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 - the time spent on the website and
 - the number of visits to our website from a particular domain.

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11. Please address your rights as a data subject in writing or by e-mail to one of the contact addresses below. If you have any questions or comments regarding this statement, you can contact us via the following means:

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