

Colorado School of Mines

Technology Resource Access Agreement for Affiliated Programs

Technology resources such as 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 students and teachers is to promote academic excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. You must always use Mines computers, networks, and other technology resources ethically and legally. If you violate any of these provisions, your access will be terminated. Mines technology resources are owned by the Colorado School of Mines and there shall be no expectation of privacy in the use of these resources or the data stored within them.

Guidelines

Colorado School of Mines technology resources are provided to support and enhance your academic experience while you are affiliated with Mines or participating in affiliated programs. While working in public lab spaces, computer systems or terminals should not be left unattended. If you are using a system, you must be present.

Using Mines technology resources, including, but not limited to, computer systems or network resources for business or personal financial gain or intentionally causing disruption to the operation of computing, information systems, or networks is strictly prohibited. Violations of these terms will result in the revocation of technology resource access and may lead to disciplinary or legal action.

Other inappropriate actions include, but are not limited to:

- Disruption of Mines systems, systems accessible via the internet, or other Mines technology resources.
- Violations of software licensing agreements, domestic or international copyright law, or any local, state or federal law.
- Compromise of system security or availability of resources.
- Compromise of the privacy of other individuals.
- Presentation or transmittal of any material that may be deemed offensive.

Privileges

The use of Mines technology resources is a privilege and inappropriate use will result in the termination of those privileges. Based upon the guidelines outlined in this document, Mines leadership and system administrators will determine and enforce what constitutes inappropriate use and execute final decision authority and subsequent actions.

Network Use

You are expected to abide by general rules of network use that include, but are not limited to:

- Do not write, send, or post communications that may be deemed abusive or offensive to others.
- Do not swear, use vulgarities, or other inappropriate language.
- Do not reveal personal information about students, staff, colleagues, or other members of the Mines community. For your own protection, do not reveal personal information about yourself to people you know only through electronic communication.
- Actions considered relating to or in support of illegal activity may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the availability of the network or other Mines technology resources for other users.

Security

If you feel you can identify a security problem on a computer, system, network, or other Mines technology resource you must notify soc@mines.edu via email or call the Mines Service Center at 303-384-2345 Do not attempt to reproduce or demonstrate the problem to other users.

Sharing access credentials, accessing an account that has not been explicitly assigned for your use, or any other unauthorized access or access attempts to technology resources is strictly prohibited. Violation of these terms will result in the revocation of technology resource access and may lead to disciplinary or legal action.

Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other technology resources may be denied access to Mines resources.

Vandalism

Vandalism will result in the revocation of technology resource access and may lead to disciplinary or legal action. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, physical harm to equipment, malicious attempts to manipulate or destroy the data of another user, and the downloading or creation of computer malware.

Penalties

Intentional, repeated, or egregious violations of these policies will result in the loss of resource access. As applicable, appropriate disciplinary or legal action may be taken.