PRIVACY AND DATA

Cookie and Local Storage Policy

Every cookie and browser storage key IdeaTopic sets, what each one is for, how long it lasts, and how to remove them.

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AT A GLANCE

A plain-language summary. The numbered clauses below are what legally applies.

- No advertising cookies. No tracking networks. No cross-site profiling.
- You can read the whole library without any cookie being set for you personally.
- Signing in sets a session token, because that is what signing in means.
- A few preference keys remember your theme and your last filter.
- Clearing site data removes all of it, and the Service still works.

1. What this covers

1.1 This policy covers cookies, local storage, session storage and any similar technology used on the Service.

1.2 A cookie is a small file a site asks your browser to store and send back on later requests.

1.3 Local storage is a browser facility that holds data on your device and is not sent to us automatically.

> *The distinction matters: a preference in local storage never leaves your device, whereas a cookie is transmitted with every request to the domain that set it.*

1.4 This policy forms part of the Privacy Policy.

1.5 It applies to the website. The mobile applications store equivalent preferences on the device.

2. What we do not do

2.1 We do not set advertising cookies.

2.2 We do not operate or embed any advertising network.

2.3 We do not use cross-site tracking pixels or conversion tags.

2.4 We do not sell or share cookie data with any third party for their own purposes.

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2.5 We do not fingerprint your device to identify you across sites.

2.6 We do not require you to accept anything before reading, because we set nothing that would require consent.

> *This is also why there is no cookie banner. A banner that asks permission for cookies we do not set would be theatre.*

3. Strictly necessary

3.1 A session token is set when you sign in, so that the Service knows which account is making a request. Removing it signs you out.

3.2 A refresh token is set when you sign in, so that your session can continue without asking for your password repeatedly.

3.3 A cross-site request forgery token is set on forms, so that a third-party site cannot submit a form as you.

3.4 These are set only once you sign in, and are removed when you sign out.

3.5 These cannot be disabled while remaining signed in, because they are what being signed in consists of.

3.6 Their lifetime is described in the Privacy Policy and in the session management of the Service.

4. Preferences

4.1 A theme key records whether you chose light or dark, so the page does not flash the wrong one on load.

4.2 A saved-notes key records what you saved locally, so it survives a reload.

4.3 An upload draft key records a partially completed upload form, so a dropped connection does not lose your typing.

4.4 A recent-taxonomy key records the category and subject you last used, to save you reselecting them.

4.5 These are stored in your browser's local storage and are not transmitted to us.

4.6 They contain no identifier that would let us recognise you across sites.

4.7 Clearing them loses the convenience and nothing else.

5. Measurement

5.1 We measure aggregate usage -- page views, load times, error rates -- through our hosting provider's built-in analytics.

5.2 That measurement is performed on server request logs and does not require a cookie on your device.

5.3 It does not identify you and does not follow you to any other site.

5.4 We do not use Google Analytics, Meta Pixel or any equivalent third-party analytics product on the Service.

5.5 Aggregate measurement tells us which subjects have gaps, which is the only product decision it informs.

6. Third-party content

6.1 Fonts are served from a third-party font host and that request reveals your IP address to that host.

6.2 Uploaded files are served from object storage and from a content delivery network, which likewise sees the request.

6.3 Those providers are listed in the Sub-processors document.

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6.4 We do not embed social media widgets, comment platforms or chat widgets that would set third-party cookies.

6.5 If you follow a link away from the Service, the destination site's own policy applies and we have no control over it.

7. Your control

7.1 Every browser allows you to view, block and delete cookies and site data. The relevant setting is ordinarily under Privacy.

7.2 Clearing site data for this domain removes everything described in this policy.

7.3 The Service continues to work with cookies blocked, except that you will not be able to remain signed in.

7.4 Reading and downloading work entirely without cookies.

7.5 Private or incognito browsing discards everything at the end of the session.

7.6 A browser "do not track" signal is respected in the sense that we do not track in the first place.

8. The mobile applications

8.1 The mobile applications do not use cookies. They store the equivalent values in the operating system's own secure storage.

8.2 An authentication token is stored so that you are not asked to sign in every time you open the app.

8.3 A device push token is stored so that a notification can be delivered to your device.

8.4 Downloaded notes are stored on the device so that they remain readable offline.

8.5 A theme preference and your last-used filters are stored on the device.

8.6 Clearing the app's storage, or uninstalling it, removes all of this from the device.

8.7 The Secret Pocket keeps your own private files in encrypted device storage and never transmits them to us.

9. Changes and questions

9.1 If we introduce a technology requiring consent, we will ask for it before setting anything, and we will update this policy first.

9.2 Additions to this policy are recorded in the version history.

9.3 Questions about this policy should be sent to legal@lacspace.com.

9.4 This policy should be read with the Privacy Policy and the Sub-processors document.

Version history

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- Initial publication.
- Listed every storage key by name and purpose rather than describing categories generically.
- Explained why no cookie banner is shown.

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