

# Computer Society Membership/Account Application

This application is for membership into the Purdue University Computer Society. The Computer Society intends to disseminate knowledge of engineering, computers, electronics, and the like. It intends to do this by providing educational, research, and developmental resources to its members to be used in working on projects in these areas. The Computer Society operates a student-run network of primarily Linux workstations. We offer access to this network to our members, PLUG members, and to other student organizations. In addition to access on our network, a Computer Society membership includes access to our library of technical publications. We encourage account holders to learn the UNIX operating environment and to make full use of its tools while following our guidelines.

## **Proper Use of Computer Society Resources:**

Any programs installed by administrators that are found acceptable may be used by account holders. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the X Window system, desktop environments, mail and news readers, web browsers, compilers, text editors, and productivity applications.

Account holders may use our computers to receive, store, and view electronic mail. We do ask that any large quantities of mail be moved to the home directory of the user, and compressed if archived. Excessive quantities of mail received or sent from our machines will not be tolerated. The Computer Society does not allow the sending of unsolicited email, also known as spam.

Users may store files in their home directory, within reason. We do not currently have quotas on disk usage, but if a user has an unreasonable amount of files stored, a quota may be instituted. Currently home directories are backed up regularly.

Users may have personal web pages hosted on our server. A www directory must be created, and the appropriate permissions must be set to make it world-readable. Be advised that improperly set permissions may enable users to view personal files in their home directory.

Student organizations may have a mailing list for official purposes and a subdomain for their web pages. This must be approved by machine administrators.

Account holders may borrow books from our library for a reasonable amount of time. Book checkouts must be approved by an officer. If books are not returned on time, accounts may be suspended and/or referred for possible disciplinary action.

## **Improper Use of Computer Society Resources:**

The Computer Society asks that members respect the resources that we provide. Commercial providers charge monthly fees for the services that we provide for free to our members. Common sense is advised when deciding whether something is acceptable or not.

Any activity that causes unneeded or excessive use of resources is prohibited. We have limited resources available to us and we do not want to abuse what we were given. Specific activities that we have deemed unacceptable include, but are not limited to:

- Personal mailing lists or mail forwarders
- Process consuming applications
- Excessive use of disk space
- Excessive use of network bandwidth
- Any FTP/HTTP proxies run by an account holder
- Any unauthorized program that listens on a port
- Malicious or wasteful USENET or mailing list posting
- Commercial activities of any sort

Distasteful, offensive, illegal, or forbidden displays, images, printouts, stored files, or data transfers are not permitted. Disciplinary action may be pursued and such material will be removed.

Use of a fake name or alias in any Computer Society correspondence, including account generation is forbidden.

Use of Computer Society resources to break or "crack" into another computer, acquire passwords, IDs, private files, or sensitive information is forbidden.

Engaging in any of these activities may result in suspension of your account and possible referral for further disciplinary action.

Excessive or abusive use of Computer Society resources to bypass network control measures, such as ResNet bandwidth caps, may be curtailed without notice.

While we do allow you to run Internet Relay Chat (IRC) clients on our systems, any abusive activities are prohibited. These include running IRC servers or using any sort of unauthorized "bots".

### **Guidelines:**

Members may not share passwords or accounts with anyone. For this reason, "role" accounts for presidents or members of other organizations are not allowed. However, a separate account can be made and permissions set to collaborate on a project.

Student organizations or other parties that have resources hosted on the Computer Society network must make a reasonable effort to keep these resources secure. Failure to do so will result in an e-mail notice from the administrators. Continued failure to comply may result in the administrators either removing your resources or taking steps to make them secure. The administrators disclaim any and all responsibility for lost functionality of your resources due to steps they may take to secure these resources if you fail to do so.

Users may not disrupt the accessibility, usability, or performance of any Computer Society machine. We ask that members treat our machines with the same respect that they would treat their own. Physical abuse of Computer Society property is prohibited.

Members are subject to any and all restrictions and regulations set forth by the Engineering Computer Network, the Purdue University Computing Center, and Purdue University in general.

These systems must be operated by the terms of the respective licenses, if any, which govern the individual software.

User logins, correspondence, files in a user's account, and electronic mail are the property of the Computer Society if stored on our machines. The Computer Society reserves the right to view, modify, delete, or monitor for investigative purposes user files and e-mail, and add or remove accounts for any reason.

Account expiration is based on inactivity and misuse. If an account is not used for three months, it may be removed. An account holder who graduates can keep the account as long as it is used in accordance to our guidelines.

The Computer Society reserves the right to refuse account renewal on the grounds of policy violations, unnecessary use of resources, or any other reason at the discretion of the administrators.

If a member breaks the terms set forth in this document, a written warning will be sent via e-mail. Major violations will result in account suspension before warning is given.

Account holders must check their e-mail actively, or if they do not wish to use this account for e-mail, forward it to a working address.

The Computer Society Administrators will not abuse their authority and view users' private documents and e-mail without reason.

The Computer Society provides several methods of gaining account, policy, or other computer related information. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to [info@csociety.org](mailto:info@csociety.org). A copy of this document is also available on our website and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.csociety.org/aup.html>.

**This document may be revised at any time. Users are expected to abide by any and all revisions, and keeping up with revisions is the responsibility of the user. By agreeing to the terms and conditions of this document, you also agree to the terms and conditions of any future revisions of this document.**

**Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ECN/ITaP Logon: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**(OPTIONAL):** How did you hear about the Computer Society?  
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I agree to abide by all elements of the Computer Society's Acceptable User Policy, which are set forth in this document. I understand that upon violation of this policy, the Computer Society officers retain the right to deny access privileges, and that, if warranted, further disciplinary action may be taken by the University, including prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. I state that I have read and understood this entire document and agree with the policies set forth therein. I also understand that by accepting the terms set forth in this document I am also accepting the terms set forth in any future revisions to the document, and that it is my responsibility to make myself aware of any such revisions. I understand that in questions not specifically addressed in this document, the Computer Society officers may use their discretion to decide if a particular activity is acceptable or not, and I agree to abide by their decision in such matters.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_