Data protection policy

Anonymous data collection

You can visit our website without disclosing any personal information. In this connection we do not save personal data. In order to improve our website we evaluate statistical data only, which cannot be traced back to you.

Use of cookies

The website uses cookies. Cookies are small text files that are stored on your computer and saved by your browser. They serve to make our website more user-friendly, more effective and safer. Cookies do not contain personal data.

Profile

To register on our website you must provide your email address and a user name. Only the username you select is visible to other users. You can display other data in your profile such as your full name, your location and social media profiles, and make your email address visible to other users. The personal data you provide is stored, processed and used to the extent provided by you. The use of this data is limited to the presentation of your profile in the forum.

Forum posts

You can both ask questions and post answers to questions in the forum. These questions and answers are presented in the forum to the extent specified by you.

Use of email addresses for the sending of newsletters

If you subscribe to our newsletter we shall use the data necessary for this purpose in order to send you our email newsletter regularly. You may unsubscribe from our newsletter at any time. You can unsubscribe by sending a message to the contact address given in the legal notice, via a link provided in the newsletter, or in your profile.

Use of Facebook plugins

Our website uses plugins from the Facebook social network, which is operated by Facebook Inc., 1601 S. California Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94304, USA ("Facebook"). The plugins are marked with a

Facebook logo. You will find an overview of the Facebook plugins and their appearance here: https://developers.facebook.com/docs/plugins

If you access one of our pages which contains such a plugin, your browser makes a direct connection to the Facebook servers. The content of the plugin is transferred from Facebook directly to your browser, which then embeds it into the page. By means of this integration Facebook receives the information that your browser has accessed one of our pages, even if you do not have a Facebook account or are not currently logged into Facebook. This information (including your IP address) is transmitted from your browser directly to a Facebook server in the USA and stored there.

If you are logged into Facebook, Facebook can directly link your visit our site to your Facebook profile. If you interact with the plugins, for example by pressing the "Share" button, this information is also transmitted directly to a Facebook server and stored there. The information is also posted on your Facebook profile and displayed to your Facebook friends.

Please see the Facebook privacy policy for information on the purpose and scope of data collection and its further processing and use of data by Facebook, as well as your rights in this case and settings options for protecting your privacy. http://www.facebook.com/policy.php

If you do not wish Facebook to associate any data collected via our website with your Facebook profile, you should log out of Facebook before you visit our website. You can also completely prevent the loading of the Facebook plug-ins by applying add-ons to your browser, for example "Facebook Blocker" (http://webgraph.com/resources/facebookblocker/).

Use of Twitter plugins

Our website uses plugins from the Twitter micro-blogging service, which is operated by Twitter Inc., 1355 Market St, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94103, USA ("Twitter"). The plugins are marked with a Twitter logo. You will find an overview of Twitter plugins and their appearance here: https://twitter.com/about/resources/buttons

If you access one of our pages which contains such a plugin, your browser makes a direct connection to the Twitter servers. The content of the plugin is transferred from Twitter directly to your browser, which then embeds it into the page. By means of this integration Twitter receives the information that your browser has accessed one of our pages, even if you do not have a profile on Twitter or currently are not logged into Twitter. This information (including your IP address) is transmitted by your browser directly to a Twitter server in the USA and stored there.

If you are logged in to Twitter, Twitter can link your visit to our site to your Twitter account. If you interact with the plugins, by pressing the "Tweet" button, for example, the corresponding

information is also transmitted directly to a Twitter server and stored there. The information is also published on your Twitter account and displayed to your contacts there.

Please see the Twitter privacy policy for information on the purpose and scope of data collection and its further processing and use of data by Twitter, as well as your rights in this case and settings options for protecting your privacy. https://twitter.com/privacy

If you do not wish Twitter to associate data collected on our website directly to your Twitter account, you should log out of Twitter before you visit our website. You can also completely prevent the loading of Twitter plugins by applying add-ons to your browser, e.g. the "NoScript" script blocker (http://noscript.net/).

Use of Google+ plugins

Our website uses plugins from the Google+ social network, which is operated by Google Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA ("Google"). The plugins are marked with a Google+ logo. You will find an overview of Google+ plugins and their appearance here: https://developers.google.com/+/plugins

If you access one of our pages which contains such a plugin, your browser makes a direct connection to the Google servers. The content of the plugin is transferred by Google directly to your browser, which then embeds it into the page. By this integration Google receives the information that your browser has accessed one of our pages, even if you do not have a profile on Google+ or are not logged into Google. This information (including your IP address) is transmitted by your browser directly to a Google server in the USA and stored there.

If you are logged into Google+, Google can link your visit to our website to your Google+ profile. If you interact with the plugins, by pressing the "+1" button, for example, the corresponding information is also transmitted directly to a Google server and stored there. The information is also posted on Google+, and displayed to your contacts there.

Please see the Google privacy policy for information on the purpose and scope of data collection and its further processing and use of data by Google, as well as your rights in this case and settings options for protecting your privacy: http://www.google.com/intl/de/+/policy/+1button.html

If you do not want Google to associate the data collected on our website to your profile on Google+, you should log out of Google+ before you visit our website. You can also completely prevent the loading of Google plugins by applying add-ons to your browser, e.g. with the "NoScript" script blocker (http://noscript.net/).

Google Analytics

This website uses Google Analytics, a web analytics service provided by Google, Inc. ("Google"). Google Analytics uses "cookies", which are text files placed on your computer, to help the website analyze how users use the site. The information generated by the cookie about your use of the website (including your IP address) will be transmitted to and stored by Google on servers in the United States . Google will use this information for the purpose of evaluating your use of the website, compiling reports on website activity for website operators and providing other services relating to website activity and internet usage. Google may also transfer this information to third parties where required to do so by law, or where such third parties process the information on Google's behalf. Google will not associate your IP address with any other data held by Google. You may refuse the use of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser, however please note that if you do this you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website. By using this website, you consent to the processing of data about you by Google in the manner and for the purposes set out above. More information on Google analytics opt-out.

Disclosure, correction, blocking and deletion of data

You have the right to obtain information about your stored data as well as the right to rectification and deletion. If you require your data to be blocked or deleted your personal data will be blocked or deleted, but the questions and answers that you have created will remain in anonymised form.