

## Blip App Terms of Use

Blip strives to be a secure communication tool that upholds human rights. Designed to enable the free flow of information, protect the right to private, secure conversations, and promote the sovereignty of individuals.

Blip provides a secure messaging app built with state-of-the-art technology, the Hexsum Encryption Method®. These and any other Blip services available through the application are simply called the Blip app.

These Terms of Use are a contract between you and Blip. You agree to these terms by installing or using the Blip app on any device. If you don't agree to these terms, don't use the Blip app.

### Who we are

Blip is a set of projects building, Lightning Network and peer-to-peer technologies for people to communicate securely, and organize with confidence. Together, anyone participating in the Blip helps to a solid, social technology that empowers people to advance their own sovereign communities.

Whenever "Blip" or "we" is used in these terms, we're referring to High Voltage S.A., the Salvadoran company that distributes the Blip app. Our contact information can be found on our website.

### Who we are

#### Our Principles drive our decisions

The goal of Blip is widespread adoption Bitcoin and Lightning Network. Our challenge is achieving mass adoption while staying true to our Principles. These terms are designed to reflect our Principles and goal for mass adoption, while providing important legal protections for Blip and the Blip community of users.

You agree to use the Blip app in a way that promotes the Blip Principles.

In order to offer the Blip app on distribution platforms, such as third party app stores, we must include certain provisions required by those distribution platforms in these terms. In circumstances where the required provisions conflict with our Principles, we're actively searching for alternative solutions, but in the meantime, the Blip app is subject to such third party provisions and you agree to all provisions of these terms.

### How to use the Blip app

The Blip app is free to download and register, and account generation is pseudo-anonymous. You'll never be asked for a phone number, email address, bank account, or any other personal information when generating a Blip app account.

When generating an account, a randomization process is started on your own device that generates a random Bitcoin address. You'll then be given display name options to choose from.

A Text Recovery File with a Hash will be generated. Only you have access to your Text Recovery File. It is your responsibility to keep this file safe.

We care about your privacy

Blip uses the Lightning Network, and peer-to-peer protocol with end-to-end encryption, using the Hexsum Encryption Method® and metadata suppression to protect your identity, messages, voice messages, voice calls, video calls and file transfers. We don't monetize your private user data, including private messages, to advertisers or other third parties.

Guided by our principles, Blip is designed to protect your privacy and process as little personal data as possible for the network to thrive; Blip enables pseudo anonymity, strives to provide the right of total anonymity, and offers ways to selectively reveal oneself to the world.

Blip can't, by design, and won't try to, access your account, private messages, or activity on the Blip app by any means.

All private messages sent in the Blip app are encrypted end-to-end by default with our Hexsum Encryption Method®, to help ensure your privacy. However, your privacy may be compromised if you use third party services such as apps downloaded from the Google Play Store, Apple App Store, or downloaded directly from the internet.

Learn more about how seriously we protect your data by reading our Privacy Policy and Security Protocol.

We care about your privacy

You're responsible for your activities

We believe in the sovereignty of individuals. As a platform that stands for the cause of personal liberty, we aim to maximize social, political, and economic freedoms. This also means you're fully responsible for all activities that occur under your account.

You're entirely responsible for the information you submit through the Blip app, including any harm resulting from that information, and Blip shall not be liable for any acts or omissions by you.

When you generate an account, your Text Recovery Files is generated and stored locally on your own device. This means that Blip doesn't know which hash belong to you and doesn't process any personal data in this respect. Blip will never have access to or control over your Text Recovery File, as Blip isn't a custodian.

You're responsible for taking precautions to protect yourself and your devices from viruses and other harmful content. You're also responsible for any carrier or connection charges, and fees associated with the devices on which you use the Blip app.

To use the Blip app, you must be fully able and competent to agree to these terms and to use all services provided on the Blip app. To use the Blip app without parental permission, you must

meet the minimum age requirements in your country of residence.

#### Our view on censorship

One of the Blip Principles is censorship resistance under cryptographic design. We enable free flow of information, and no content is under surveillance.

Blip hasn't reviewed, can't review, and won't review the content sent by users within the Blip app, and therefore, we can't be responsible for any user's content. Blip aims to provide the tools for user communities to voluntarily self-regulate their own content.

