

# Data Protection Policy

in accordance with the Data Protection Acts of the Federal Republic of Germany ("Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG)") and the German state of Hesse ("Hessisches Datenschutzgesetz (HDSG)")

for the web-based research and documentation platform

## The Language Index ([www.languageindex.org](http://www.languageindex.org))

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### Nature of the Processing of Personal Data

Users of the research and documentation platform "The Language Index" log on over the Internet and thus obtain access to linguistic data, tools, and services, all of which are provided through the platform. Furthermore, users use components of the platform to make various contributions to the Language Index that are electronically transmitted and/or stored as well as often made available to other users.

### Extent of the Processing of Personal Data

#### User-Related Data

The following information is collected and stored from each user of the Language Index when they create their user account:

- Title
- First name
- Last name
- E-mail address (also user name required to log on)
- Nick name (used as an alias for the user in the platform)
- Native language(s)
- Language community (name and geographical location)
- Main interest (one of 'research', 'teaching', 'learning', and 'other')
- If the user works, teaches or study at some kind of institution
- The user's institution
- Password
- Password reminder question
- Answer to the password reminder question

The following items of personal information are optional:

- Date of birth
- Profile picture
- The user's pages on Facebook, Google+, and Twitter
- The language(s) for which the user wishes to help as a speaker
- The language(s) for which the user wishes to help as an expert

### **Purposes of the Processing of Personal Data**

It is necessary to store the user-related data listed above to support the following tasks involved in the operation of the Language Index:

- Authentication and access control
- Enabling users to contribute to the Language Index
- Associating users with their contributions
- Collecting information about potential speakers
- Communication among users

### **Rights of the Parties Involved**

Every Language Index user can always view and modify the items listed under "User-Related Data" that are stored in their user profile. No user can modify the personal data of another user.

Contributions of users can be viewed by all registered and authenticated users and edited by a subset whose role grants them the necessary access privileges. Anonymous access from outside the Language Index to user-related data is restricted to the speaker-related information in the entry of the currently featured language. Only registered users authenticated via the system can gain access to advanced editing and research functions and thus to more user-/ speaker-related data.