

Caltech Policy on Computer Ethics

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Caltech provides computer resources to assist members of the Institute community in the pursuit of education and research. These resources are intended to be used to carry out the legitimate business of the Institute. As is the case for the use of other Institute property, faculty, staff, and students who use campus computing resources should be guided by the Institute's Honor System, which prohibits any member of the community from taking unfair advantage of another. Some examples of inappropriate use are: harassment of other users; destruction or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to others; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; violations of computer security systems; unauthorized use of accounts access codes, or identification numbers; use of facilities in ways that intentionally impede the computing activities of others; violations of copyrights and software license agreements; violations of another's privacy, and academic dishonesty.

Inappropriate uses of Institute resources may result in administrative discipline up to and including separation from the Institute. In addition, illegal acts involving Institute computing resources may result in prosecution by state and federal authorities.