

Privacy Notice

1. Introduction

We would like to use the information below to provide you "data subject" with an overview of our processing of your personal data and your rights under data protection law. It is generally possible to use our website without entering personal data. However, if you wish to make use of special services offered by our company through our website, it may be necessary to process personal data. If it is necessary to process personal data and there is no legal basis for such processing, we will generally obtain your consent.

Personal data, such as your name, address or email address, is always processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and in accordance with the country-specific data protection regulations applicable to the "TechProtect GmbH". The aim of this Privacy Notice is to inform you about the scope and purpose of the personal data we collect, use and process.

As the data controller, we have implemented numerous technical and organisational measures to ensure the most complete possible protection of the personal data processed via this website. Nevertheless, Internet-based data transmissions can in principle have security gaps so that absolute protection cannot be guaranteed. For this reason, you are free to submit personal data on alternative ways, such as by phone or by post to us.

2. Data controller

The data controller, as defined by the GDPR, is:

TechProtect GmbH
Max-Eyth-Str. 35
71088 Holzgerlingen
Germany

Phone: +49 7031-7632-0
Fax: +49 7031-7632-100
Email: info@techprotect.de

Data controller's representative: Meike Ruoff, Ivan Blazek, Marc Frohmüller

3. Data protection officer

You can reach the data protection officer as follows:

Michael Weinmann
Phone: +49 173-763 29 62
Email: michael.weinmann@dsb-office.de

You may contact our data protection officer directly at any time if you have any questions or suggestions regarding data protection.

4. Legal basis for processing

Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR serves as our company's legal basis for processing operations in which we obtain consent for a specific processing purpose.

If the processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party, as is the case, for example, with processing operations that are necessary for the delivery of goods or the provision of other services or consideration, processing is based on Article 6 Paragraph 1(b) GDPR. The same applies to those processing operations required to carry out pre-contractual measures, such as in cases of queries regarding our products or services.

If our company is subject to a legal obligation requiring the processing of personal data, such as for the fulfilment of tax obligations, processing is based on Article 6 Paragraph 1(c) GDPR.

In rare cases, processing of personal data may be necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person. This would be the case, for example, if someone visiting our business were to be injured and their name, age, health insurance data or other vital information needed to be disclosed to a doctor, hospital or other third party. Processing would then be based on Article 6 Paragraph 1(d) GDPR.

Finally, processing operations could be based on Article 6 Paragraph 1(f) GDPR. Processing operations not based on any of the above-mentioned legal bases may be carried out on the basis of Article 6 Paragraph 1(f) GDPR if processing is necessary to safeguard the legitimate interests of our company or those of a third party, provided the interests and fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject do not take precedence. We are permitted to engage in such processing operations in particular because they have been specifically mentioned in European law. In this respect, the legislature took the view that a legitimate interest could be assumed if you are a customer of our company (Recital 47 Sentence 2 GDPR).

5. Technology

5.1 SSL/TLS encryption

This site uses SSL or TLS encryption to **ensure** the security of data processing and to protect the transmission of confidential content, such as orders, login details or contact requests that you send to us as the website operator. You can recognise an encrypted connection by your browser's address bar reading "https://" instead of "http://" and the lock symbol in the browser bar.

We use this technology to protect your transmitted data.

6. Cookies

6.1 General information about cookies

We use cookies on our website. Cookies are small files that are automatically created by your browser and stored on your IT system (laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) when you visit our website.

Information generated from the specific device used is stored in cookies. This does not mean, however, that we will gain immediate knowledge of your identity.

The use of cookies helps us make it more convenient for you to use our website. For example, we use session cookies to detect whether you have already visited individual pages on our website. These are erased automatically when you leave our website.

We also use temporary cookies to optimise user-friendliness. These cookies are stored on your device for a specific period of time. If you return to our website to use our services, cookies allow us to automatically recognise that you have visited our website previously and remember the inputs and settings you have made so that you do not have to enter them again.

We also use cookies to statistically record the use of our website and analyse it for the purpose of optimising our services. These cookies allow us to automatically recognise that you have already visited our website when you visit our website again. These cookies are automatically erased after a defined period of time.

6.2 Legal basis for the use of cookies

The data processed by cookies, which are required for the proper functioning of the website, are to safeguard our legitimate interests pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 1 Sentence 1(f) GDPR.

For all other cookies you have given your consent to this through our opt-in cookie banner in accordance with Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR.

