Privacy center

BlueSpicePrivacy is an extension that enables users to control the way their data is collected and used by the wiki. Users interact with this extension through the Privacy center page, which is accessible by clicking *Privacy center* in the user menu.

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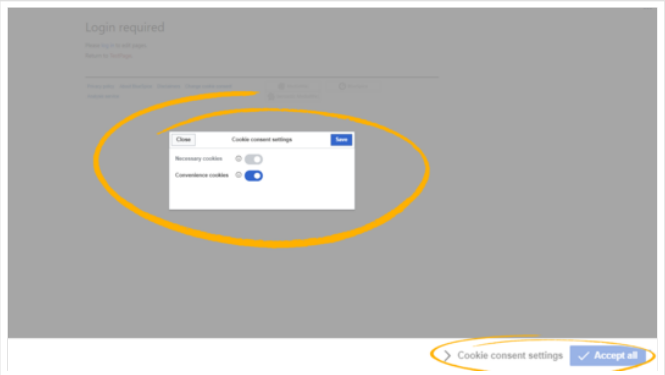
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Accepting the terms of use

When a user wants to log into the wiki for the first time, the terms and conditions and the privacy policy must be accepted during the login process. If one of these pages does not yet exist, the associated link is displayed in red as a so-called red link. An administrator can create the page directly via this link.

Cookie consent

Users are presented with a prompt to accept the cookies that the wiki collects. This prompt appears when a user visits the wiki for the first time or after deleting the browser cookies.



Cookie consent

Here, users have the option to accept all cookies or to manage each group of cookies separately. This is done by opening *Cookie consent settings* and then using the toggle-switches in the prompt. There are different types of cookies, based on the function they perform:

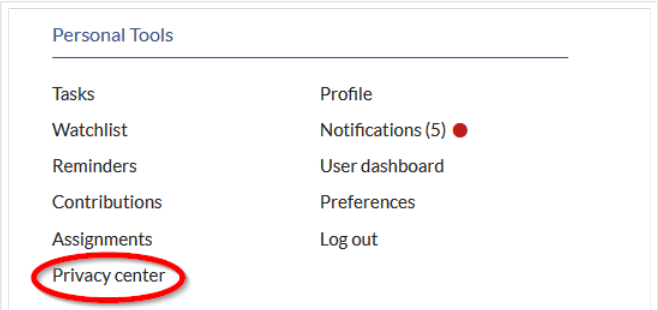
- **Necessary cookies:** Cookies that are needed for the user to be able to use the wiki (cookies for keeping session information, user ID data, and so on).
- **Convenience cookies:** Cookies that provide a more comfortable wiki experience (saving the state of components of the interface, some user preferences, and more)
- **Matomo** (visible only if the necessary plugin is installed and activated): Cookies that are used for site analytics.

By default, accepting at least the necessary cookies is mandatory before using the wiki for the first time.

Cookie settings can be changed afterwards at any point by clicking on "Change cookie consent" in the wiki footer links or on the page `Special:PrivacyCenter`.

Privacy Center

The privacy center is the hub for a user's privacy settings. It is located in the profile menu (by clicking on user image in the top right corner) or by navigating directly to the page `Special:PrivacyCenter`.



Privacy center

This special page consists of a number of "modules". Each module performs a privacy-related function.

Anonymization

In this section, users can anonymize their account on the wiki. This means that users can change their username on the wiki. The new username appears wherever the username is used, including comments, page histories and logs. All traces of previous user information including profile information and profile data is removed or renamed.

To anonymize their account, users pick the new username (a random anonymized username is offered by default) and click "Anonymize my account". After confirmation, the process of anonymization starts, and the user receives a notification upon completion.

Important! Changes made in the Privacy center, for example anonymization, can take up to 24 hours to be effective (until the cache expires).

