

PunkPanda Privacy Policy

Manage cookies

We respect your right to privacy and your choices regarding your data. We need to process some of your personal information when you're using our tools, but we're committed to a responsible and values driven approach to business, technology, and our relationship with you.

That's why we go to great lengths to keep your digital footprint small, safe, and in your control.

By default, we only collect and process data when strictly necessary. However, if you'd like to support our service and keep PunkPanda free, please allow us to share information with our advertising partners.

Cookies and advertising

We do not advertise, however we reserve the right to use advertisements at a future date if we need help to pay our bills. That might be the only way we can afford to provide our encrypted content sharing service for free.

Our website uses cookies that help it to function, allow us to analyze how you interact with it, and help us to improve performance.

We will also use cookies for our partners so we can personalize any content you might see in the future, as well as promote products by PunkPanda and our partners.

Privacy & Cookie statement

Since day one, PunkPanda has cared about privacy and respecting our users. Protecting the data of our users is of the highest importance to us. We go to great lengths to make sure we keep it safe. We take your trust and right to privacy seriously. Nevertheless, to enable you in your flow and to improve and secure our service, we need to process some personal information. For privacy related questions, please reach out to our data protection department via support@PunkPanda.com. This statement covers the processing activities of the PunkPanda services, software, websites, voice calls, Video and Voice Conferencing, instant messaging and image sharing (including browser extensions) and/or applications (together: "Services"). The Services allow you to chat, conference, create, share, collect, capture and/or visualize your ideas, texts, graphics, videos, data, information, files, decks or other content (together: "Content"). The Services may be provided to you online, in the form of a mobile and/or desktop application(s) and/or may be integrated in a third party service. By using any of the Services you agree you read and understood this Privacy Policy. To make sure this Statement is easy to read, each question has a drop down with a short explanation, followed by a more formal statement.

What information do we collect?

We store some personal information to make your use of our Services possible. There are several ways in which we may collect personal information from you: you may submit it or we will collect it automatically through our Services. Different types of personal information may be collected depending on the way you use our Services and which Services you use. Please **check the section “What are your rights as a user”** to find out how you can change, access or delete your personal information.

Personal information you submit

PunkPanda collects, processes or hosts:

Personal information you provide.

1. Contact information: your name and your email address or the email address of the recipient(s).
2. Information about yourself: age, gender, city.
3. Preferences: for example, language settings or interests.
4. Content and metadata: you may choose to upload or create Content which contains all sorts of personal information about you and others. Such Content also contains a filename, size and filetype.
5. Personal messages: the ones you send to people along with sharing your files.

The uploader or creator(s) is responsible for the legitimacy of the Content and needs to follow our [Terms of Service](#), PunkPanda only processes it to provide its Services.

Personal information we collect by automated means.

PunkPanda also collects and uses personal information by automated means while you use our Services.

1. Browser information: type of browser, language settings, country and timezone.
2. Cookie or web beacon information: cookie IDs and settings and other personal information received through cookies, web beacons or pixel tags. Learn more about under section “Why and how are cookies used”.
3. Device information: the type of device, hardware model and operating system.
4. Identification details: unique identifiers such as an IDFA (for iOS), MAC address or a UserID.
5. Network information: IP-addresses and mobile network information.
6. Location data: data on your geo-location. If we use your device based, precise GPS-location, we will make sure we only do so after receiving your consent.

7. Service usage: information regarding the way you interact with our Services, websites and mobile apps.

Personal information we receive from partners

In some cases, we receive personal information from third parties, such as:

1. Integration information: you can choose to integrate some of our Services with your social media or messaging services, in order to provide you with a rich messaging functionality.
2. Marketing information: some partners may provide additional (aggregated) information, for instance through their Software Developer Kits (SDKs). This may contain demographic or behavioural information in order for us to personalize content, advertisements and offers and to find the right audience for our advertisements.
3. Legal Information: when law enforcement agencies or courts order us to take down Content, we may initially receive personal information about you and your behaviour.

What personal information do we collect?

We use your personal information in order to provide and improve our Services, to comply with legal obligations and to advertise our Services and to keep our Services safe and secure. Please find below how we use your personal information specifically and on what legal grounds we base the use of your personal information.

