

Appendix NE: Communication Network

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§1 Classification

(1)
The Appendix NE: Communication Network is part of the central regulations of the computer center and it regulates the operation and the usage of the communication infrastructure on the university campus.

(2)
The purpose of this regulation is to facilitate an error-free and efficient communication between the authorized users on the university campus and worldwide.

(3)
The communication infrastructure includes all active and passive network components, from the data connection at the desk to the external connections of the scientific network (Internet).

§2 Usage policy of the communication infrastructure

(1)
The base for the user access is always the current version of the computer centers usage policy.

(2)
The communication infrastructure is only intended to be used for university purposes for the means of research, study and administration. Private and commercial usage is prohibited.

(3)
Besides the regulations of the university, the usage also underlies the current law as well as ethical and moral norms of everyday life, especially concerning

- criminal law (i.e. computer sabotage, computer fraud disseminating illegal material including child pornography)
- civil law (i.e. copyright, trademark law, offensive statements)
- telecommunication and multimedia law
- protection of minors

- competition law
- data security

as well as the regulations and recommendations of the DFN-society as operator of the German science network, i.e.

- Usage regulations DFN-WiN
- Guideline for responsible usage of data networks

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Responsibilities

(1)

The computer center is responsible for planning, development, acquisition, operation, management and technical administration of the communication infrastructure. The responsibility can be partly transferred to the system operators of local network structures.

(2)

The respective operators of the offered services and resources are responsible for the usage of the communication infrastructure. They must be informed immediately of any problems or deficiencies.

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Abuse regulation

(1)

Any kind of inappropriate usage and abuse of the communication infrastructure is prohibited and can lead to a process being revoked or prosecution through criminal or civil law.

(2)

Violations of the relevant criminal or civil law or violations of public law guidelines constitute acts of abuse, especially

- unauthorized intrusion into data networks and computers
- unauthorized access of passwords and non-public data
- unauthorized usage of applications and services
- tampering with data and applications
- possession and spreading of child pornography

(3)

The operators of the communication infrastructure can evaluate user and task related data for system and traffic analysis, cost and service accounting, user administration and abuse prosecution. The principles of data security must be upheld.

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Liability exclusion

- (1)
The system operators are not liable for the availability of the systems or for the systems, the data and the applications being free from errors.
- (2)
The system operators are not liable for the validity of the achieved results or for the validity and timeliness of the researched information.
- (3)
The system operators are not liable for any loss or damage due to inappropriate usage or abuse.

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Operation Organization

- (1)
The communication infrastructure applies to all services and resources around-the-clock. Scheduled downtimes will be announced to the users through the WWW-information system as appropriate.
- (2)
Network addresses and central user ID's are assigned and administrated by the computer center.
- (3)
Connecting computers and other end devices to the data network is only allowed with prior agreement through the computer center (RZ). Arbitrary changes and interference in the network infrastructure are prohibited.
- (4)
The high complexity in the operation of the communication infrastructure requires the mutual cooperation and sharing of information by everybody involved in the system.

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Additional regulation

Additional regulations can be issued for local network structures of the departments, for central facilities or in the domain of the student union (student accommodation).

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