


## TERMS OF SERVICE & COMMUNITY PACT

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### PREAMBLE: THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

This document constitutes a binding agreement ("Terms") between you ("the User," "Citizen," or "Contributor") and the Riot Nation collective ("we," "us," "our," or "the Collective"). By accessing any digital property, communication channel, or service provided by Riot Nation (collectively, "the Services"), you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms.

Riot Nation is a decentralized collective, not a incorporated entity. These Terms represent our social contract: a fusion of our foundational philosophy and the necessary frameworks for sustainable operation. They are written to be as human-readable as possible while providing clear guidelines for participation.

### ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. "The Collective":** Refers to the Riot Nation community, its contributors, and its organizational presence.
- 1.2. "The Services":** Encompasses all websites, forums, chat servers, code repositories, and any other digital platforms operated by the Collective.
- 1.3. "Citizen":** Any individual who uses the Services and adheres to this Pact.
- 1.4. "Contributor":** A Citizen who actively contributes code, content, resources, or labor to the Collective's projects.
- 1.5. "Open-Source License":** The specific Copyleft or Permissive licenses (e.g., GPL, AGPL, MIT) under which each Riot Nation software project is released.
- 1.6. "Content":** Any text, software, scripts, graphics, photos, sounds, music, videos, interactive features, and other materials you may view on or contribute to the Services.

### ARTICLE 2: FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES (THE "ROOT PROTOCOL")

Participation in Riot Nation is conditional upon adherence to these non-negotiable principles:

- 2.1. Radical Transparency & Open Source:** We operate in the open. All software developed by the core Collective will be released under a recognized FOSS (Free and Open-Source Software) license. There are no hidden backdoors, and no proprietary versions for surveillance or control.

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**2.2. Digital Autonomy & Anti-Surveillance:** We are fundamentally opposed to digital tyranny. We will not cooperate with any mass surveillance programs. Our tools are designed to enhance individual privacy and security.

**2.3. Social & Technological Justice:** Our work must actively dismantle systems of oppression and empower marginalized communities. Technology is a tool for liberation, not domination.

**2.4. Solidarity, Not Charity:** Our model is mutual aid. We support each other not out of pity, but from a recognition that our collective survival and freedom are intertwined.

**2.5. Radical Sustainability:** Our technological practices must minimize environmental harm and prioritize long-term ecological and social benefit over short-term profit.

### ARTICLE 3: USER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 3.1. Your Rights:

- a. You have the right to access and use the Services, contingent on your compliance with these Terms.
- b. You have the right to fork, modify, and distribute our open-source code in accordance with its specific license.
- c. You have the right to participate in community governance and discourse respectfully.

#### 3.2. Your Responsibilities:

- a. Respectful Conduct: You will not harass, abuse, threaten, or incite violence against other Citizens. Hate speech, including based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability, is strictly prohibited.

### ARTICLE 4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & CONTRIBUTIONS

**4.1. Our Software:** The source code for Riot Nation projects is licensed under their respective Open-Source Licenses. You are free to use them as dictated by those licenses.

#### 4.2. Your Contributions:

- a. By submitting code to a Riot Nation repository, you agree to license that code under the same Open-Source License that governs the project you are contributing to.
- b. For non-code contributions (e.g., text, graphics, documentation), you grant the Collective a perpetual, worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, modify, adapt, and distribute that Content for the purpose of furthering the Collective's mission.

**4.3. Collective Branding:** The "Riot Nation" name, logos, and other branding elements are

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### ARTICLE 5: FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & DONATIONS

**5.1. Funding Model:** Riot Nation may be funded through donations, grants, and community funding mechanisms (e.g., Open Collective).

**5.2. Donations:** All financial contributions ("donations") are voluntary and non-refundable. They are considered a gift to support the collective's infrastructure and ongoing work.

**5.3. Use of Funds:** Funds will be used transparently for operational costs (e.g., servers, domains, services) and, where possible, to support contributors. Financial reports may be made public.

**5.4. No Equity or Ownership:** A donation does not grant you any ownership, equity, or decision-making authority in the Collective beyond what is outlined in these Terms and our governance model.

### ARTICLE 6: DISCLAIMERS & LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

**6.1. Services "AS IS":** The Services are provided on an "AS IS" and "AS AVAILABLE" basis. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Riot Nation collective expressly disclaims all warranties, whether express or implied.

**6.2. No Liability for Use:** You understand and agree that you use our software and Services solely at your own risk. The Collective shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages resulting from your use or inability to use the Services.

**6.3. No Warranty on Security:** While we prioritize security, we cannot guarantee that the Services will be uninterrupted, error-free, or completely secure from unauthorized access.


### ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION & CONSEQUENCES

**7.1. Your Right to Terminate:** You may cease using our Services at any time.

**7.2. Our Right to Terminate:** We may suspend or terminate your access to the Services immediately, without prior notice or liability, for any reason, including if you breach these Terms.

**7.3. Effect of Termination:** Upon termination, your right to use the Services will cease immediately. Provisions of these Terms that, by their nature, should survive termination (e.g., Intellectual Property, Limitation of Liability) shall survive.

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### ARTICLE 8: GOVERNANCE & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**8.1. Community-Led Governance:** We strive to resolve all issues through open dialogue and community mediation.

### ARTICLE 9: FINAL PROVISIONS

**9.1. Severability:** If any provision of these Terms is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

**9.2. Changes to Terms:** We reserve the right, at our sole discretion, to modify or replace these Terms at any time. We will provide notice of significant changes. By continuing to access or use our Services after those revisions become effective, you agree to be bound by the revised terms.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BY USING RIOT NATION'S SERVICES, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS COMMUNITY PACT, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS. YOU FURTHER AGREE THAT THIS IS THE COMPLETE AND EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND THE COLLECTIVE, WHICH SUPERSEDES ANY PROPOSAL OR PRIOR AGREEMENT, ORAL OR WRITTEN, AND ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US RELATING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE TERMS.

