Terms Of Service

And how to navigate them

What are Terms of Service?

Terms of Service (TOS) are the agreements you sign when you start to use a website's service (Facebook, Google, etc.)

These documents describe what data these companies will require from you, what they will do with it, and their policies regarding how they share your data

What is the problem?

Historically, Terms of Service have been difficult at best to be understood by common users

They have incredibly dense legal language that makes it difficult to know what the service is doing with user data

Solution!

Fortunately people have done work to create tools that can help people better understand the terms of service for different sites

These tools help to break down the "legal-ese" of the documents and describe them in more common terms

TL;DR Legal

Website that offers breakdowns of different site's terms of service

Has the actual document on one side with the plain English translation on the other

Helpful for looking up a service agreement before you sign up for the service



