PRIVACY

What this site keeps, and what it doesn't.

Limelight has no accounts, no sign-in and no database of people. Almost everything it knows about you lives in your own browser. This page lists exactly what leaves your device, when, why, who handles it and how long it's kept. There isn't much to list.

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What changed on October 12, 2026: the picture you can include with a report is now of the whole Limelight screen, not only the 3D stage. It is sent with the report; the form does not show it.

What changed on October 5, 2026: the visit counter now keeps only the country, not the city or region, and its records and report pictures are kept in private storage. This version also describes the counter's random ID more carefully, lists the services that handle data without any "may", gives a time limit for keeping each thing, spells out our promises on student information, and adds sections on school agreements and accessibility. Earlier the same day it corrected the note about cookies: the site sets none.

The short version

No accounts

Nothing to sign up for, nothing to sign into, no password. There's no list of users because there aren't any; everyone is a visitor.

Your shows stay with you

A show is saved to your browser, to a file on your computer, or as a setup code you copy. The code *is* the show. There's no copy on a server for it to point to, and nothing is uploaded when you save.

Course progress stays with you

Lessons finished, steps done, check scores and the name you type on the progress page live only in the open page, and nothing keeps them after it closes. To keep them, you copy a progress code and paste it back in yourself, on this device or another. No server is involved.

No advertising or third-party analytics tracking

No ads, no analytics service, no third-party scripts, no fingerprinting, no cookies, no tracking across sites. The tool does give each browser a random ID for its own visit counter, described below. Pages and their files come only from limelight.show. What you choose to send us goes to the services listed under Who handles data for us, and nowhere else. We don't sell personal information.

What does leave your device

Four things can leave, and all of them are listed here in full. Only the first happens on its own. The other three happen only when you press Send or write to us.

1. A visit counter, once per browser

The first time a browser opens the tool, it makes up a random ID and sends it once. That lets the site answer "how many different devices have used this?" Stored with it:

- the time,
- the kind of device (phone, tablet or computer) and the family of operating system (one word, such as macOS or ChromeOS),
- the country, worked out by the hosting provider from the connection at that moment (only the country, not the city or region),
- the site you arrived from, if any (the hostname only, or "direct").

It doesn't store your IP address, your city, your name, anything you typed, or anything about your show. The ID is random. It isn't made from anything about you, and it isn't meant to identify you. This counter runs once per browser, ever, and is never sent again.

Each record is one small file in the host's private file storage (Vercel Blob), named after the random ID. Private storage can't be opened from the internet. Only the site's own functions can read it, and

they show the records only to the owner, who needs a private key to see them. Anyone can ask the site for the total number of devices, which is just a number.

2. Feedback and glitch reports, only if you send them

The Feedback button, and the Send report button on the box that appears when something breaks, send a report to the site's owner. Nothing is sent unless you press the button. A report can contain:

- **What you wrote.** For a glitch report, that's the error message and a technical trace of where in the code it happened.
- **An email address**, only if you type one, so we can reply.
- **A copy of your show** as a setup code, because a report about a show needs the show. It's a box you can untick. Glitch reports don't include it.
- **A picture**, if you choose: a picture of the Limelight screen as it was when you opened Feedback (the stage, the panels and anything typed in them, but nothing outside Limelight), or a screenshot you paste in. You can untick the box to leave the picture out. A pasted screenshot shows whatever was on your screen, so look at it before you send.
- **Technical details** about the app and the machine: the app's version and edition, the page you were on, the browser's platform name, the number of processor cores, the device's approximate memory, the window size and pixel ratio, the graphics card's name and limits if the app read them, the size of the rig, and the last problems the app noticed. In the Feedback box you can untick "Include what the app knows about this machine" to leave all of this out. Glitch reports always include it, because it's what makes them fixable.

The Feedback button in the course is simpler. It sends what you wrote, your email if you typed one, and the address of the course page you were on.

How a report travels. The site passes it to a small Google Apps Script that emails it to the owner's Gmail inbox. If feedback email delivery is switched on, Resend, an email service, delivers a copy too. A picture isn't attached to the email. It's uploaded to the host's private file storage (Vercel Blob) under a random name, and the report carries a link to it. The link opens the picture only for the owner, with a private key. Each report is also written to the host's function log as it arrives, so nothing is lost if the email fails. The host keeps those logs only for a short time.

3. Messages from the contact page

The contact page sends the reason you picked and your message, plus a name and an email address only if you typed them. It travels the same way as a feedback report, without any technical details. Nothing is sent unless you press Send.

4. Email you send us

Mail to hello@limelight.show or support@limelight.show is forwarded by Namecheap, the domain's registrar, to the owner's Gmail inbox. Replies are sent from Gmail or through Brevo, an email sending service. Your message, your address and anything you attach are kept as email.

