Terms of Service; Didn't Read

Terms of Service; Didn't Read (ToS;DR) is a community project which aims to analyze and grade the terms of service (TOS) and privacy policies of major Internet sites and services. Each aspect of a TOS or privacy policy is assessed as positive, negative, or neutral. Services are graded from A (best) to E (worst) once a comprehensive list of cases has been reviewed by volunteer curators. [3][4][5] The name of the project is a play on the phrase too long; didn't read.

The project was founded in June 2012 by Hugo Roy, programmer Michiel de Jong and designer <u>Jan-Christoph</u> <u>Borchardt</u>. [6] It was led by Hugo Roy, when he was a law student, [7] from 2012 to 2015.



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History

Several sources of inspiration have been noted for ToS;DR, including <u>Creative Commons'</u> plain English summaries of licenses, EU energy efficiency ratings, [8] and Aza Raskin's Privacy Icons.

See also

- Terms of service
- Index of Articles Relating to Terms of Service and Privacy Policies

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External links

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