Activities & purposes

1. Service: the most important reason for using your personal information is, of course, to offer you our Services as mentioned in our Terms of Service, for example to create or visualize your Content or share your ideas and to let you access and use your Content across different devices.
2. Support: we provide a wide range of support services to help you out whenever you're in need, for instance when you need technical assistance. If it's needed to offer support, our support team can, on your request, access your Content in order to help you out.
3. Account & billing: creating and upholding your personal account for example to facilitate your address book and to enable you to access your Content across different devices, facilitating payment of your subscription fee and perform accounting, auditing & billing activities.

4. **Safety, integrity & security:** we follow up abuse, similar reports, complaints, fraud investigations and may investigate your compliance with our Terms of Services. Furthermore, we detect & block Child Sexual Abuse Imagery (CSAI). Detection of CSAI leads to automated decisions whether such Content is potential CSAI. Cases of potential CSAI will be reported directly to law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, we protect ourselves against fraud and other illegal activities. In all these cases we maintain the right to preserve your Content and share it, together with other identifying information, with law enforcement agencies. Finally, we could use your personal information for internal control to safeguard our and your safety, integrity and security. For instance, in case of any suspicion of violations of our Terms of Services.
5. **Improvement & development:** we evaluate the use of our Services to improve our Services, fix bugs, develop new products and services. We do this either by market research (for instance by sending out surveys) or by performing analyses (for example by tracking and bringing together your personal information across our Services or across your mobile devices). We do this in order to understand how our user base as a whole interacts with our Services, but also to review the effect of our advertisements and to improve those Services and advertisements accordingly.
6. **Marketing, advertisement & communication:** we use your personal information for marketing and (interest based) advertising for instance by using SDKs or cookies, as well as communication. Think updates on new Services, but also personalised advertisements of PunkPanda or our partners, which we can serve on our or third party websites. In order to find the right audience for these advertisements we will look at certain segments of people. For instance, people who use similar Services as ours, people who share the same characteristics as our current users or people within a certain geolocation, such as the London area. In order to connect with our target audience, we might use sequential messaging, which is basically a form of storytelling: each time you interact with our Services on a different device, you may receive a slightly different ad in a different form, but the ads are part of the same story. Moreover, based on the way you interact with our Services through your devices, we might promote one of our (other) Services or features. Finally, we enable you to engage in any (personalised) actions, promotions or events we offer.
7. **Legal:** in so far as necessary, we might use your personal information to defend PunkPanda in legal proceedings in relation to or as a result of your use of our Services, following a court order, abiding by any law, regulation or governmental request, cooperating with law enforcement, cooperating in fraud investigations of third parties, safeguarding national security, defense, public security, and to uphold our Terms of Services.

Legal grounds

Each processing activity (activities and purposes above) has a valid legal ground, which is described below.

1. Contractual obligations with you regarding the activities and purposes mentioned under 1, 2 and 3 above. We need to process personal information to offer our Services through our websites and mobile apps, to provide (technical) support and to bill your subscription fee.
2. Legal obligations: regarding the activities and purposes under 3, 4 and 7. We're legally obliged to process your personal information for accounting purposes and to respond to legal requests.
3. Consent: (partially) regarding activities and purposes mentioned under 2 (e.g. accessing your Content for support) and 6, except when we communicate direct, marketing in relation to our own and similar Services to you as a paid user.
4. Legitimate interests: (partially) regarding activities and purposes under 1 & 3 (e.g. to provide cross device access). For the purposes mentioned under 4 in order to provide safe Services, to prevent fraud and react against illegal use of our Services. For our innovative interests as mentioned under 5 and for our (direct) marketing, brand interests under 6 and legal & compliance interests as stated under 7. When we use your personal information based on our or a third party's legitimate interest, we will make sure to balance your rights and freedoms against said legitimate interest.

What parties do we share your information with?

PunkPanda has several partners to operate and improve its Services. Furthermore, we may share or allow you to share your information as part of some of the Services.