7. Contents of our website

7.1 Contact/contact form

Personal data is collected when you contact us (e.g. using our contact form or by email). If you use a contact form to get in touch with us, the contact form you use will indicate the data being collected. This data is stored and used exclusively for the purpose of responding to your query or establishing contact and the associated technical administration. The legal basis for data processing is our legitimate interest in responding to your request pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 1(f) GDPR. If the aim of you contacting us is to conclude a contract, processing is also legally based on Article 6 Paragraph 1(b) GDPR. Your data will be erased once we have finished processing your query. This is the case when it can be inferred from the circumstances that the relevant facts have been clarified in a conclusive manner and there are no statutory retention obligations in place that prevent its erasure.

7.2. Job-Portal

In order to make it easier for you to apply for a job with us, we provide the Job Portal function via the 4 Square Return page (<https://4square-return.softgarden.io/en/vacancies>) in your browser. The data protection declaration applicable to the job portal and your application can be found at https://4squaresreturn.com/sites/default/files/datenschutzerklaerung_4SR_withLink.pdf.

8. Our activities in social networks

To allow us to communicate with you on social networks and inform you about our services, we run our own pages on these social networks. If you visit one of our social media pages, we and the provider of the social media network are joint controllers (Art. 26 GDPR) regarding to the processing operations triggered thereby, which concern personal data.

We are not the original provider of these pages, but only use them within the scope of the options offered to us by the respective providers

We would therefore like to point out as a precautionary measure that your data may also be processed outside of the European Union or the European Economic Area. Use of these networks may therefore involve data protection risks for you since the protection of your rights may be difficult, e.g. your rights to information, erasure, objection, etc. Processing on social networks frequently takes place directly for advertising purposes or for the analysis of user behaviour by network providers, and we have no control over this. If the provider creates user profiles, cookies are often used or user behaviour may be assigned directly to your own member profile on the respective social network (if you are logged in).

The processing operations of personal data described are carried out in accordance with Article 6 Paragraph 1(f) GDPR on the basis of our legitimate interests and the legitimate interests of the respective provider in order to communicate with you in a timely manner or to inform you about our services. If you have to grant your consent to the respective providers to process your data as a user, the legal basis for this processing is Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR in conjunction with Article 7 GDPR.

Since we have no access to these providers' databases, we would like to point out that you would be best placed to exercise your rights (e.g. to information, rectification, erasure, etc.) directly with the respective provider. More information on the processing of your data on social networks and your options for exercising your right to object or your right of revocation (opt out) is listed below for each of the social network providers we use:

8.1 Facebook

(Jointly) Data controller responsible for data processing in Europe:
Facebook Ireland Ltd, 4 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland

Privacy Notice (Data Policy):

<https://www.facebook.com/about/privacy>

Opt-out and advertising settings:

https://www.facebook.com/ads/preferences/?entry_product=ad_settings_screen

<https://facebook.com/about/privacy/>

8.2 Instagram

(Jointly) Data controller responsible for data processing in Europe:
Facebook Ireland Ltd, 4 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland

Privacy Notice (Data Policy):

<http://instagram.com/legal/privacy/>

Opt-out and advertising settings:

https://www.instagram.com/accounts/privacy_and_security/

8.3 LinkedIn

(Jointly) Data controller responsible for data processing in Europe:
LinkedIn Ireland Unlimited Company, Wilton Place, Dublin 2, Ireland

Privacy Notice:

<https://www.linkedin.com/legal/privacy-policy>

Opt-out and advertising settings:

<https://www.linkedin.com/psettings/guest-controls/retargeting-opt-out>

8.4 YouTube

(Jointly) Controller responsible for data processing in Europe:
Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland

Privacy Notice:

<https://policies.google.com/privacy>

Opt-out and advertising settings:

<https://adssettings.google.com/authenticated>

8.5 XING

(Jointly) Data controller responsible for data processing in Germany:
XING AG, Dammtorstrasse 29?32, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

Privacy Notice:

<https://privacy.xing.com/de/datenschutzerklaerung>

Requests for information for XING members:

<https://www.xing.com/settings/privacy/data/disclosure>

9. Web analytics

9.1 Google Analytics

We use Google Analytics, a web analytics service provided by Google Ireland Limited (<https://www.google.com/about/>) (Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland; hereinafter referred to as "Google"), on our website. As part of this, pseudonymised user profiles are created and cookies (see the section on "Cookies") are used. The information generated by the cookie about your use of this website, such as your browser

1. browser type/version
2. operating system

3. referrer URL (website previously visited), host
4. name of the accessing computer (IP address) and
5. time of server request,

is transmitted to a Google server in the US and stored there. This information is used to evaluate your use of this website, to compile reports on the website activities, and to perform further services linked to website and internet use for market research purposes and to tailor the design of this website. This information may also be sent to third parties if this is legally required or if third parties process this data on behalf of Google. Under no circumstances will your IP address be associated with any other data. IP addresses are anonymised so that it is not possible to assign them to individuals (known as IP masking).

