

Brandenburg University of Technology at Cottbus
Communication and Computing Services
Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the central user-server
- valid for all public accessible machines managed by the CCS -

1. **Rights of other users** : The CCS at BTU Cottbus encourages sharing of informations, comprehensive access to local, national and international facilities to create and disseminate information, and free expression of ideas. There is an obligation on the part of those using these facilities and services to respect the intellectual and access rights of others – locally, nationally and internationally.
2. **Sharing Accounts** : Accounts are only to be used by one person; the account holder. CCS does not permit accounts to be shared either through the exchanging of passwords, by the use or construction of passwordless access mechanisms, or by any other means.
3. **Commercial Use** : The CCS is dedicated towards non-profit public service especially for the purpose of serving the needs of students, staff and faculty members of the BTU Cottbus. Commercial use of these machines and services may result in termination of services, possible legal action by the University.
4. **Network Policy** : Individuals using network facilities must be cognizant and observe acceptable use policies of the communication media: specifically the german science foundation's (DFN) network (G-WiN, X-WiN), the european science networks like DANTE and GEANT and last but not least the national parts of the Internet at all. Failure to observe may result in termination of services. Since the University is member of the DFN e.V., consequently their AUP has to be observed by all individuals using facilities of the BTU Cottbus too. (The DFN AUP can be read in the poolroom 16, or at <http://www.dfn.de>). The Network Use Policy of the University's campus network can be found online at: http://www.Rz.TU-Cottbus.De/urz/intern/network_policy.html.
5. **Unauthorized Use** : Entry into a system, including the network system, by individuals not specifically authorized personally shall be viewed as trespass. Attempts to circumvent the protective mechanism of any system shall be considered attempted theft or trespass. Deliberate attempts to degrade system performance or capacity or attempts to damage systems, tampering with data, software or intellectual property of others shall be viewed as criminal activity and will result in legal action by the University (esp. observe german laws as BDSG, BdgDSG, StGB, JschG).
6. **Use of E-Mail**: The electronic mail system shall not be used for „broadcasting“ of unsolicited mail (SPAM). The communication system shall not be used for sending of material that is considered obscene, offensive, or threatening by the recipient of the material.
7. **Monitoring of Users** : The University and its designated staff will not normally monitor individual usage of any general facility. However, the University reserves the right to monitor and record the usage of all facilities if threatening or abusive behavior has been reported. The University has the right to use information gained in this way in disciplinary or criminal proceedings.
8. **Software Copyrights** : Virtually all commercial software is protected by the Copyright Act (UrheberRechtGesetz-UrhG). Use of University facilities for the use of or the copying of computer software or other digital media that does not contain specific permission to copy (some do allow the making of one copy for backup) is prohibited.
9. **Limitation of Liability/Lack of Warranty** : The users of the public accessible systems understand and agree that the University assumes no liability for use of said systems. The systems are provided on a “as is” basis. No warranties, either express or implied are made as to any matter whatsoever, including, without limitation the condition of the systems or their fitness for any particular purpose. The user understands further that for any damages resulting from disobeying this use policy, the user itself is liable to the University.