1. Service providers: such as our hosting provider, user support provider, IT & software providers, our payment processors, email processors and the accountant.
2. People and (social) media of your choice: you may choose to share your Content with others, such as teammates, within our Services or on (social) media like Twitter.
3. Law enforcement agencies or regulators: we are obliged to share your personal information in case of a legal request. In case we run across CSAI or when we're notified on other illegal Content we'll also share your personal information with law enforcement agencies.
4. Business partners: we collaborate with advertising partners, marketing and communication agencies. We do this for (interest based) advertising, branding and reaching out to you. Our advertising partners implement their own tracking cookies which fall under their terms of services and privacy & cookie statement.
5. Integrated services: if you decide to integrate (one of) our Services with another service (such as your social media account) we will connect that service with ours. In order to provide such service, we will need to share some of your personal information with that service. The terms and privacy & cookie statement of these third parties applies, at least for their part of the connection.

6. PunkPanda entities: we share personal information between entities which are part of the PunkPanda group in order to provide our Services and for all purposes mentioned under “Why do we use your personal information?”.

We're a global business, which means we might share or store personal information in countries outside the United Kingdom (“UK”). Those countries have different data protection laws in place. However, when we transfer and host data globally, we will make sure that appropriate safeguards are in place in order to ensure your personal information enjoys a similar level of protection as it would within the UK.

Why and how are cookies used

We place cookies with the intention of making PunkPanda even better. We work hard to make our Services safe, beautiful and unobtrusive. Feel free to block cookies, but this may affect how well our Services work.

We place several cookies (or similar technologies, like pixels or web beacons) on your device for the purpose of facilitating your use of the Service and to find out how the Service may be improved. We or our advertising partners also place cookies on our website(s). Being a global service, these partners can vary per country. When our advertising partners place cookies, these cookies can process personal information to measure the effectiveness of the campaign.

Cookies are small text files that are stored on your computer by your browser when you visit a website. Examples of cookie purposes are: your language preferences, logging into an account, remembering login details, serving you personalised advertisements and acceptance of the Terms of Service and Privacy & Cookie Statement. Our website can place these cookies for the following purposes:

1. Functional cookies are used to provide functionalities when using our Service, such as the possibility to set preferences or to remember your previous settings.
2. Analytical cookies are used to optimise our Service. For example, to optimise the usability of our website by testing a new feature, to make the website more user-friendly and to analyse how you use our Service. We also use analytical cookies to stop bots and malicious behaviour like spam. When we use analytical cookies, this could include third party cookies. These third party analytical cookies process personal information.
3. Advertisement cookies are used for commercial, editorial and promotional purposes. With these cookies your internet and surf behaviour can be followed over various domains and websites. Advertisement cookies are often also placed by third parties to measure the effectiveness of their advertising campaigns and to follow your internet and surf behaviour over other domains and websites where they have placed a cookie. PunkPanda does not have access to or control over personal information collected via these cookies or other features that advertisers and third parties may use. Our Privacy & Cookie Statement is therefore not applicable to these third party cookies and we refer

you to third parties' Privacy Statements to read how they handle personal information.

4. Pixel tags or web beacons are a piece of code embedded on the website that collects personal information about users' engagement on that web page. The use of a pixel allows us to record, for example, that a user has visited a particular web page or clicked on a particular advertisement. The pixel also allows us to see from which previous website or channel a user arrived at our website.

Can you use PunkPanda for private or sensitive content?

We treat your Content with respect. We don't provide any public search function, catalogue or listing to find Content. We trust you understand that in order to fulfill our moral responsibility to reduce the spread of Child Sexual Abuse Imagery (CSAI), we do use automated systems to detect such Content. We may be obliged to delete your Content when we receive a legal request.

Please be mindful when distributing download/ access links - whoever it is passed on to or has access to a download/access link can access or download the Content. For extra security and confidentiality, you might want to use our feature to protect your files with a password (if available).

What retention procedures are in place

The retention period for your personal information depends on which Service you use and it depends on which category of personal information we're talking about. Always check out the website(s) or app(s) of the Service(s) for the specific information on retention periods.