What stays in your browser

These are stored by your browser, on your device, and are readable only by this site in that browser. None of them are sent anywhere, except the parts of a report you choose to send.

In the tool:

- **Your show** (the one you're working on), with its stage, cues, faders and paperwork settings. It's written as you work, but the site never offers it back. To keep a show, save a code or a file.
- **Audio files** you add to a soundtrack, so they're still there after a reload.
- **Your theme choice** (light, dark, or follow the computer).
- **Small conveniences**, such as which panels are collapsed, help tips, command line settings, and whether you've been shown a note before.
- **The visit counter's random ID**, and the site that sent you here, so the counter is sent only once.
- **A technical diagnostics note**: the graphics card's limits, the size of the rig and the last few problems the app noticed. It's there so a report can include it, and it stays on your device unless you send one.

In the course: no progress is kept. For as long as the tab is open, the browser holds a random tab id that pairs the teacher-notes window with its lesson, and which page a check was opened from. Both are gone when the tab closes. Your theme choice is shared with the tool.

The site sets no cookies. Clear your browser's site data and all of the above is gone. The site can't recover it, because it never had it.

For schools

Teachers and IT departments tend to ask the same questions, so here are the answers in the words a policy needs.

Children's privacy (COPPA)

The tool doesn't ask anyone, including children under 13, for a name, email address or birthdate to use it. The visit counter does send a random browser ID and the country when the tool is first opened, and we use those only to count visits and see roughly where the tool is used. A student's name typed on the course progress page never leaves that browser. See Children under 13 below.

Student records (FERPA)

Limelight doesn't currently receive or keep students' progress, quiz answers or grades. Those stay in the open course page or in a progress code the student holds. The operator of this site can't see any student's results.

No account, no consent form

There's no sign-up and nothing personal is asked for, so there's no account for a parent or school to approve. If a student does send a message, a school or parent can ask for it to be deleted; see Your choices and requests.

What to allow

The site is served from **limelight.show** only. It loads no third-party scripts, fonts or images from anywhere else. Allowing that one domain is the whole configuration.

Our commitments on student information

These follow the approach of Oregon's Student Information Protection Act (ORS 336.184), California's Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (SOPIPA), and similar student-privacy laws. They're promises about how we behave, not a legal opinion about which laws apply.

- We don't sell student information.
- We don't rent or trade student information.
- We don't use student information for targeted advertising. There are no ads at all.
- We don't build profiles of students for advertising or for any other purpose unrelated to teaching with Limelight.

- We use student information only to provide, maintain, support, secure and improve Limelight, and for other purposes the law allows or the school agrees to.
- We don't disclose student information except to provide the service through the services listed under Who handles data for us, when the school authorizes it, or when the law requires it.
- We protect student information with reasonable security for what we have; see Security.
- A school can ask us to delete student information that's under our control, and we'll delete it within a reasonable time.

School agreements

A school or district that needs a written student-data agreement, or these promises in a letter, can ask through the contact page or at hello@limelight.show, with an address to reply to.

If Limelight receives student information for a school, the agreement can set out what information is collected, why it's used, who can receive it, how long it's kept, how it's deleted, and what happens if the school stops using Limelight.

Hosting

The site is hosted on Vercel, which serves the pages, runs the site's few small functions (feedback, pictures and the visit counter) and holds the files they store. Like any host, Vercel processes connection details (including IP addresses) to deliver the site and protect it, and handles them under its own privacy policy. Limelight doesn't store IP addresses. The visit counter keeps only the country the host works out from the connection.

Who handles data for us

These services do the delivering and storing. Each one handles data under its own privacy policy.

- Vercel: hosts the site, runs its functions, keeps their short-lived logs, and stores the device records and report pictures (Vercel Blob).

- **Google**: a small Apps Script delivers reports and contact messages, and the owner's Gmail inbox is where they, and email you send us, end up.
- **Namecheap**: forwards mail sent to hello@ and support@ to that inbox.
- **Brevo**: sends some of our replies.
- **Resend**, an email service, is used only if feedback email delivery is switched on.

We don't sell personal information, and we don't share it with advertisers or data brokers.

How long things are kept

- **Feedback reports, contact messages and email** are deleted within 24 months, sooner if you ask or once the issue is resolved.
- **Pictures sent with a report** are deleted within 12 months of being sent, sooner if you ask.
- **Device records** contain no name and no IP address. Records older than 24 months are deleted, or reduced to plain totals that say nothing about any one device.
- **The host's function logs** are kept by Vercel for a short time and then discarded.
- **What's in your browser** stays until you clear it.

When we delete something, we remove it from the inbox, the storage and the services we control. Copies in a service's own backups or logs expire on that service's schedule.

