

## Introduction

We know them all: **trolls on the Internet**. And in most cases, it is hard to stand up to them!

In this game, you'll have to work together and, with a little thought and luck, prevent the cyber trolls from taking over the Internet completely. **Protect your safespace and make the Internet a place of peaceful coexistence!**

## Preparation

Get **pens, message boards, characters, the troll guide and character sheets** ready. To play you also need a **webapp**:

[demokratielabore.de/workshops/downloads/invasionercybertrolle/app](http://demokratielabore.de/workshops/downloads/invasionercybertrolle/app)

You can access it with any device that can display web pages. On mobile phones and tablets it also works offline, if you save it as an app on the start screen.



## Turns

The person who **last published something on a social platform** is allowed to start, after that it goes on in turn. A turn works like this:

- Touch your character in the app
- Move up to **2 tiles**
- Stand or land on a tile with a troll: **Troll Fight**
- Stand or land on a tile with a message tile: **Message**
- Stand or land on a door to a social media room where there is another person: **Open Room**
- Done? Tap your character again. After all four players' turns: **Troll's Turn**

## Move

You can move **0, 1 or 2 tiles**. But only horizontally and vertically, not diagonally. You can move to all tiles, **even if they are already occupied by others**. The safespace counts as one **large tile**. Actions (Message, Troll Fight, Open Room) can be triggered before or after your steps:

*e.g. Troll Fight → Move 1 tile → Message → Move 1 more tile → Open Room.*

## Start of the game

**Choose a character**, pick up the corresponding character sheet, write your name and, if desired, your nickname on it.

The person with the role of „**scholar**“ should already take a closer look at the **troll guide** to ensure that you are prepared for the boss troll battles.

When you start the app, you can add your own insult words and (de)activate the read aloud option under settings. **Then press start and you will receive detailed instructions** on how to set up the game board and how the individual moves work.

## Aim of the game

**Your task is to protect your safespace and at the same time get to the social media rooms** where you have to defeat the purple boss trolls. Along the way you will fight normal little green trolls and receive messages that can be both positive and negative.



## Message

If there is a message token on your tile, you can **open the message with the Message button**. Good or bad things can happen. Sometimes you will be asked to place the token in the bottom bar of your character sheet so that you don't forget its function.

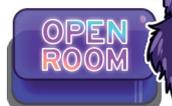
Afterwards, the position of a new token is always selected by rolling the digital dice. If there is already a token on the tile, roll the dice again. **If all tokens are gone, no more tokens can be placed.**



## Green Troll Fight

If there is a green troll on your tile, the fight will start immediately. Press the **Troll Fight button** and decide how you react to the troll attack. Others can help you, but you must decide.

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## Open Room

When **two figures are on the door tiles in front of a social media room**, a boss troll fight begins. Press the **Open Room button** and set which two figures (click on the figures) open which room (click on the room). **All 4 players fight together.**





Use your special skills for this:

**Open the left side menu** and select one of your two skills to find out more about the troll. The more you know about the boss troll, the easier it is to **look up its type in the troll guide** and get tips on how to deal with it. Then choose one of the four ways of dealing with the troll and live with the consequences.

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## Troll's Turn



**After everyone's turn**, all small trolls (who are not standing on a tile with a player) move forward along the arrows on the game board **towards the safespace**. They will not move to tiles where other trolls are already standing. **They line up one after the other.**

Afterwards the boss trolls call for reinforcements: Roll the dice twice to see from which tile new small trolls appear. Is a boss troll from the rolled room already defeated? Are the two spawn tiles, where the trolls were supposed to appear, already occupied? **Lucky you! No new troll will appear from there!**



## Note on the Game

The troll guide can also help with small trolls, but it does not necessarily have to. **Trolls are and remain unpredictable.** They are not always fair and therefore this game is not. Stay active anyway!

## End of the Game

**You've won** when all 4 purple boss trolls have left the social media rooms.

**You have lost** if the boss trolls or the small green trolls have occupied all 4 tiles in the safespace.



## Tips

It is recommended for **two people to run in one direction** in order to get to a social media room as soon as possible. **Social media rooms that have been freed from the boss trolls do not call for new little trolls!**

- **During the boss troll fight, read exactly** what the troll has done, use all your skills, try to find out what kind of troll it is with the help of the guide, and above all, **discuss together!**
- **If there are already 3 trolls** (whether green or purple) **in the safespace**, it is best to **guard the last tile with a player**, so that another troll doesn't jump in by chance. Then you have lost!
- **Small trolls cannot get past you.** You can block their way while moving. But be careful: **Until you have defeated them, you will not be able to get away either!**
- **There may be more than one player on a tile.** The advantage of being one of the good guys is that you can help each other to defeat a troll.



## Evaluation

**Add up all data on all character sheets**, i.e. how many times was lost or won with „ignore“, „discuss“ and „be nice / report“. Discuss afterwards which tactic was used to win the most against trolls, which was used to lose the most, and whether these reactions actually work in reality too.

**What else have you observed?** Have you encountered similar situations in reality? How can you recognize troll behavior as such?

## Remix!

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