

Terms and Conditions

Agreement between User and Ripple (Mobile App)

Welcome to Ripple. The Ripple (Mobile App) the app (the "App") is comprised of various web pages operated by Ripple ("Ripple"). Ripple (Mobile App) is offered to you conditioned on your acceptance without modification of the terms, conditions, and notices contained herein (the "Terms"). Your use of Ripple (Mobile App) constitutes your agreement to all such Terms. Please read these terms carefully, and keep a copy of them for your reference.

Ripple (Mobile App) is a Social Networking and Second-hand Marketplace Mobile Application.

Ripple is a platform built to empower student entrepreneurs and foster a trusted, exclusive marketplace for the University of Washington community. By requiring a @uw.edu email for access, Ripple ensures trust, authenticity, and a sense of belonging. Ripple addresses the barriers student entrepreneurs often face—limited resources, high fees, and lack of supportive infrastructure—by offering an accessible and community-focused solution.

Starting as a second-hand marketplace, Ripple connects student sellers looking to offload items like textbooks and clothing with buyers seeking affordable, convenient options. With personalized profiles that include graduation year and academic field, Ripple not only facilitates transactions but also builds community and collaboration.

Ripple also serves as an incubator for students to turn their hobbies and ideas into businesses, with the ultimate goal of helping them grow beyond Ripple to larger platforms. Unlike mainstream platforms that prioritize scale over user experience, Ripple is purposefully designed with students' unique needs in mind, creating a tailored and supportive environment for their entrepreneurial journey.

Privacy

Your use of Ripple (Mobile App) is subject to Ripple's Privacy Policy. Please review our Privacy Policy, which also governs the app and informs users of our data collection practices.

Electronic Communications

Visiting Ripple (Mobile App) or sending emails to Ripple constitutes electronic communications. You consent to receive electronic communications and you agree that all agreements, notices, disclosures and other communications that we provide to you electronically, via email and on the app, satisfy any legal requirement that such communications be in writing.

Your Account

If you use this app, you are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to accept responsibility for all activities that occur under your account or password. You may not assign or otherwise transfer your account to any other person or entity. You acknowledge that Ripple is not responsible for third party access to your account that results from theft or misappropriation of your account. Ripple and its associates reserve the right to refuse or cancel service, terminate accounts, or remove or edit content in our sole discretion.

Children Under Thirteen

Ripple does not knowingly collect, either online or offline, personal information from persons under the age of eighteen. If we discover that such information has been posted on Ripple, such information will be removed immediately.

Links to Third Party Sites/Third Party Services

Ripple (Mobile App) may contain links to other websites ("Linked Sites"). The Linked Sites are not under the control of Ripple and Ripple is not responsible for the contents of any Linked Site, including without limitation any link contained in a Linked Site, or any changes or updates to a Linked Site. Ripple is providing these links to you only as a convenience, and the inclusion of any link does not imply endorsement by Ripple of the site or any association with its operators.

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No Unlawful or Prohibited Use/Intellectual Property

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Use of Communication Services

The App may contain bulletin board services, chat areas, news groups, forums, communities, personal web pages, calendars, and/or other message or communication facilities designed to enable you to communicate with the public at large or with a group (collectively, "Communication Services"). You agree to use the Communication Services only to post, send and receive messages and material that are proper and related to the particular Communication Service.

By way of example, and not as a limitation, you agree that when using a Communication Service, you will not: defame, abuse, harass, stalk, threaten or otherwise violate the legal rights (such as rights of privacy and publicity) of others; publish, post, upload, distribute or disseminate any inappropriate, profane, defamatory, infringing, obscene, indecent or unlawful topic, name, material or information; upload files that contain software or other material protected by intellectual property laws (or by rights of privacy of publicity) unless you own or control the rights thereto or have received all necessary consents; upload files that contain viruses, corrupted files, or any other similar software or programs that may damage the operation of another's computer; advertise or offer to sell or buy any goods or services for any business purpose, unless such Communication Service specifically allows such messages; conduct or forward surveys, contests, pyramid schemes or chain letters; download any file posted by another user of a Communication Service that you know, or reasonably should know, cannot be legally distributed in such manner; falsify or delete any author attributions, legal or other proper notices or proprietary designations or labels of the origin or source of software or other material contained in a file that is uploaded; restrict or inhibit any other user from using and enjoying the Communication Services; violate any code of conduct or other guidelines which may be applicable for any particular Communication Service; harvest or otherwise collect information about others, including e-mail addresses, without their consent; violate any applicable laws or regulations.

Ripple has no obligation to monitor the Communication Services. However, Ripple reserves the right to review materials posted to a Communication Service and to remove any materials in its sole discretion. Ripple reserves the right to terminate your access to any or all of the Communication Services at any time without notice for any reason whatsoever.

Ripple reserves the right at all times to disclose any information as necessary to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process or governmental request, or to edit, refuse to post or to remove any information or materials, in whole or in part, in Ripple's sole discretion.

Always use caution when giving out any personally identifying information about yourself or your children in any Communication Service. Ripple does not control or endorse the content, messages or information found in any Communication Service and, therefore, Ripple specifically disclaims any liability with regard to the Communication Services and any actions resulting from your participation in any Communication Service. Managers and hosts are not authorized Ripple spokespersons, and their views do not necessarily reflect those of Ripple.

Materials uploaded to a Communication Service may be subject to posted limitations on usage, reproduction and/or dissemination. You are responsible for adhering to such limitations if you upload the materials.

