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Microsoft Privacy Statement

When typing into google the phrase “Privacy statement”, the first result that came up was Microsoft’s Privacy statement. According to Microsoft’s privacy statement, (<https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/privacystatement>), Microsoft collects data from the user through their interactions and products. The user provides some of the data directly, but Microsoft gathers some data through the user’s interactions, use and experiences with their products. They also collect data from the user through third parties.

Microsoft’s privacy statement contains a section labeled “Collection of data from children”. In this section, it specifies that for users under the age of 13, certain Microsoft products and services will either block users under that age or ask them to obtain consent or authorization from a parent or guardian before they can use it, including when creating an account to access Microsoft services. It also states that Microsoft will not knowingly ask children under that age to provide more data than is required to provide for the product. Once parental consent or authorization is granted, the child’s account is treated much like any other account.

As I went through all of Microsoft’s privacy statement and the hyperlinks, I could not find a section where they said what they did with the data they collected in the event if the company goes out of business, or it is sold. Microsoft’s privacy statement does have a small section where it states that Microsoft keeps personal data for as long as they need to provide their services, comply with the law, and for other legitimate reasons. It also states that if the user no longer wishes Microsoft to process their personal data or would like to limit the use of their data, they’re encouraged to contact them using their web form in the privacy statement.

Overall, Microsoft’s privacy statement is very well done. I found a link to a whole section of other privacy options and settings for the user. However, the only thing I would like for them to have clarified is what they would do with the data if Microsoft ever went out of business or if the business was ever sold. Other than that, the privacy statement is well written and goes into a tremendous amount of detail. The privacy statement is very well done and clear.