New York University
TERMS OF USE

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- Policy on Responsible Use of NYU Computers and Data
- Responsibilities of All NYU Computer, Data and Network Users
- World Wide Web Policies and Procedures
- High Performance Computing Terms of Use
- HPC Acceptable Use Policy
- HPC Storage Allocation Policy
- HPC Automatic File Deletion Policy
- HPC Hosting and Equipment Life Cycle Policy

Issuing Authority: Information Technology Services and the Research Faculty Advisory Group
Responsible Officer: Associate Vice President for .edu Services

Glossary Definition:

Terms of Use are the rules and conditions under which a particular service may be used. They are particular to and set expectations for that service, and typically refer to and rely on conformance with all relevant University policies, unless specifically exempted.

Who Needs to Know these Terms of Use:

These Terms of Use apply to members of the University community and their affiliates who utilize the NYU High Performance Computing (NYU HPC) service.

Type: Administrative

Statement/Description of the Terms of Use:

New York University’s Information Technology Services provides the High Performance Computing Service (NYU HPC) to full-time NYU faculty members and sponsored individuals in order to assist the research community by providing access to several high performance clusters and high-speed networks equipped with a wide variety of research software packages. Use of the computers, software, and components of the NYU HPC Service is subject to federal, New York State, local, and other applicable law; all University rules and policies, including the Policy on Responsible Use of NYU Computers & Data, the Responsibilities of All NYU Computer, Data, and Network Users, and the World Wide Web Policies and Procedures, found at http://www.nyu.edu/its/policies; all policies issued by the Science and Research Faculty Advisory Group, including the HPC Acceptable Use Policy, HPC Storage Allocation Policy, HPC Automatic File Deletion Policy, and HPC Hosting and Equipment Life Cycle Policy found at http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Policies; all applicable contracts and licenses; and these Terms of Use.
Use. NYU reserves the right to change, at any time, at its sole discretion, the provisions of the service and these Terms of Use.

Security requirements, especially for Restricted data (see Data Classification Table), should be followed at all times according to the Policy on Computer and Data Security, the Data and System Security Standard, and the Data System Classification Standard.

Eligibility:

NYU HPC resources are available to full-time NYU faculty, excluding full-time faculty members at the Polytechnic Institute of NYU (NYU Poly) and the NYU School of Medicine (NYU SOM). Upon eligible faculty approval, sponsored accounts are available to individuals in the categories listed below.

Sponsorship:

Full-time NYU faculty members, excluding full-time faculty members at NYU Poly and NYU SOM, may sponsor individuals in the following categories:

- NYU students enrolled in a degree program
- Scholars visiting NYU
- NYU research staff
- NYU Poly and NYU SOM faculty, administrators/staff, and students enrolled in a degree program
- Non-NYU researchers with whom the NYU faculty sponsor is actively collaborating

Requests for sponsored accounts may be submitted by completing the NYU HPC Account Request Form found at https://hpc.nyu.edu/accounts. The account will be created after the faculty sponsor has approved and verified the request.

HPC faculty sponsors will receive an email request from the NYU HPC Administrator to verify and acknowledge the following:

- Approve/disapprove the individual’s association with the faculty sponsor
- Approve/disapprove the purpose for which the individual is requesting an account on NYU HPC resources
- Agree to supervise the sponsored individual, to the extent necessary, to ensure proper use of the NYU HPC resources and compliance with all applicable policies
- Agree to respond promptly to account-related requests from HPC staff

All sponsored accounts will be created for a period of 12 months, at which point a renewal is required to continue to use the HPC clusters. Information on sponsorship, accounts, and renewals can be found at http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Request+or+Renew. Documentation regarding sponsorship requests and approvals/ disapprovals will be stored in NYU Registry.

Access and use of the HPC Service is routinely monitored and recorded, sponsors and users are urged to consult the HPC Acceptable Use Policy at http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Policies prior to accessing the service or issuing sponsorship.
Content Ownership:

Account holders, including those with shared space, are responsible for and own the content residing in his or her allocated space on the NYU HPC clusters, subject to the normative rights and obligations in the academic community as these are expressed in the University rules and regulations.

Allocations and Retention:

Each individual researcher is assigned a standard storage allocation in /home and /archive.

Researchers who use more than their allocated space will be blocked from submitting jobs until they clean their space and reduce their usage, or in the case of /archive, purchase additional storage. Users are urged to consult the HPC Storage Allocation Policy at http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Policies for more information.

Automatic File Deletion:

Inactive files residing on HPC Service clusters are subject to the Automatic File Deletion Policy at http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Policies.

Active user accounts:

- Files residing in /scratch may be deleted as needed, without warning, deleting older files first.
- Files residing in /scratch will be deleted after remaining inactive for 30 days.
- Files residing in /home and /archive will not be automatically deleted.

Expired user accounts: All /home, /archive, and /scratch files associated with expired accounts will be automatically deleted 90 days after account expiration.

Support, Service Availability, and Communications:

Service requests, including inquiries about hosting and management of clusters, using resources, research, grant planning, or affiliations and collaborations should be directed to hpc@nyu.edu. Emails will be directed as appropriate and addressed within two business days, excluding weekends and University holidays.

All NYU HPC announcements and communications will be sent to the account holder’s NetID-associated email account. It is the account owner’s responsibility to read all HPC-related correspondence.

NYU Disclaimer:

The content, data, and information residing on the account holder’s allocated space within the NYU HPC system are the property of the account holder and do not constitute official New York University content. NYU makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, as to the HPC Service operation or the information, content or materials included. To the full extent permissible by applicable law, NYU hereby disclaims all warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose. NYU will not be liable for any damages of any kind arising from the use of or inability to use this service.
The account holder expressly agrees to use this service solely at his or her own risk. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Research Faculty Advisory Group or hpc@nyu.edu.

Appendices:

Notes

Dates of approval and amendments:

History:

Cross references

http://www.NYU.edu/its/policies
http://www.nyu.edu/its/policies/data-classification.html
http://www.nyu.edu/its/security/isitsecure/secure.html
http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Policies
http://wikis.nyu.edu/display/NYUHPC/Request+or+Renew

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