You may refuse the use of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser; however, we would point out that this may result in you not being able to use all the features of this website.

These processing operations only take place if express consent is granted in accordance with Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR.

You can also prevent the data generated by the cookie about your use of the website (including your IP address) from being sent to and processed by Google by downloading and installing the available browser add-on (<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout?hl=en>).

As an alternative to the browser add-on, especially for browsers on mobile devices, you can also prevent Google Analytics from capturing data by clicking on the following link: Deactivate Google Analytics. This sets an opt-out cookie that prevents the future collection of your data when visiting this website. The opt-out cookie is only valid on this browser and only for our website and is stored on your device. If you erase the cookies stored for this browser, you will need to reset the opt-out cookie.

Additional information on data protection with respect to Google Analytics is available on the Google Analytics website in the help section (<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/6004245?hl=en>).

10. Plugins and other services

10.1 Google reCAPTCHA

This website also uses the reCAPTCHA feature provided by Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland ("Google"). This feature is primarily used to differentiate whether an entry is made by a natural person or whether the function is being misused through mechanical and automated processing. Use of the service also involves sending the IP address and any other data required by Google for the reCAPTCHA service to Google. These processing operations only take place if express consent is granted in accordance with Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR.

Further information about Google reCAPTCHA and Google's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>.

11. Your rights as a data subject

11.1 Right to confirmation

You have the right to request confirmation from us as to whether personal data relating to you will be processed.

11.2 Right to information (Article 15 GDPR)

You have the right to obtain information about the personal data stored about you at any time, free of charge, as well as the right to access a copy of such data from us, in accordance with the statutory provisions.

11.3 Right to rectification (Article 16 GDPR)

You have the right to request the immediate rectification of incorrect personal data relating to yourself. Furthermore, the data subject has the right to request the completion of incomplete personal data, taking into account the purposes of the processing.

11.4 Erasure (Article 17 GDPR)

You have the right to demand that we erase the personal data relating to you be deleted without delay, provided that one of the reasons provided by law applies and if processing or further storage is not required.

11.5 Restriction to processing (Article 18 GDPR)

You have the right to request that we restrict the processing of your data if one of the legal requirements is met.

11.6 Data transferability (Article 20 GDPR)

You have the right obtain personal data relating to you that you provided us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format. You also have the right to transfer this data to another controller without hindrance by us, to whom the personal data was provided, provided that the processing is based on the consent pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 1(a) GDPR or Article 9 Paragraph 2(a) GDPR or on a contract pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 1(b) GDPR, and the data are processed using automated procedures, unless processing is necessary to complete a task, is in the public interest or is carried out in the exercise of an official authority assigned to us.

Furthermore, when exercising your right to data transferability pursuant to Article 20 Paragraph 1 GDPR, you have the right to have personal data transferred directly from one controller to another, provided this is technically feasible and does not impede the rights and freedoms of other persons.

11.7 Objection (Article 21 GDPR)

You have the right to lodge an objection to the processing of personal data relating to you for reasons relating to your particular situation where this is done on the basis of Article 6 Paragraph 1(e) (data processing in the public interest) or (f) (data processing on the basis of the weighing of legitimate interests) GDPR.

This also applies to profiling based on these provisions pursuant to Article 4 Number 4 GDPR.

Should you lodge an objection, we will no longer process your personal data unless we can demonstrate compelling and legitimate reasons for such processing that outweigh your interests, rights and freedoms, or where processing serves the assertion, exercise or defence of legal claims.

In individual cases, we process your personal data for direct marketing purposes. You have the right to object at any time to the processing of personal data for the purpose of such advertising. This also applies to profiling where this is connected to this kind of direct marketing. Should you object to the processing of your data for direct marketing purposes, we will no longer process your personal data for this purpose.

In addition, you have the right to object to our processing of your personal data for scientific or historical research purposes or for statistical purposes pursuant to Article 89 Paragraph 1 GDPR for reasons arising from your particular situation, unless such processing is necessary for the performance of a task in the public interest.

You are free to exercise your right to lodge an objection in relation to the use of information society services, Directive 2002/58/EC notwithstanding, by means of automated procedures using technical specifications.

11.8 Revocation of consent regarding data protection

You have the right to revoke any consent to the processing of personal data at any time with future effect.

11.9 Lodging a complaint with a supervisory authority

You have the right to complain to a supervisory authority responsible for data protection about our processing of personal data.

12. Version and amendments to the Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice is currently valid and was last updated on September 2021.

It may be necessary for us to amend this Privacy Notice in the process of further developing our website and the services we offer through our website or due to changes in legal or regulatory requirements. You can view and print our current Privacy Notice on the website at any time by visiting "<https://www.techprotect.de/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/privacy-policy.pdf>".

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