

# Group privacy and data

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Groups on Heylo are private by default, or “closed.” When getting started, admins can select from a range of privacy controls for their group, including:

- **Public.** The group is visible on Heylo and search engines, and anyone can join the group without admin approval.
- **Closed.** The group is visible on Heylo and search engines, and new members can request to join. However, admins must approve all new members.
- **Invite-only.** The group is not visible to others on Heylo, and only existing admins and members can invite new members to the group.

Learn more about all the variations of visibility and control in [Permissions](#).

Beyond group controls, groups on Heylo also own their own data. The admins are the responsible stewards of that data. Admins can [export the group's data](#) and take the group to another platform anytime, without penalty. Learn more about data privacy under Heylo's [privacy policy](#).

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