Colorado School of Mines Computer and Network Access Agreement
For Affiliated Programs

Computer accounts and Internet access will be made available to you for the purpose of participating in a Mines or affiliated program. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote academic excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

Successful operation of the Internet and other networks relies upon the proper conduct of the end users. Some guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, you must use computer, network and other resources efficiently, ethically and legally. If you violate any of these provisions, your access can be terminated immediately. By accessing Mines computing services and/or the Mines network, you indicate that you have read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Guidelines

Colorado School of Mines computing and networking resources are provided to support and enhance your academic experience while you are affiliated with Mines or participating in affiliated programs. We encourage you to learn about the resources available to you, and we don't mind if you play computer games once in a while. Remember that using Mines computer systems for personal financial gain is prohibited.

Occasionally, we have problems with people breaking into accounts or intentionally trying to create problems with the operation of computer systems. This type of behavior is considered serious and may lead to disciplinary or legal action. Don't do it, and don't tolerate it by others. **Never give your password to anyone, even your friends**.

When you work in public labs, don't leave your computer system or terminal unattended for long periods of time and don't post a note indicating it is in use. If you are using a system, you must be present. We don't mind you taking an energy break or having a light snack from the vending machines. But please be careful of equipment and considerate of others by using good judgment and cleaning up thoroughly. Pizza and other messy foods, as well as alcoholic beverages, are forbidden.

Inappropriate use includes but is not limited to:

1. Use intended for business or personal financial gain.
2. Disruption of other users of Mines systems, or any systems accessible via the Internet.
3. Violations of software licensing agreements, domestic or international copyright law, or any local, state or federal law.
4. Compromise of system security or availability of resources.
5. Compromise of the privacy of other people.
6. Presentation or transmittal of any material that may be deemed offensive.

Privileges

The use of a Mines account is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Based upon the acceptable-use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The

administration, faculty and staff of your program may request the CCIT to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

Netiquette

You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or other inappropriate language.
- Do not reveal personal information about students or colleagues. For your own protection, do not reveal personal information about yourself to people you know only through electronic communication.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Certain approved staff members have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users (e.g., downloading huge files during prime time; sending mass e-mail messages; annoying other users using the talk or write functions).
- Do not send inappropriate e-mail. Forwarding chain letters is forbidden.

Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the network, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Do not give your password to any other individual. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Attempts to log in to Mines computers or systems as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Mines resources.

Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Mines, or any entities connected to the Mines network or accessible via the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the downloading or creation of computer viruses.

Penalties

Intentional, repeated or egregious violations of these policies will result in the loss of your home page. In addition, any and all computer privileges and access may be revoked. When appropriate, disciplinary or legal action may be taken.

Charges

Most computing and network services are provided free of charge to individuals in Mines-affiliated programs. Printing on dot matrix printers is free. We do require individuals to pay for laser printing. The charge is 10 cents per page.