While using the Blip app, you may view content that's offensive, indecent, or otherwise objectionable; content containing technical inaccuracies, typographical mistakes, and other errors; and material that violates others' rights, including privacy and intellectual property rights. Blip doesn't endorse any user content or activity on the Blip app and disclaims any responsibility for any harm resulting from user content or activities.

#### Our view on censorship

Please limit certain uses

We strive for complete openness and symmetry of information within the Blip organization and with our community. We ask you to respect the Blip community too.

You agree to use the Blip app in a way that doesn't harm or violate the rights of Blip, Blip app users, or others in any way.

You agree that you won't, and you won't assist others to: (i) gain or try to gain unauthorized access to the Blip app or any Blip system; (ii) disrupt the integrity or performance of the Blip app or any Blip system; (iii) generate accounts on the Blip app through unauthorized means; (iv) install any viruses, worms, malware, Trojan horses, or other harmful or destructive code or content; (v) use spam, data mining, or other unsolicited promotional methods, machine generated content, or unethical or unwanted commercial content; (vi) engage in phishing, spoofing, or similar fraudulent acts; (vii) spread misinformation or misleadingly impersonate another person or company; (viii) stalk, bully, harass or abuse another individual in any way; (ix) violate the privacy rights of others; or (x) copy, distribute, sell, license, create derivative works from, or in any other way exploit any copyrighted material, trademarks, or any intellectual property rights of others.

#### The Blip app is decentralized

We minimize centralization across the software and the organization itself by maximizing the number of physical computers composing the network, and maximizing the number of individuals who have control over the system(s) we're building.

The Blip app utilizes the Lightning Network and peer-to-peer networks that doesn't rely on any centralized servers from which communication can be blocked. Instead, the Blip app uses a distributed network of nodes connected to the Lightning Network and TOR.

#### Our services may change

Some or all of the services on the Blip app may change or be discontinued at any time, including features or support for certain devices and platforms. Any and all new services or features added to the Blip app are also subject to these terms.

#### We'll keep you updated

From time to time, we provide updates to the Blip app in order to enable new features and enhanced functionality. If you installed the Blip app from a third-party app store, you consent to the policies of that app store, which may include automatic downloading and installing of updates to the Blip app. If you installed the Blip app from a source other than an app store, Blip won't push automatic downloads or updates without your opt-in consent. The Blip app may be intentionally or unintentionally interrupted, including for maintenance, upgrades, or network or equipment failures.

#### Respect the Blip brand

We create software incentivized to continue to exist and improve, without the stewardship of a single entity or any of the current team members. The Blip community has worked hard to build a brand and goodwill that will also continue to exist and improve over time.

Blip owns all copyrights, domains, trade dress (look and feel), design rights and themes, trademarks, logos, graphics, and other intellectual property rights associated with the Blip app and the Blip brand.

We love to see creative work by users from the Blip community, but please let us know in advance if you want to use trademarks, logos, or graphics that are modified from our standard colors and designs. If you write articles or blogs, create websites, or talk about Blip, make sure it's clear you aren't speaking for, on behalf of, or under endorsement by Blip.

To request permission to use our copyrighted material or trademarks, such as logos, please contact [marketing@blipme.app](mailto:marketing@blipme.app)

#### We may change these terms

We may modify or replace any part of these terms. You're responsible for checking our website periodically for any changes. Your continued use of the Blip app following posted changes to these terms means that you accept those changes.

#### Blip makes no warranties

Whenever used in these terms, "representatives" means Blip's affiliates, directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, core contributors, and any other representatives.

The Blip app is provided on an "as is" basis, and you use any and all services on the Blip app at your own discretion and risk.

Blip disclaims all warranties of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation the warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement. You

understand and agree that Blip doesn't have control over, doesn't warrant, and has no duty to take any action: (i) that any information provided by Blip is complete, accurate, or useful; (ii) that the Blip app and Blip systems will be operational or free from failures, disruptions, errors, or delays; (iii) regarding failure of hardware, software, or Internet connections; (iv) that the Blip app and Blip systems will be secure, safe, or free from viruses or other malicious code being introduced; (v) that third parties may obtain unauthorized access to information stored in the Blip app, such as your Text Recovery File and personal data; (vi) regarding changes to or errors in the Lightning Network network; (vii) regarding risks related to cryptographic systems such as change in transaction costs; (viii) regarding legal or regulatory risk, inquiry, or action; (ix) regarding any custodial or fiduciary risk or responsibility, of which Blip and its representatives have none; or (x) regarding third party content accessed through the Blip app.

