



# Privacy Statement: Lero

## General statement

Lero fully respects your right to privacy and will not collect any personal information about you on this website without your clear permission. Any personal information which you volunteer to us will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Acts, 1988 & 2003.

This statement relates to our privacy practices in connection with the websites [www.lero.ie](http://www.lero.ie) and [www.scratch.ie](http://www.scratch.ie)

We are not responsible for the content or privacy practices of other websites to which we may link.

## What is Lero?

Lero is the Irish software engineering research centre.

It brings together leading software engineering (SE) teams from Universities and Institutes of Technology in a coordinated centre of research excellence with a strong industry focus. Lero has raised the level and profile of Irish software engineering research with such effect that it is now one of the best known and highly regarded SE research centres in the world.

## Collection and use of personal information

Lero collects the following types of personal information via its [www.scratch.ie](http://www.scratch.ie) website:

- Names, email addresses, organisation and postal address for Scratch competition registration, teaching materials and student workbook.

Personal information provided in this way is not made available to any third parties.

## Names and addresses for Competition Registration

Information collected for this purpose is collected via a form explicitly described as Competition Registration form. Subscribers are given control over their subscriptions and can opt out at anytime. The sole purpose for which this information is collected is the distribution of Scratch competition news and updates.

## **Names and addresses for Teaching Materials and Student Workbook**

### **Registration**

Information collected for this purpose is collected via a form explicitly described as Teaching Materials and Student Workbook Registration form. Subscribers are given control over their subscriptions and can opt out at anytime. The sole purpose for which this information is collected is for the distribution of Scratch Teaching Materials and Student Workbook news and updates.

### **Your rights regarding data supplied via this website**

You have a right to be given a copy of your personal data which you may have supplied via this website. To exercise this right, e-mail us at [dataprotection@lero.ie](mailto:dataprotection@lero.ie). You should include any personal identifiers which you supplied earlier via the website (e.g. Name; address; phone number; e-mail address). Your request will be dealt with as soon as possible and will take not more than 40 days to process.

You also have a right to have inaccurate information corrected. If you discover that Lero holds inaccurate information about you, you have a right to instruct us to correct that information. Such an instruction must be in writing or via e-mail. A request will be dealt with as soon as possible and will take not more than 40 days to process.

In certain circumstance you may also request that data which you have supplied via the website be deleted. To exercise this right you would generally be expected to identify some contravention of data protection law in the manner in which Lero processes the data concerned.

### **Complaints about data processed via the website**

If you are concerned about how personal data are processed via this website, please do not hesitate to bring such concerns to the attention of [dataprotection@lero.ie](mailto:dataprotection@lero.ie)

### **Collection and use of technical information**

This website does not use cookies, apart from temporary "session" cookies which enable a visitor's web browser to remember which pages on this website have already been visited. Visitors can use this website with no loss of functionality if cookies are disabled from the web browser.

Technical details in connection with visits to this website are logged by us for our statistical purposes. No information is collected that could be used by us to identify website visitors. The technical details logged are confined to the following items:

- the IP address of the visitor's web server
- the top-level domain name used (for example .ie, .com, .org, .net)
- the previous website address from which the visitor reached us, including any search terms used
- clickstream data which shows the traffic of visitors around this web site (for example pages accessed and documents downloaded)
- the type of web browser used by the website visitor.

Lero will make no attempt to identify individual visitors, or to associate the technical details listed above with any individual. It is the policy of Lero never to disclose such technical information in respect of individual website visitors to any third party other

than the web statistics service provider unless obliged to disclose such information by a rule of law. The technical information will be used only by Lero, and only for statistical and other administrative purposes. You should note that technical details, which we cannot associate with any identifiable individual, do not constitute "personal data" for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts, 1988 & 2003.

### **Glossary of technical terms used**

- **web browser:** The piece of software you use to read web pages. Examples are Microsoft Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator and Opera.
- **IP address:** The identifying details for your computer (or your internet company's computer), expressed in "internet protocol" code (for example 192.168.72.34). Every computer connected to the web has a unique IP address, although the address may not be the same every time a connection is made.
- **cookies:** Small pieces of information, stored in simple text files, placed on your computer by a web site. Cookies can be read by the web site on your subsequent visits. The information stored in a cookie may relate to your browsing habits on the web page, or a unique identification number so that the web site can "remember" you on your return visit. Generally speaking, cookies do not contain personal information from which you can be identified, unless you have furnished such information to the web site.

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