 1. Using cloud services is strategic for EPFL, within the legal framework
- 2. The Vice Presidency for Information Systems (VPSI) is in charge of the transition towards cloud services; VPSI is in charge of assessing the T&C of cloud vendors
- 3. The business units (labs, central services) owning the data are responsible for assessing if FADP or official secrecy apply for using a cloud service, with the support of the Data Protection Officer (hiring in progress)
- 4. The users are regularly informed by VPSI and DPO They are responsible to manage their data and documents according to the guidelines





Document Management & Research Data

Research data are produced, processed and stored in the context of a research project Sensitive projects are well identified (e.g. medical, nuclear, patent, etc.)

EPFL is committed to Open Access

As a consequence, research data of non-sensitive projects cannot be deemed under FADP or official secrecy and can be stored and processed on a cloud service, provided that the T&C of the cloud service have been validated

This is the case for G Drive

- EPFL has signed a contract with Google (Google Apps for Edu)
- In addition, EPFL single sign-on is used for G Drive



Document Management & Administrative Data

Administrative documents must currently be assessed on a case by case basis EPFL aims at defining a data classification coupled with guidelines

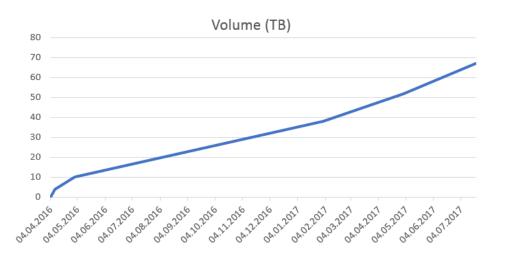
Document category	Storage & processing	
	Cloud (EPFL validated)	Internal solution
Public document	OK	OK
Internal use document, limited to EPFL and its partners	OK	OK
Confidential document, limited to a closed list of recipients	OK	OK
Legally protected document (FADP or official secrecy)	Prohibited	OK

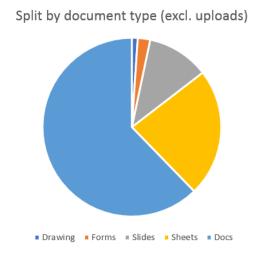
Precautionary principle: administrative documents are processed on EPFL's internal systems and users who wish to use EPFL validated cloud solutions are responsible for evaluating the classification of the documents concerned and avoiding using cloud services for legally protected documents



G Drive Stats (July 2017)

2'700+ users have stored 10 or more documents, vast majority (90+%) are researchers







Cloud in General at EPFL

Cloud services validated by EPFL

- SWITCHdrive, SWITCHengines
- G Suite
- ServiceNow
- Doodle
- CrossKnowledge

Issue

G Suite: EPFL single sign-on for researchers seems to be an issue when it is the keystone... When Google Scholar affiliation meets their requirements!

Next steps

- Clarify official secrecy: ETH domain -> swissuniversities -> ???
- Google Cloud?
- AWS?
- Others...



