Blender

Part 1	
Resource Type (Digital or Application)	Application
Application/Software Title (with links)	**Blender** https://www.blender.org/
Developer/Vendor	Blender Foundation
Privacy Policy, Terms of Use (Links)	https://www.blender.org/privacy-policy/
Description of Application and its Educational Value (Refer to "About Us" page, if applicable) *What is the initiative? Describe your initiative in enough detail that a reader who knows nothing about your work will understand the purpose of your initiative and who your partners and other stakeholders are. Describe what you're doing, how it works, who is involved and when or how long your initiative runs.*	**Blender** is a powerful, free, and open-source 3D creation suite developed by the Blender Foundation, offering tools for modeling, animation, rendering, video editing, and visual effects across Windows, macOS, and Linux platforms.
Part 2	
Is this initiative a data-linking program under FOIPPA? *If yes, this PPIA must be submitted to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). A data linking program is when multiple distinct data sets are used in conjunction with each other. (E.g. MyED information used in School Messenger)*	No
Is this initiative a common or integrated program or activity (CIPA)? *If yes, this PPIA must be submitted to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). A CIPA is a program or activity that provides one or more services through a public body either working collaboratively or on behalf of other public bodies or agencies.*	No
What Personal Information (PI) is involved? *List all the PI elements that will be collected, used, and/or stored through the use of this app by (but not limited to): students, staff, parents, and vendors, even unintentionally. If the answer is 'none', then skip to PART 5 and submit this PPIA to the Privacy Officer for completion.*	The Blender application itself (used offline) does **NOT** collect any personal information (PI). However, if users access **Blender's online services**—such as community forums, cloud services, or downloads—some limited PI may be collected, including: • Email address (for account creation) • Username • IP address • Device/browser information
Use *What is the PI used for (purpose)?* *Will the PI be used to make decisions that directly affect individuals? Does the vendor/provider use collected PI for other purposes, e.g., to advertise its services to students, teachers or parents?*	Blender only collects limited personal information when users engage with its online services (e.g., forums or cloud tools). PI may be used to make decisions that directly affect individuals—such as granting access to content or processing purchases—but it is not used for advertising, and

	Blender does not sell or share PI with third parties. The platform emphasizes privacy and transparency, especially for educational and non-commercial use.
Disclosure *Who will/might access the PI?* *How might the vendor/provider share the collected PI? What disclosure to 3rd parties might occur (which 3rd parties) and the type of PI being disclosed/shared. How might disclosed PI be used (see above)?*	• Personal information (PI) may be accessed by Blender Institute B.V. and its internal staff, as well as external service providers under strict confidentiality agreements. • PI is not sold or shared for advertising but may be disclosed to third parties like DigitalOcean for hosting or Google Analytics for service delivery and legal compliance. • Disclosed PI, such as names, email addresses, and usage data, is used solely for operating Blender services and fulfilling user requests.
Security *Describe the measures put in place, including those implemented internally and by the provider, to secure the PI and to prevent unauthorized access to the PI. Describe the technical and physical measures in place to protect the PI.*	Blender protects personal information through secure servers, restricted access for authorized staff, and partnerships with trusted third-party providers such as DigitalOcean and XS4all. Technical safeguards—like authentication controls, system logs, and secure infrastructure—help prevent unauthorized access and ensure data integrity across its services.
Part 3	
Will any PI be stored outside Canada? *Yes or No. If No, skip to PART 4*	Yes
Is any of the PI 'sensitive'? *Click on link above to determine if PI is considered sensitive*	No
Where is the PI being stored? *Where, what regions are the PI being stored in, including backups. What hosting providers are being used?*	Most PI is stored in the XS4all Colocation DataCenter in Amsterdam, Netherlands, which is heavily secured. However, Blender Studio uses hosting services from DigitalOcean in New York, USA.
Part 4	
Ownership and Retention of PI *Who owns the PI, according to applicable contracts/agreements. Describe the provisions, controls and guarantees in place on the retention of PI: storage before expiry, backups, destruction/deletion of PI*	• Personal information (PI) is owned by the individual user, while Blender Institute B.V. acts as the Data Controller responsible for processing and safeguarding PI across Blender services. • PI is stored securely—primarily in the XS4all Colocation DataCenter in Amsterdam—and retained only as long as necessary to provide services, with users able to request suspension or deletion at any time. • Backups and system logs are maintained for operational continuity, and appropriate technical and organizational measures are in place to prevent unauthorized access or destruction.

Accuracy of PI *Describe the provisions that allow individuals to request corrections to their PI held within the application/service*	Users can log into their Blender ID account to manage their personal information.
Part 5	
Recommendation *Recommendation for **Approval**, **Abeyance/Suspension** (pending further review) or **Rejection**, based on a review and assessment of Privacy Risk. For an approval, provide any applicable conditions of use and/or other risk mitigation measures advised to achieve an acceptable level of privacy risk*	**Approved**.
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