

**DEEPBLUETHINKING.CO.UK**

**WEBSITE PRIVACY POLICY**

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to Deep Blue Thinking's privacy policy, covering all web assets of Deep Blue Thinking Ltd (deepbluethinking.co.uk, deepbluethinking.com)

Deep Blue Thinking respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. This privacy policy will inform you as to how we look after your personal data when you visit our website (regardless of where you visit it from) and tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you).

### **1. Important information and who we are**

#### **Purpose of this privacy policy**

This privacy policy aims to give you information on how Deep Blue Thinking collects and processes your personal data through your use of this website, including any data you may provide through this website when you sign up to our newsletter or submit an enquiry form.

This website is not intended for children and we do not knowingly collect data relating to children.

It is important that you read this privacy policy together with any other privacy policy or fair processing policy we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal data about you so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your data. This privacy policy supplements other notices and privacy policies and is not intended to override them.

#### **Controller**

Deep Blue Thinking Ltd is the controller and responsible for your personal data (collectively referred to as Deep Blue Thinking, "we", "us" or "our" in this privacy policy).

We have appointed a data protection officer (DPO) who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy policy. If you have any questions about this privacy policy, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact our DPO using the details set out below.

## Contact details

If you have any questions about this privacy policy or our privacy practices, please contact our us in the following ways:

Full name of legal entity: Deep Blue Thinking Ltd

Email address: [nick.bonney@deepbluethinking.co.uk](mailto:nick.bonney@deepbluethinking.co.uk)

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK regulator for data protection issues ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

Changes to the privacy policy and your duty to inform us of changes

We keep our privacy policy under regular review. This version was last updated on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

## Third-party links

This website may include links to third-party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the privacy policy of every website you visit.

## 2. The data we collect about you

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together as follows:

- **Identity Data** includes [first name, maiden name, last name, username or similar identifier, marital status, title, date of birth and gender].
- **Contact Data** includes [billing address, delivery address, email address and telephone numbers].
- **Technical Data** includes [internet protocol (IP) address, your login data, browser type and version, time zone setting and location, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform, and other technology on the devices you use to access this website].
- **Usage Data** includes [information about how you use our website, products and services].
- **Marketing and Communications Data** includes [your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences].

We also collect, use and share **Aggregated Data** such as statistical or demographic data for any purpose.

Aggregated Data could be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data will **not** directly or indirectly reveal your identity. For example, we may aggregate your Usage Data to calculate the percentage of users accessing a specific website feature. However, if we combine or connect Aggregated Data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy policy.

We do not collect any **Special Categories of Personal Data** about you (this includes details about your race or ethnicity, religious or philosophical beliefs, sex life, sexual orientation, political opinions, trade union membership, information about your health, and genetic and biometric data). Nor do we collect any information about criminal convictions and offences.

### **If you fail to provide personal data**

Where we need to collect personal data by law, or under the terms of a contract we have with you, and you fail to provide that data when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have or are trying to enter into with you (for example, to provide you with goods or services). In this case, we may have to cancel a product or service you have with us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

### **3. How is your personal data collected?**

We use different methods to collect data from and about you including through:

**Direct interactions.** You may give us your name and contact details by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email or otherwise.

This includes personal data you provide when you

- Register for our newsletter or blog on our website
- Complete the 'Get in Touch' form
- Request marketing to be sent to you;
- Enter a competition, promotion or survey; or
- Give us feedback or contact us directly

**Automated technologies or interactions.** As you interact with our website, we will automatically collect Technical Data about your equipment, browsing actions and patterns. We collect this personal data by using cookies and other similar technologies. Please see our cookie policy for further details.

**Third parties or publicly available sources.** We will receive personal data about you from various third parties [and public sources] as set out below Technical Data from the following parties:

- (a) analytics providers [such as Google based outside the UK];
- (b) our website hosting provider [Wix.com]
- (c) search information providers such as Google
- (d) Identity and Contact Data from publicly available sources [such as Companies House and the Electoral Register based inside the UK].

#### **4. How we use your personal data**

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to perform the contract we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
- Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.

Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data although we will get your consent before sending third party direct marketing communications to you via email or text message. You have the right to withdraw consent to marketing at any time by contacting us.

## Purposes for which we will use your personal data

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please contact us if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the table below.

| Purpose/Activity   | Type of data  | Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest   |
|--|---|--|
| To register you as a new customer  | (a) Identity<br>(b) Contact   | Performance of a contract with you   |
| To process and deliver your order including:<br>(a) Manage payments, fees and charges<br>(b) Collect and recover money owed to us  | (a) Identity<br>(b) Contact<br>(c) Financial<br>(d) Transaction<br>(e) Marketing and Communications | (a) Performance of a contract with you<br>(b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to recover debts due to us)  |
| To manage our relationship with you which will include:<br>(a) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy<br>(b) Asking you to leave a review or take a survey | (a) Identity<br>(b) Contact<br>(c) Profile<br>(d) Marketing and Communications                      | (a) Performance of a contract with you<br>(b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation<br>(c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products/services) |

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| <p>To enable you to partake in a prize draw, competition or complete a survey</p>  | <p>(a) Identity<br/>(b) Contact<br/>(c) Profile<br/>(d) Usage<br/>(e) Marketing and Communications</p>                   | <p>(a) Performance of a contract with you<br/><br/>(b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products/services, to develop them and grow our business)</p>  |
| <p>To administer and protect our business and this website (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data)</p> | <p>(a) Identity<br/>(b) Contact<br/>(c) Technical</p>  | <p>(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our business, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise)<br/><br/>(b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation</p> |
| <p>To deliver relevant website content and advertisements to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of the advertising we serve to you</p>                            | <p>(a) Identity<br/>(b) Contact<br/>(c) Profile<br/>(d) Usage<br/>(e) Marketing and Communications<br/>(f) Technical</p> | <p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products/services, to develop them, to grow our business and to inform our marketing strategy)</p>   |
| <p>To use data analytics to improve our website, products/services, marketing, customer relationships and experiences</p>  | <p>(a) Technical<br/>(b) Usage</p>   | <p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to define types of customers for our products and services, to keep our website updated and relevant, to develop our business and to inform our marketing strategy)</p>   |
| <p>To make suggestions and recommendations to you about goods or services that may be of interest to you</p>   | <p>(a) Identity<br/>(b) Contact<br/>(c) Technical<br/>(d) Usage<br/>(e) Profile<br/>(f) Marketing and Communications</p> | <p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our products/services and grow our business)</p>   |

## Cookies

You can set your browser to refuse all or some browser cookies, or to alert you when websites set or access cookies. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of this website may become inaccessible or not function properly.

Detailed Cookie Information

Our website is hosted by Wix.

Wix uses the following cookies:-

| Cookie Name       | Purpose  | Duration   | Cookie Type |
|-------------------|--|------------|-------------|
| XSRF-TOKEN        | Used for security reasons                                      | Session    | Essential   |
| hs                | Used for security reasons                                      | Session    | Essential   |
| svSession         | Used in connection with user login                             | 12 months  | Essential   |
| SSR-caching       | Used to indicate the system from which the site was rendered   | 1 minute   | Essential   |
| _wixCIDX          | Used for system monitoring/debugging                           | 3 months   | Essential   |
| _wix_browser_sess | Used for system monitoring/debugging                           | session    | Essential   |
| consent-policy    | Used for cookie banner parameters                              | 12 months  | Essential   |
| smSession         | Used to identify logged in site members                        | Session    | Essential   |
| TS*               | Used for security and anti-fraud reasons                       | Session    | Essential   |
| bSession          | Used for system effectiveness measurement                      | 30 minutes | Essential   |
| fedops.logger.X   | Used for stability/effectiveness measurement                   | 12 months  | Essential   |
| wixLanguage       | Used on multilingual websites to save user language preference | 12 months  | Functional  |

We use Google Analytics to measure the number of visitors who come to our site.

Google uses the following cookies:-

Google Analytics uses different cookies to note down information. A built-in GA code determines when the cookies expire.

These cookies accumulate a domain hash that links them to one site.

Here's a look at examples of Google Analytics use of cookie.