Personal information

PunkPanda retains your personal information as long as necessary to provide our Services to you (e.g. upholding your user account), to conduct our business activities and fulfill our legitimate interests, such as providing safe and secure services, to fix bugs and to reach out to you, to comply with applicable laws (e.g. retaining financial information for 7 years for tax purposes in certain jurisdictions) and legal requests and to resolve (legal) disputes.

Files you transfer

When using PunkPanda Encrypted Content Sharing your Content will be deleted after 24 hours unless you have a Pro account in which case your transfer data is stored by default until the expiry date you set manually. After this period, a file is automatically deleted from our servers. The personal information that accompanies your transfer is kept for a maximum of 12 months. Such personal information is only accessible to very few people within PunkPanda, those that need it to perform their job, for example to provide you with support. When data is older than 12 months, we scrub it from the database, pseudonymise or anonymise it for analysis. Pseudonomising your personal information means that we do not use your email address or IP address for analytical purposes but

create a random pseudonym for both and use that pseudonym instead. That way we don't have to handle directly identifiable personal information.

Content you create, use, store or share through the Services other than file sharing

The Content you create, use, store or share on our Services, other than our File Sharing Service, is, in principle, retained until you stop interacting with our Service(s), when you delete your Content from the Service(s), when you delete the Service(s) from your device(s) or when you delete your account. Always check out the website(s) or app(s) of the Service(s) you use for specific information.

How safe is it to use PunkPanda?

PunkPanda takes technical and organisational measures to protect your personal information against loss or other forms of unlawful processing.

We make sure that personal information is only accessible by those who need access to do their job and that they are properly authorised. That means we keep logs of who has access to personal information, we limit the amount of people that have access, and we make sure that personal information can only be read, copied, modified or removed by properly authorised staff. We monitor internal activity to ensure the safety and accuracy of personal information.

PunkPanda staff are required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the company's guidelines regarding confidentiality, ethics, and appropriate usage of personal information.

During an upload, while it's stored on our servers and during a download, Content is encrypted and only sent over a secure connection (https). The servers we use to store your Content for you are GDPR compliant and secure.

What are your rights as a user?

If you need more info on your personal information, please let us know. We may ask for proof of identity. If you change your mind and no longer want us to process your personal information, let us know.

You can ask PunkPanda to:

1. access, receive a copy of or correct your personal information;
2. in certain cases, erase your personal information, block or restrict our use of it;
3. in certain cases, send your personal information to other third parties.

You can do this by sending an email to support@PunkPanda.com. Please state clearly in the subject that your request concerns a privacy matter and more specifically whether it is a request to access, correction or deletion. Bear in mind that under circumstances PunkPanda requests for additional information to determine your identity.

Right to object

You have a right to object to our use of your personal information, for instance when the legal base for processing is based on one of our legitimate interests (see subsection “Legal grounds”). If you inform us that you no longer wish us to process your personal information or to be approached, PunkPanda will move your personal information to a separate file. Your personal information will no longer be used for the above mentioned purposes, unless our legitimate interest, for example safety & security, outweighs your right to objection. You can request this via support@PunkPanda.com. Please state clearly that your request concerns a privacy matter and more specifically that you exercise your right to object.

If you think we have infringed your privacy rights, you can lodge a complaint with the relevant supervisory authority.

Withdrawal of consent

When you’ve provided your consent for us to process your personal information, you can withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing activities based on consent before its withdrawal. If you withdraw your consent, we will no longer process the personal information which we’ve received based on your consent.

How to contact PunkPanda

Our support team is available via support@PunkPanda.com. If you have any questions, please email us in English, to make sure we can help you in the best way. If you have questions about the way PunkPanda processes your personal information or the personal information PunkPanda stores about you, please contact PunkPanda by sending an email with your question to support@PunkPanda.com. If you need to contact our data protection department, please do so via support@PunkPanda.com.

Revisions to the privacy and cookie statement

Note that PunkPanda may revise this Privacy & Cookie Statement from time to time. Each revised version will be dated and posted on the website. PunkPanda recommends that you review the website from time to time and take note of any changes. If you do not agree with the Privacy & Cookie Statement, you should not or no longer access or use the website and/or service. By continuing to use the website and/or service you accept any changes made to the Privacy & Cookie Statement.