Your choices and requests

You don't have to send anything to use Limelight. Reports and messages are optional, the email box is optional, and in the Feedback box the show and the technical details are boxes you can untick.

Anyone can ask for a report, message, email or picture they sent to be deleted, and a parent or teacher can ask on a student's behalf. Write to support@limelight.show or use the contact page. Tell us roughly when it was sent and what was in it, such as the first few words, the email address you gave, or the page you were on, so we can find it. We'll delete it and tell you when it's done, within 30 days.

A device record has no name in it, so we usually can't tell which one is yours. Clearing your browser's site data removes the random ID from your device. The record left behind isn't linked to anything else we hold, and it's deleted on the schedule above.

Children under 13

The tool doesn't ask children for a name, email address or birthdate to use it, and nothing in the tool or the course needs one. The visit counter does send a random browser ID and the country when the tool is first opened. We use those only to count visits and understand where the tool is being used.

Students: if you're under 13, please don't put your name, email address or other personal information into a feedback or contact message unless a parent or teacher is helping you. A first name, or nothing, is fine, and the email box is only needed if you want a reply.

If we learn that we received personal information from a child under 13 in a way that needs a parent's consent, we'll take the steps the law requires, including deleting it. A parent or school can also tell us, and we'll delete it. Parents can ask us what a child sent, or ask for it to be deleted, at support@limelight.show.

Visitors outside the United States

Limelight is operated from the United States. Some of the services we use may process information in the United States or elsewhere.

Privacy laws in other countries may apply depending on where you are and what Limelight does with your information. Where a law such as the GDPR or the UK GDPR applies, we'll handle personal information as that law requires, including your rights to access, correction, deletion and objection. The controller is Limelight's operator, as described in section 12 of the terms.

If you have a privacy question or request, write to support@limelight.show.

Security

- Every page and function is served over HTTPS, and browsers are told never to use plain HTTP.
- The functions that receive data only accept it from the site's own pages, and every function is rate-limited so one machine can't flood them. The limiter uses your connection's address for about a minute, in memory, and never writes it down.
- Device records and report pictures are kept in private storage that only the site's own functions can read.
- There are no accounts or passwords to steal.
- We keep as little as possible, which is the best protection there is.

Some information sent through feedback, the contact page or email is handled by the services listed under Who handles data for us. We limit access to those services and use accounts and security controls suited to the information they hold.

We don't promise that any internet service is completely secure.

Accessibility

We want Limelight to be usable by students and teachers with disabilities. We're working to make the site and the course accessible, and to follow WCAG 2.1 Level AA where the technology allows.

If something on the site is hard to use because of a disability, write to support@limelight.show and tell us what you were trying to do. We'll work with you on an accessible way to use the material.

Links to other sites

Some pages link to other sites, such as Wikimedia Commons for the course photos, GNU for the license, and the Open Fixture Library. Those sites follow their own privacy policies, not this one.

Changes

If what the site keeps ever changes, this page changes first, with a new effective date at the top. A change that matters gets a short note at the top saying what changed and when. The intent won't change. No accounts, nothing personal asked for, and your work stays yours.

TERMS OF USE

Free to use, and only a simulator.

These are the terms for using Limelight, the tool, and Limelight Learn, the course. They're short because the arrangement is simple. It's free, and it's a simulator.

> **By using Limelight, you agree to these terms.** If you don't agree, please don't use it.

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1. Who can use it

Anyone can use Limelight. If you're under 18, these terms are between the operator and your parent or guardian, as far as the law allows. You can still use Limelight, but a parent or teacher should know you're using it. If you're under 13, use it only with a teacher or parent who is responsible for you. Schools and teachers may use the tool and the course with their students.

2. What you may do

- Use the tool and the course, for free, for any purpose, whether that's a class, a show, a rehearsal or plain curiosity.
- Save, copy, share and print things you make with the tool: shows, setup codes, paperwork, plots, screenshots, video. You keep the rights you already have in your own material. Don't include someone else's copyrighted material unless you have the right to use it.
- Use the course materials in a classroom, print the handouts, project the screens, and hand out course codes and lesson links.
- Link to any page of this site from anywhere.

3. What you may not do

- Present the tool or the course as your own product, or use the Limelight name to suggest an endorsement that does not exist.
- Attack the site, which means sending junk to its small functions, trying to inflate the visit counter, or trying to reach anything it doesn't offer.
- Scrape the site with automated tools, load-test or stress-test it, or run scripts against its functions.
- Send or upload malware, or try to get around the site's rate limits.
- Use the feedback form to send anything unlawful, or anyone else's private information.
- Use anything Limelight makes, such as a plot, a patch or a hang sheet, to claim or suggest that a real rig was checked for safety.

