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Subject to the linking and the transmission of your information. The third party's privacy policy will be subject to the third party's privacy policy, which we encourage you to review. 5.7 Valve may release Personal Data to comply with court orders or laws and regulations that require us to disclose such information. 6. Your Rights and Control Mechanisms. (When we talk about the GDPR in this section, we mean the version of the GDPR that applies to you in the EU or UK.) To allow you to exercise your data protection rights in a simple way we are providing a dedicated section on the Steam support page at and choose the menu items My Account -> Data Related to Your Steam Account. In most cases, you can access, manage, or delete Personal Data in the Privacy Dashboard, but you may also contact Valve with questions or requests via the contact processes described in sections 8 and 10 below. As a visitor to the Steam Website without being logged in, you can control Cookies through the process described in section 3.6 above. You can also contact Valve or its European representative through the contact info provided in section 8. below to exercise your rights or use this web form. As a resident of the European Economic Area, United Kingdom or Switzerland you will have the following rights in relation to your Personal Data: 6.1 Right of Access. You have the right to access your Personal Data that we hold about you, i.e. the right to require free of charge (i) information whether your Personal Data is retained, (ii) access to and/or (iii) duplicates of the Personal Data retained. You can use the right to access to your Personal Data through the Privacy Dashboard. If the request affects the rights and freedoms of others or is manifestly unfounded or excessive, we reserve the right to charge a reasonable fee (taking into account the administrative costs of providing the information or communication or taking the action requested) or refuse to act on the request. 6.2 Right to Rectification. If we process your Personal Data, we shall endeavor to ensure by implementing suitable measures that your Personal Data is accurate and up-to-date for the purposes for which it was collected. If your Personal Data is inaccurate or incomplete, you have the right to obtain deletion of Personal Data concerning you if the reason why we could collect it (see section 2. above) does not exist anymore or if there is another legal ground for its deletion. For individual items of Personal Data please edit them through the Privacy Dashboard or request the deletion via the Steam support page. 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Valve makes your Personal Data available in structured HTML format through the Privacy Dashboard as described above. 6.7 Right to Post-Mortem Control of Your Personal Data If French data protection legislation is applicable to you, you have the right to establish guidelines for the preservation, the deletion and the transmission of Personal Data after your death in accordance with article 40-1 of the Act No 78-17 of 6 January 1978 on Information, Technology, Data Files and Civil Liberties. 6.8 Arbitration If Valve does not resolve any claimed violations of the Principles by any other DPF mechanism or by your rights under this section, you have the right to request arbitration before the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework Panel. 7. Children The minimum age to create a Steam User Account is 13. Valve will not knowingly collect Personal Data from children under this age. 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For the purposes of the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims during the applicable statute of limitations or until a legal case related to it has been resolved. Please note that the specific data stored for this purpose may not be disclosed to you if the disclosure will compromise the mechanism through which we detect, investigate and prevent such violations. 4. How Long We Store Data We will only store your information as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which the information is collected and processed or — where the applicable law provides for longer storage and retention period — for the storage and retention period required by law. In particular: If you terminate your Steam User Account, your Personal Data will be marked for deletion except to the degree legal requirements or other prevailing legitimate purposes dictate a longer storage. In certain cases, Personal Data cannot be completely deleted in order to ensure the consistency of the gameplay experience or the Steam Community Market. For instance, matches you have played that affect other players' matchmaking data and scores will not be deleted; rather, your connection to these matches will be permanently anonymized. Please note that Valve is required to retain certain transactional data under statutory commercial and tax law for a period of up to ten (10) years. If you withdraw your consent on which a processing of your Personal Data or of the Personal Data of your child is based, we will delete your Personal Data or respectively the Personal Data of your child without undue delay to the extent that the collection and processing of the Personal Data was based on the withdrawn consent. If you exercise a right to object to the processing of your Personal Data, we will review your objection and delete your Personal Data that we processed for the purpose to which you objected without undue delay, unless another legal basis for processing and retaining this data exists or unless applicable law requires us to retain the data. 5. Who Has Access to Data Valve does not sell Personal Data. However, we may share or provide access to each of the categories of Personal Data we collect as necessary for the following business purposes. 5.1 Valve and its subsidiaries may share your Personal Data with each other and use it to the degree necessary to achieve the purposes listed in section 2 above. In the event of a reorganization, sale or merger we may transfer Personal Data to the relevant third party subject to applicable laws, the Principles and liability requirements under the DPF. 5.2 We may also share your Personal Data with our third party service providers that provide customer support services in connection with Steam. Your Personal Data will be used in accordance with this Privacy Policy and only as far as this is necessary for performing customer support services. Valve complies with the Principles for all onward transfers of Personal Data from the EU, Switzerland, and the UK, including the provisions governing onward transferability. 