7000 Languages

About ownership, rights, and access:

We recognize that language ownership and control is an important issue for many communities. This document explains how we handle language data.

1. **Community Partners own their language data.**
   Community Partners own any content they create, and holds the copyright for all text, recordings, images, or other content they create. At any time, the partner can request a copy of all the data they have contributed. This will include the raw data (text, video, audio, etc.) as well as structured data (Excel, CSV, or XML files). Partners have the right to use this language data offline, and in software other than ours (even other language-learning apps). 7000 Languages also encourages partners to establish a relationship with a trusted archive and we will work with the archive to ensure all language data is safely stored for future use. If you need support in locating an archive, or we can help.

2. **Language materials will be shared with the public.**
   We understand that the access of language by outsiders can be a controversial subject, and we respect the community's decision regarding language access.

   Community Partners grant 7000 Languages a license to post their materials on www.7000.org, where it can be accessed by the public for free. The partner also grants a license to Transparent Language (TL), the language-learning company that donates software. TL will include the course in their "Languages of the World" subscriptions for schools and libraries for their patrons to access for free. In the rare event TL ever sells any partner's specific language materials, the partner will be notified and a royalty fee will be paid back to the Community Partner that created the materials.

   If a Community Partner would like to create private langauge learning materials, that are not to be shared publicly, 7000 Languages is committed to working with you to find an appropriate solution.

3. **We make every effort to ensure the stability of your language course.**
   Updates to the language-learning software are managed by TL, which ensures that the software remains compatible with the latest computers and mobile phones.

   You are guaranteed access to your course for as long as the partnership between TL and 7000 Languages continues. If the partnership were to end, TL has pledged that they will continue to support the language teams and allow them to access their courses. And if TL were to cease operations, 7000 Languages pledges to work with you to find suitable replacement software.