#### **-utmz**

This cookie contains all the information on the source of traffic for the current visit, the cookie doesn't change if no traffic source information is found for the current visit. This cookie doesn't contain historical information for previous sources. It's the way Google Analytics attributes visit information, such as transactions and conversions to a traffic source. Being a persistent cookie means it expires in 6 months. The only way to refresh it is to change the traffic source.

#### **-utmv**

-utmv is a user-defined variable cookies. A developer can separate visitors by specific variables through a native JavaScript method. The new variable is stored in an insistent cookie which expires after two years.

#### **-utma**

Utma is the main way through which Google Analytics tracks unique visitors. The cookie stores the date, time of the first visit, and a visitor's ID. Also, this cookie stores information on the number of visits they've made. The -utma cookie can last for up to 2 years. However, you can customize the expiration time in the tracking code.

#### **-utmb**

-utmb is a type of cookie that tells Google Analytics whether a visit has timed out and also how far the visit went. It also stores information of the start time of the visitor's current visit as well as the number of page views in the current visit. This persistent cookie expires in less than an hour. But, each page visit refreshes it.

#### **-utmc**

This is the only session cookie used by Google Analytics. The -utmc cookie registers that the visit ended once the user closed the browser.



## **Change of purpose**

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.

If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

## **5. International transfers**

We do not personally transfer your personal data outside the EU. However, our website is hosted by Wix. Wix.com is certified under the EU-US Privacy Shield Framework and the Swiss-US privacy Shield Framework as set forth by the U.S. Department of Commerce, regarding the collection, use, and retention of personal information transferred from the European Union and Switzerland to the United States, and therefore adheres to the Privacy Shield Principles.

Please contact us if you want further information on the specific mechanism used by us when transferring your personal data out of the UK.

## **6. Data security**

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

## **7. Data retention**

### **How long will you use my personal data for?**

We will only retain your personal data for as long as reasonably necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or reporting requirements. We may retain your personal data for a longer period in the event of a complaint or if we reasonably believe there is a prospect of litigation in respect to our relationship with you.

By law we have to keep basic information about our customers (including Contact, Identity, Financial and Transaction Data) for six years after they cease being customers for tax purposes.

In some circumstances you can ask us to delete your data: see your legal rights below for further information.

In some circumstances we will anonymise your personal data (so that it can no longer be associated with you) for research or statistical purposes, in which case we may use this information indefinitely without further notice to you.

## **8. Your legal rights**

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data. These include requesting access to your data, requesting correction of your data, requesting erasure of your data, objecting to data processing, requesting restrictions on the processing of your personal data, requesting transfer of your personal data and exercising your right to withdraw consent.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us. You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we could refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

We try to respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it could take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.

## 9. Glossary

### LAWFUL BASIS

**Legitimate Interest** means the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service/product and the best and most secure experience. We make sure we consider and balance any potential impact on you (both positive and negative) and your rights before we process your personal data for our legitimate interests. We do not use your personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on you (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law). You can obtain further information about how we assess our legitimate interests against any potential impact on you in respect of specific activities by contacting us.

**Performance of Contract** means processing your data where it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or to take steps at your request before entering into such a contract.

**Comply with a legal obligation** means processing your personal data where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation that we are subject to.

### THIRD PARTIES.

#### External Third Parties

Service providers [acting as processors] based in the UK who provide [IT and system administration services].

Professional advisers [acting as processors or joint controllers] including lawyers, bankers, auditors and insurers based in the UK] who provide [consultancy, banking, legal, insurance and accounting services].

HM Revenue & Customs, regulators and other authorities [acting as processors or joint controllers] based [in the United Kingdom] [who require reporting of processing activities in certain circumstances].

### YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

You have the right to:

**Request access** to your personal data (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.

**Request correction** of the personal data that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new data you provide to us.

**Request erasure** of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.

**Object to processing** of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.

**Request restriction of processing** of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data in the following scenarios:

- If you want us to establish the data's accuracy.
- Where our use of the data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it.
- Where you need us to hold the data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims.
- You have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.

**Request the transfer** of your personal data to you or to a third party. We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.

**Withdraw consent at any time** where we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide certain products or services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.