Content Moderation

Ripple is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and trusted environment for all users. To achieve this, Ripple employs a content moderation system that includes the following:

1. **User Reporting:** Users can report content or behavior that violates our community guidelines or terms of service. Reports will be reviewed promptly by our moderation team.
2. **Manual Monitoring:** Ripple's moderation team manually reviews reported content and user activity to ensure compliance with our guidelines and to address potential violations effectively
3. **Enforcement Actions:** Ripple reserves the right to take appropriate action in response to violations of these Terms, including but not limited to:

- Removing or editing content
 - Issuing warnings to users
 - Temporarily or permanently suspending user accounts
4. Appeals Process: Users may contact Ripple to appeal enforcement actions taken against their accounts. Appeals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Ripple does not tolerate abusive, illegal, or harmful content and will take the necessary steps, including notifying law enforcement, to address such violations.

Materials Provided to Ripple (Mobile App) or Posted on Any Ripple Web Page

Ripple does not claim ownership of the materials you provide to Ripple (Mobile App) (including feedback and suggestions) or post, upload, input or submit to any Ripple App or our associated services (collectively "Submissions"). However, by posting, uploading, inputting, providing or submitting your Submission you are granting Ripple, our affiliated companies and necessary sublicensees permission to use your Submission in connection with the operation of their Internet businesses including, without limitation, the rights to: copy, distribute, transmit, publicly display, publicly perform, reproduce, edit, translate and reformat your Submission; and to publish your name in connection with your Submission.

No compensation will be paid with respect to the use of your Submission, as provided herein. Ripple is under no obligation to post or use any Submission you may provide and may remove any Submission at any time in Ripple's sole discretion.

By posting, uploading, inputting, providing or submitting your Submission you warrant and represent that you own or otherwise control all of the rights to your Submission as described in this section including, without limitation, all the rights necessary for you to provide, post, upload, input or submit the Submissions.

Third Party Accounts

You will be able to connect your Ripple account to third party accounts. By connecting your Ripple account to your third party account, you acknowledge and agree that you are consenting to the continuous release of information about you to others (in accordance with your privacy settings on those third party sites). If you do not want information about you to be shared in this manner, do not use this feature.

International Users

The Service is controlled, operated and administered by Ripple from our offices within the USA. If you access the Service from a location outside the USA, you are responsible for compliance with all local laws. You agree that you will not use the Ripple Content accessed through Ripple (Mobile App) in any country or in any manner prohibited by any applicable laws, restrictions or regulations.

Indemnification

You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Ripple, its officers, directors, employees, agents and third parties, for any losses, costs, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) relating to or arising out of your use of or inability to use the App or services, any user postings made by you, your violation of any terms of this Agreement or your violation of any rights of a third party, or your violation of any applicable laws, rules or regulations. Ripple reserves the right, at its own cost, to assume the exclusive defense and control of any matter otherwise subject to indemnification by you, in which event you will fully cooperate with Ripple in asserting any available defenses.

Arbitration

In the event the parties are not able to resolve any dispute between them arising out of or concerning these Terms and Conditions, or any provisions hereof, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise at law or in equity for damages or any other relief, then such dispute shall be resolved only by final and binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, conducted by a single neutral arbitrator and administered by the American Arbitration Association, or a similar arbitration service selected by the parties, in a location mutually agreed upon by the parties. The arbitrator's award shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction. In the event that any legal or equitable action, proceeding or arbitration arises out of or concerns these Terms and Conditions, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees. The parties agree to arbitrate all disputes and claims in regards to these Terms and Conditions or any disputes arising as a result of these Terms and Conditions, whether directly or indirectly, including Tort claims that are a result of these Terms and Conditions. The parties agree that the Federal Arbitration Act governs the interpretation and enforcement of this provision. The entire dispute, including the scope and enforceability of this arbitration provision shall be determined by the Arbitrator. This arbitration provision shall survive the termination of these Terms and Conditions.

Class Action Waiver

Any arbitration under these Terms and Conditions will take place on an individual basis; class arbitrations and class/representative/collective actions are not permitted. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT A PARTY MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY IN EACH INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PUTATIVE CLASS, COLLECTIVE AND/ OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING, SUCH AS IN THE FORM OF A PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION AGAINST THE OTHER. Further, unless both you and Ripple agree otherwise, the arbitrator may not consolidate more than one person's claims, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a representative or class proceeding.

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Termination/Access Restriction

Ripple reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate your access to the App and the related services or any portion thereof at any time, without notice. To the maximum extent permitted by law, this agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Washington and you hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of courts in Washington in all disputes arising out of or relating to the use of the App. Use of the App is unauthorized in any jurisdiction that does not give effect to all provisions of these Terms, including, without limitation, this section.

You agree that no joint venture, partnership, employment, or agency relationship exists between you and Ripple as a result of this agreement or use of the App. Ripple's performance of this agreement is subject to existing laws and legal process, and nothing contained in this agreement is in derogation of Ripple's right to comply with governmental, court and law enforcement requests or requirements relating to your use of the App or information provided to or gathered by Ripple with respect to such use. If any part of this agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable pursuant to applicable law including, but not limited to, the warranty disclaimers and liability limitations set forth above, then the invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed superseded by a valid, enforceable provision that most closely matches the intent of the original provision and the remainder of the agreement shall continue in effect.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the user and Ripple with respect to the App and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral or written, between the user and Ripple with respect to the App. A printed version of this agreement and of any notice given in electronic form shall be admissible in judicial or administrative proceedings based upon or relating to this agreement to the same extent and subject to the same conditions as other business documents and records originally generated and maintained in printed form. It is the express wish to the parties that this agreement and all related documents be written in English.

Changes to Terms

Ripple reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to change the Terms under which Ripple (Mobile App) is offered. The most current version of the Terms will supersede all previous versions. Ripple encourages you to periodically review the Terms to stay informed of our updates.

Contact Us

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