#### Risks you should know about

You represent and warrant that you understand the inherent risks associated with cryptographic systems and have an understanding of the usage and intricacies of virtual currency and tokens (such as Bitcoin (BTC)), and blockchain-based systems. You acknowledge and agree that: (i) Blip and its representatives aren't responsible for the underlying protocols of open source blockchain based networks, which may be subject to sudden changes in operating rules (such as forks), (ii) such changes may materially affect the Blip app, and (iii) Blip may, in our sole discretion, decide not to support a forked network. Blip and its representatives aren't responsible whatsoever for any underlying software protocols, whether forked or not.

You acknowledge and understand that cryptographic systems are an emerging technology with inherent risks. For example, advances in technology, such as cryptography or quantum computers, could result in the theft or loss of your information. While security is at the forefront of our priorities (which is why many functions on the Blip app are privacy-mode by default) and Blip intends to continuously update its security measures, Blip can't and doesn't guarantee full security of the Blip app, its underlying protocols, or personal data. Blip has no ongoing duty to alert you to potential security risks, but you can check our Blip app security channel for updates when available.

#### Releases you should read closely

You release Blip and its representatives from all liability related to any claim, cause of action, controversy, dispute, loss, or damages, known or unknown, related to, arising from, or in any way connected with: (i) user error, such as forgotten passwords or lost Text Recovery Files; (ii) delays, server failure, or data loss; (iii) unauthorized access to the Blip app, your account, or your private data; (iv) bugs or other errors in the Blip app software and code or any Blip system; (v) any unauthorized third party activities, including without limitation the use of viruses, phishing, brute forcing, or other means of attack against the Blip app or Blip systems; (vi) risks associated with cryptographic systems; (vii) fluctuations in transaction costs.

#### Releases you should read closely

##### Blip's liability is limited

In no event will Blip or its representatives be liable under any contract, negligence, strict liability, or other legal or equitable theory for any lost profits, cost of procurement for substitute services, or any special, incidental, or consequential damages related to, arising from, or in any

way connected with these terms, Blip, or your use of any and all services on the Blip app or Blip systems, even if Blip or its representatives have been advised of the possibility of such damages. In any event, Blip aggregate liability for such claims is limited to One Hundred Euros (100 USD). These disclaimers and limitations of liability will apply to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

#### You indemnify Blip against claims

You agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blip and its representatives from and against any and all claims and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of your use of the Blip app or any Blip system, including without limitation your violation of these terms.

#### How disputes are resolved

Whenever used in these terms, "dispute" has the broadest meaning enforceable by law and includes any claim you make against or controversy you may have with Blip and its representatives.

#### How disputes are resolved

Please read this section carefully!

We usually prefer arbitration because we believe arbitration is less drama-filled than litigation and meets our Principle of solving problems in the most effective way possible at lower economic costs.

You waive the right to participate in a class action lawsuit or a class wide arbitration against Blip or its representatives.

#### What happens if you stop using the Blip app

If, at any time, you no longer agree to these terms, you must stop using and uninstall the Blip app from all your devices. Be aware that, even after uninstalling the Blip app from all your devices, messages you sent may remain on the device of the recipient, blockchain transactions you made may remain recorded on the blockchain.

Even after you stop using the Blip app, all provisions of these terms which by their nature should survive termination shall survive termination, including without limitation warranty disclaimers, indemnity, limitations of liability, dispute resolution, and governing law.

#### About these terms

These terms cover the entire agreement between you and Blip regarding the Blip app. If these terms are considered an offer by Blip, acceptance is expressly limited to these terms.

The captions and headings identifying sections and subsections of these terms are for reference only and don't define, modify, expand, limit, or affect the interpretation of any provisions of these terms. We provided illustrative graphics and links to websites for your information and education. Unless otherwise specifically indicated, neither those resources nor the information they contain are included in or part of these terms.

If any part of these terms is held invalid or unenforceable, that part will be severable from these terms, and the remaining portions will remain in full force and effect. If we fail to enforce any of these terms, that doesn't mean we've breached them or waive the right to enforce them.

If you have specific questions about these terms, please contact us at [compliance@blipme.app](mailto:compliance@blipme.app)