5.3 In accordance with internet standards, we may also share certain information (including your IP address and the identification of Steam content you wish to access) with our third party network providers that provide content delivery network services and game server services in connection with Steam. Our content delivery network providers enable the delivery of digital content you have requested, e.g., when using Steam, by using a system of distributed servers that deliver the content to you, based on your geographic location. 5.4 We make certain data related to your Steam User Account available to other players and our partners through the Steamworks API. This information can be accessed by anyone by querying your Steam ID. At a minimum, the public persona name you have chosen to represent you on Steam and your Avatar picture are accessible this way, as well as whether you have received a ban for cheating in a multiplayer game. The accessibility of any additional info about you can be controlled through your Steam Community user profile page; data publicly available on your profile page can be accessed automatically through the Steamworks API. In addition to the publicly available information, game developers and publishers have access to certain information from the Steamworks API directly relating to the users of the games they operate. This information includes as a minimum your ownership of the game in question. Depending on what Steamworks services are implemented in the game it may also include leaderboard information, your progress in the game, achievements you have completed, your multiplayer game matchmaking information, in-game items and other information needed to operate the game and provide support for it. For more information on what Steamworks services a specific game has implemented, please review its store page. 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Refunds on DLCs purchased from the Steam store are refundable within fourteen days of purchase, and if the underlying title has been played for less than two hours since the DLC was purchased, so long as the DLC has not been consumed, modified or transferred. Please note that in some cases, Steam will be unable to give refunds for some third party DLC (for example, if the DLC irreversibly levels up a game character). These exceptions will be clearly marked as nonrefundable on the Store page prior to purchase. Refunds on In-game Purchases Steam will offer refund for in-game purchases within any Valve-developed games within forty-eight hours of purchase, so long as the in-game item has not been consumed, modified or transferred. Third-party developers will have the option to enable refunds for in-game items on these terms. Steam will tell you at the time of purchase if the game developer has opted to offer refunds on the in-game item you are buying. Otherwise, in-game purchases in non-Valve games are not refundable through Steam. Refunds on Titles Purchased Prior to Release Date When you purchase a title on Steam prior to the release date, the two-hour platform limit for refunds will apply (except for beta testing), but



of your Steam User Account. This functionality allows you not to lose your account by mistake, because of your loss of your account credentials or due to hacking. During the suspension period, we will be able to finalize financial and other activities that you may have initiated before sending the Steam User Account deletion request. After the grace period, if you do not receive our assessment, we will delete your account, name, email address, and password. If you have a business relationship with Valve, please contact us directly. Data collection, processing, and storage. We collect personal data from you when you use our services. The information collected includes, but is not limited to, your name, email address, phone number, date of birth, gender, location, IP address, device ID, and other information. We collect this information to provide you with our services, to improve our products, and to protect our business. We also collect information about your usage of our services, such as the games you play, the time you spend playing, and the items you purchase. We store this information for up to 12 months after you last use our services. You can control what information we collect and how we use it through the Privacy Dashboard. You have the right to object to this processing. If you object we will no longer process your Personal Data unless there are compelling and prevailing legitimate grounds for the processing as described in Article 21 of the GDPR; in particular if the data is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims. You also have the right to lodge a complaint at a supervisory authority. 6.5 Right to restriction of processing of your Personal Data You have the right to obtain restriction of processing of your Personal Data under the conditions set out in article 18 of the GDPR. 6.6 Right to Personal Data portability You have the right to receive your Personal Data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit those data to another controller under the conditions set out in article 20 of the GDPR. Valve makes your Personal Data available in structured HTML format through the Privacy Dashboard as described above. 6.7 Right to Post-Mortem Control of Your Personal Data If French data protection legislation is applicable to you, you have the right to establish guidelines for the preservation, the deletion and the transmission of Personal Data after your death in accordance with article 40-1 of the Act No 78-17 of 6 January 1978 on Information, Technology, Data Files and Civil Liberties. 6.8 Arbitration If Valve does not resolve any claimed violations of the Principles by any other DPF mechanism or by your rights under this section, you have the right to invoke binding arbitration before the EU-US DPF. The arbitration panel shall consist of three arbitrators appointed by each party. The arbitration panel shall have the authority to hear and decide all disputes arising out of or relating to the use of the Services, including the interpretation and enforcement of the Terms of Service. The arbitration panel's decision shall be final and binding on both parties. 7. Right to Know. Under the CCPA you have the right to request that we disclose to you what Personal Data we collect about you, use, disclose, and sell. Right to Request Deletion. You also have the right to request deletion of Personal Data that is in our possession, subject to certain exceptions. Please note that your request to delete data may impact your use of the Steam service in some cases, and we may decline to delete information for reasons set forth in this section. 8. Contact Info You can contact Valve's data protection officer at the address below. While we review any request sent by mail, please be aware that to combat fraud, harassment and identity theft, the only way to access, rectify or delete your data is through logging in with your Steam User Account at and selecting the menu items -> My Account -> View Account Data. 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