4. It's a simulator

It doesn't replace a qualified person on a real rig

Limelight shows you what light does. It doesn't know your building, your pipes, your power, or your local code. Every hanging, rigging, electrical and safety decision on a real stage must be made and checked by a qualified person on site, such as a technical director, a master electrician or a licensed electrician, following your venue's rules and your local law. The paperwork this site prints gives that person a starting point; the checking is still theirs to do.

The safety material in the course is general good practice. It's written to be true everywhere, which means it can't be complete anywhere. Your venue's rules come first.

5. It's in beta

Limelight is new and still being built. Features may change, move or go away, sometimes without notice. There's no promise that the site will be available at any given moment, including during a class or a show. The operator may change, pause or stop the service, or any part of it, at any time.

Your shows live with you, as a file or a code, so keep a file of anything you can't afford to lose.

6. What you send us

If you send an idea, a suggestion or a bug report, we may use it to improve Limelight, without owing you anything for it. You keep whatever rights you had in it.

Only send what you have the right to send: your own words, your own show and your own screenshots. By sending something, you confirm that you do.

7. No warranty

The tool and the course are provided as they are, without warranty of any kind. There's no promise that they're accurate, complete, uninterrupted or fit for a particular purpose. Browsers change, and a page that worked yesterday may not work tomorrow. To the fullest extent the law allows, the operator is not liable for any loss or damage arising from the use of, or inability to use, this site, including a lost show. Save your work as a file or a code, because the site doesn't keep a copy.

8. Limits on liability

Where the law allows, the operator is not liable for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages, such as lost data, lost time, lost profits or a show that didn't go as planned, even if they were foreseeable.

Where the law allows, the operator's total liability for any claim about Limelight is limited to US $50. The cap is low because Limelight is free.

None of this changes section 4. Limelight is a simulator, and nothing it shows or prints makes a real rig safe.

9. Licenses

Different parts of Limelight come under different licenses. Here they are, one at a time.

The software. Limelight is free software. It began as a fork of ASLS Studio and is released, as that project is, under the **GNU General Public License, version 3** (GPL). You may run, study, copy and change the software, and share your changes, under that license. The full license and the credits for every library, model and image are inside the tool under **Help › Credits**.

The name and logo. The GPL covers the software. It doesn't cover the Limelight name or logo, which aren't licensed to anyone. You may use the name to talk about Limelight accurately. If you share a changed version, give it a different name and logo, so nobody mistakes it for this one.

The course. The course text, drawings and lesson design created by the operator may be used freely for non-commercial teaching, such as a class, a club or a workshop, with credit to "Limelight Learn, limelight.show". Selling them, or putting them in a paid product, needs permission first.

The photographs. The photographs in the course come from Wikimedia Commons, under Creative Commons and public-domain licenses. Each keeps its own license and is credited on the course's photo credits page. Check the credit and license for each one before reusing it. Our permission for the course doesn't change those licenses.

Fixture profiles come from the Open Fixture Library and are used under its own license (the MIT License). Manufacturer and console names (ETC, Eos, Ion, ColorSource, grandMA, Martin and others) belong to their owners and are used only to describe compatibility and to teach.

10. Copyright complaints

If you believe something on this site, such as a photo, a model or a fixture profile, uses your work without permission, email support@limelight.show with what the work is, where it appears on the site (a link is best), how to reach you, and why you believe the use isn't authorized.

We'll review copyright complaints and take appropriate action.

11. Privacy

What the site keeps is on the privacy page. In one line, there are no accounts, nothing personal is asked for, and your shows stay with you.

12. The fine print, in plain words

- Who runs Limelight: it's created by Ender Peterka Stafford. Until Ender turns 18, it's owned and operated on Ender's behalf by a parent, Nick Peterka, who is "the operator" in these terms. When Ender turns 18, Limelight and these terms pass to Ender.
- If one part of these terms can't be enforced, the rest still applies.
- These terms, together with the privacy page, apply to your use of Limelight as far as the law allows.
- The GPL license is separate from these terms. Your rights to run, copy, change and share the software come from the GPL, and nothing in these terms takes them away.
- If the operator doesn't enforce a part of these terms right away, that part still stands.
- These terms are governed by the laws of the State of Oregon, USA, and any dispute goes to the state or federal courts in Oregon.
- Nothing here takes away rights that consumers or schools have by law and that can't be signed away.

13. Changes and contact

These terms may change; the effective date at the top says when, and a change that matters gets a short note there. The new version applies to your use of the site after that date, as far as the law allows. Questions, corrections and requests go through the contact page, the Feedback button inside the tool, or by email: hello@limelight.show for anything general, support@limelight.show for help, glitches and privacy requests.