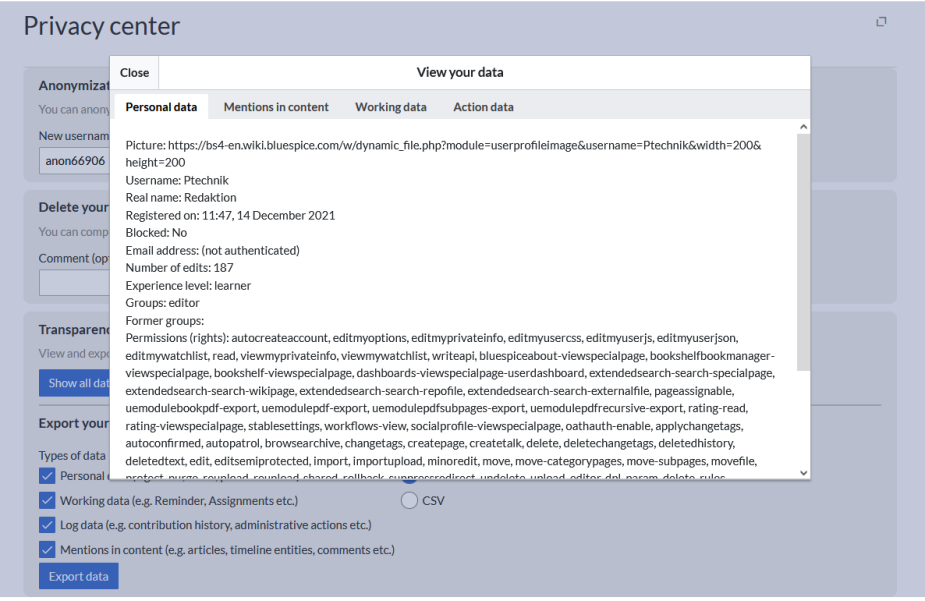
Delete your account

You can delete all traces of your account from the wiki by clicking the "Delete your account" button. After confirmation, the user account is deleted. In case there is an error in the process, users will be notified of the failed deletion process.

By deleting their account, users will remove all references to their user account anywhere on the wiki. All of the user's contributions are then attributed to "Deleted user", which will appear instead of the original username. The wiki is usually set to require an administrator to delete a user account upon request. The delete-button will show "Request account deletion" accordingly.

Transparency / Export your data

To view the data the wiki has stored about you in its logs and settings, you can click on the button *Show all data*. This opens a dialog containing all of the user's data.



Viewing data wiki collected on the user

Users can print out this same information in html or csv formats. The following information is collected:

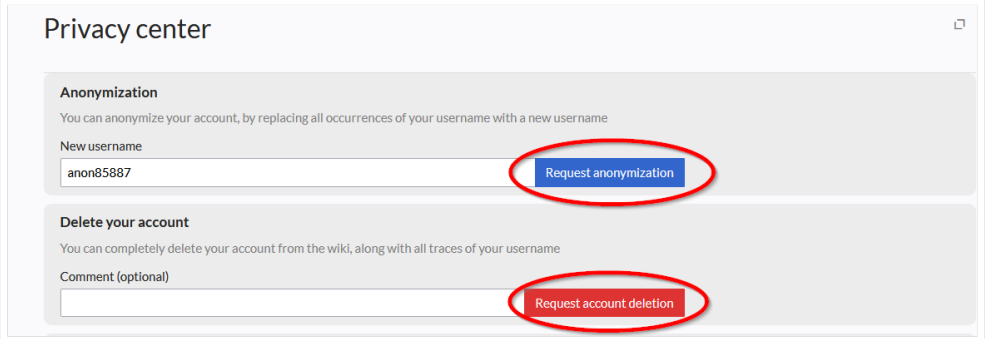
- **Personal data:** Profile image, username, real name, registered on, blocekd, email address, number of edits, experience level, groups, former groups, permissons
- **Mentions in content:** signatures, blog entries, comments, links to the user page
- **Working data:** search terms, page assignments, pages read, read confirmations, reminders, page approvals and other data that was logged by extensions
- **Action data:** administrative actions, changes of settings, file uploads, page actions (move, delete,....)

To export the data, the user selects the groups to export and the export format (HTML or CSV). After clicking *Export data*, the file is saved to the user's local download location.

Privacy policy consent

In this section, users can change their consent to the wiki's privacy policy. Further options may appear based on a specific wiki configuration. Users can also change their cookies consent (as described above).

Requesting actions



active requests

The wiki can be configured so that users are not allowed to directly execute certain privacy-related actions. They need to request that operation first.

Requesting actions applies to:

- Anonymization
- Delete your account

Requests can be enabled for the wiki by setting `$bsgPrivacyEnableRequests = true;` in `LocalSettings.php`

Once enabled, users will be presented with a request form in the affected sections. In this form, users can click *Request anonymization* and *Request account deletion* respectively. For account deletion, users can enter an optional comment explaining the reason for the request.

All submitted requests are sent to wiki admins for review.

After submitting the request, a user sees a R*equest pending* notice in the Privacy center. If the request is denied, the user is notified with a comment from the wiki administrator. If the user's request is approved, the user also receives a notification.

Technical Reference: BlueSpicePrivacy