

MINDSPRING COMPUTING PRIVACY POLICY

Introduction

1. Thank you for taking the time to review our Privacy Policy. At times, **Mindspring Computing** will collect certain personal information about customers and visitors to websites hosted by us. Such information will include both identifiable personal data, as well as non-identifiable personal information [*Non-identifiable data generally includes: a postal code; the date and time sites are accessed (if you gather this); pages visited (usually done to monitor demand and improve usefulness of the site); the type of browser being used; the operating system and the type of personal computer being used to access the services*]. Identifiable personal information will be collected when you sign a contract for service with us, or use our website for a transaction or subscription service. Non-identifiable information is gathered automatically when you visit our website or those websites hosted by us, and stored for use in our system.
2. The purpose of this privacy policy is to explain to customers what types of information we will collect and how that information is used. In most cases, we collect this information to ensure network integrity and that we continue to provide you with the most relevant content and best possible service that suits your needs. In some cases, we are required by law to collect personal information about customers. Except where the law requires otherwise, we undertake to protect the confidentiality of such data.

Confidentiality

3. **Mindspring Computing** respects customer privacy and the privacy of those accessing our website, or those websites hosted by us. We undertake to protect the confidentiality of our customers and users including all personal information supplied in the course of contracting with us for services. We undertake not to sell your personal information to third parties for commercial or marketing purposes.

Collection of Personal Data

4. **Mindspring Computing** collects personal data about our users when you visit a website hosted by us; apply for a service subscription; respond to a customer questionnaire; and through the use of cookie technology. We may also combine information about you that we have with information we obtain from our business partners or affiliates.

A cookie is a data file that sits on your computer hardisk. The cookie is placed there by a remote web server that you have visited using a browser like Netscape or Internet Explorer. It is used to uniquely identify you during web interactions with a website and contains data parameters that allow the remote HTML server to keep a record of who you are, and what actions you take at the remote web site. You have the option to disable the cookie function in your browser, but will be restricted from accessing many sites as a result.

Use of Personal Data

5. **Mindspring Computing** may on occasion use your personal information to contact you about promotional offers; advise you of matters relevant to service provision and in some cases, solicit your feedback. However, **Mindspring Computing** will provide you with an option within every communication to opt out of receiving any communications of this nature or you can contact our customer services representatives to ensure that you do not receive such promotional information, at **+27-21-657-1780**.
6. **Mindspring Computing** may log the websites you visit; collect IP addresses and information about your operating system and the type of browser you use for the

purposes of network/system administration; to report aggregate information to our advertisers, and to audit the use of our site. This data however will not be used to identify individual users who will at all times remain anonymous.

7. Any information **Mindspring Computing** collects from you through correspondence with us, whether via e-mail, telephonically or by written letter, will only be used to address the matters within that correspondence. If this requires referring such correspondence within **Mindspring Computing** or to a third party to ensure customer service, your personal information will only be disclosed to the point necessary to address your query or concerns, and will otherwise be kept confidential.

Public Space (Bulletin Boards, Chat Rooms and Third-Party Sites)

8. Any information that customers disclose in a public space, including on any bulletin board, chat room or any site **Mindspring Computing** may host for you, is available to anyone else who visits that space. **Mindspring Computing** cannot safeguard any information you disclose there.

Site Linking

9. **Mindspring Computing's** websites contain many links to sites that belong to third parties unrelated to us. **Mindspring Computing** cannot be held responsible for any use of your personal information arising from you disclosing personal such information on third party sites. **Mindspring Computing** cannot protect any information you may disclose on these sites and recommends that you review the privacy policy statements of those sites you visit.

Minors

10. **Mindspring Computing** will not enter into a service subscription contract with a minor unless such minor has explicit written consent from a parent or guardian to do so. **Mindspring Computing** undertakes not to contact minors about promotional offers or for marketing purposes without a parental consent.

Reservation of Rights

11. **Mindspring Computing** reserves the right to disclose information about customers where required in good faith, to do so by law or to exercise our legal rights or defend ourselves against legal claims.
 12. **Mindspring Computing** further reserves the right to share information with law enforcement to investigate or prevent illegal activities being committed over our network.
 13. **Mindspring Computing** reserves our rights to disclose your personal information where you have given us explicit legal written consent to do so.
 14. **Mindspring Computing** reserves the right to monitor user and network traffic for site security purposes and prevent any unauthorized attempts to tamper with our site or cause damage to our property.
 15. **Mindspring Computing** reserves the right to make changes to this privacy policy or update it. Where a major change is made, customers will be informed by e-mail notification or through a notice on our website. Customers and site visitors bear the responsibility to ensure that they have read the changes or updates as the case may be.
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