

LAPCAT PRIVACY POLICY

By using or accessing LAPCAT you agree to and accept the practices described in this Privacy Policy.

LAPCAT collects personal data from users who choose to create an account. We also collect general information about how many users use the site at certain times or on certain dates and track IP addresses to determine users' geographic locations. We will at times use cookies, clear gifs, and log file information to help us understand how the LAPCAT site is being used in order to improve your website experience.

The provisions below are intended to provide more detailed information as to how LAPCAT will collect and use your data.

1. Personal Information

You may access portions of the LAPCAT web site without creating a LAPCAT account and, therefore, without submitting personal data. However, to have access to participate in certain interactive areas you will be required to create an account and submit identifying information.

Personal data is collected when users register for a LAPCAT account. In order to post or flag content, you will be asked to supply your e-mail address and library card bar code number. Library card numbers may, in turn, be linked to other personal data such as your name and address. You will also be asked create a user name and password, which will be used to protect your account from unauthorized access.

LAPCAT's site automatically logs certain non-personally identifiable information about visits to pages. This information is used for system administration and for producing usage statistics. If you are logged in, LAPCAT may use clear GIF's (aka "Web Beacons") in HTML-based emails sent to our users to track which emails are opened by recipients. LAPCAT may also use log files to record information about what users display or click on in LAPCAT.

2. Uses and Disclosure Practices

When you enter content, keep in mind that information you are posting is visible to other users. You have the ability to enter personally identifiable information about yourself on our Objective System, although such information will rarely be responsive to our prompts. If you enter personal information online that is accessible to the public, you may receive unsolicited messages. Accordingly, you should use caution and common sense when entering and avoid revealing more personal data than necessary.

Users under 18 should be especially careful not to provide any personally identifying information while using LAPCAT and should seek parental consent prior to accessing any portion of the LAPCAT site.

LAPCAT is committed to protecting your privacy. Accordingly, we will not sell or reveal to any third party your email address or any other personally identifiable information without your consent, except to the extent required by law.

LAPCAT may use your email address without further consent to notify you of new services and activities available on our site or at the public library. We may also at times email you to inform you of major changes to website policies or procedures. However, we will not always provide such notification. If you use our site, it is your responsibility to periodically check LAPCAT's policies and to remain current as to the content of this Privacy Policy and the LAPCAT Terms of Use.

If you submit personally identifiable information through LAPCAT, your personal information may be used to operate, maintain, and provide to you the general and personalized features and functionality of LAPCAT and to process any flagging activity.

You may update your personal information and email preferences at any time by editing your account profile.

3. Commitment to Children's Privacy Protection

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act requires that no information be submitted to or posted by users under the age of 13 years without consent of their parent or guardian.

LAPCAT is intended for users age thirteen and older. To accept LAPCAT's terms of service and access the site, you must be more than eighteen years of age or be over the age of thirteen and have the consent of your parent or legal guardian. You must also be competent to understand and comply with LAPCAT's Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. If you are under thirteen years of age, then please do not use the LAPCAT website.

4. External Sources

Some portions of our website may contain links or references to external sites. LAPCAT retains no control of or responsibility regarding privacy practices followed by such sites. If you have questions about the data practices of such external sites, you should review their privacy policies.

5. Policy Changes

LAPCAT reserves the right to modify its policies at any time and you consent to be bound by such modifications. To protect your rights, you should regularly review this Privacy Policy as well as LAPCAT's Terms of Use.

6. Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or other concerns regarding this privacy policy and how your information is used, please contact the LAPCAT staff at:

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