

# National Supercomputing Centre, Singapore

## ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

[ Accessible from <https://help.nscg.sg/aup> ]



### 1. Preamble

- 1.1 The following policies are intended to ensure that NSCC users use the computer resources appropriately. Users are reminded that unauthorized access to computer programs or data may be a serious criminal offences under the Computer Misuse Act (Cap 50A, 1994 Ed) and may be required to assist in any legal investigations arising from their misuse of NSCC's resources.
- 1.2 This policy document will continue to be updated as and when the need arises. Users can check for the up-to-date version using the URL stated above.

### 2. General Policy

- 2.1 Users shall ensure the proper use of NSCC computing and network resources to solve complex scientific and technological problems.
- 2.2 Users shall respect the integrity of computing systems and data. This includes, for example, by not intentionally developing programs or making use of already existing programs, with or without modification, to harass other users, infiltrate a computer or computing system, damage or alter the software components of a computer or computing system, or to gain unauthorized access to other facilities accessible via the network.
- 2.3 Users shall respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing another person's files without proper and appropriate permission, and not tampering with their files, passwords or accounts, or falsely representing to be another person when emailing, messaging, conferencing or using any other kind of communications.
- 2.4 Users shall not use the computing facilities for any unlawful purposes such as, but not limited to, design of weapon/equipment/process of mass destruction, terrorism, vice, gambling or other criminal purpose whatsoever or for sending to or receiving from any person or site any message which is immoral, or offensive, or religious, communal or political grounds or is abusive or of an indecent, obscene, pornographic or menacing character.
- 2.5 Users shall NOT engage in any of the following activities:
  - a) accessing unauthorized data or applications
  - b) attempting to circumvent security systems
  - c) attempting to exploit or probe for security loopholes in the NSCC network or other organization networks
  - d) attempting to attack or to degrade the performance of the NSCC network or that of other organizations
  - e) colluding with other users to cause damage to the NSCC network or systems

### **3. Computer Accounts and Passwords**

- 3.1 Use only the computer account which you are duly authorized to use. Do not give or carelessly or negligently allow any person access to your computer account or any computer account which does not belong to you. Do not publicize your computer account or password.
- 3.2 Do not attempt to crack, guess and capture another person's computer passwords, PINs, passphrases or private keys.

### **4. Copyrighted Materials and Licensed Software, Programs and Data**

- 4.1 Users shall not use or distribute software contrary to its licensing agreement.
- 4.2 Users shall respect the rights of others by complying with all policies regarding intellectual property.
- 4.3 Users shall not install illegally obtained software in NSCC's resources.

### **5. Data Confidentiality and Privacy**

- 5.1 NSCC's resources are meant for scientific and technological research. Therefore any personally identifiable information which may fall under the Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA) shall not be stored on NSCC's resources. NSCC shall not be liable in any way whatsoever if the user chooses to store any such information on NSCC's resources.
- 5.2 NSCC has set the default permission for all user files to owner accessible only. Users shall be responsible for setting the proper file permissions and access control lists (ACLs) as appropriate for their files and their work. NSCC shall not be liable for any permissions or ALCs which are wrongly set.

### **6. Use of Internet**

- 6.1 While the internet is generally accessible from the NSCC facilities, this is meant strictly for internet access which is directly related to the use of NSCC's resources. Users shall not use NSCC's resources for routine internet access like general web browsing or e-mails etc. even though such activities can be construed as a legitimate part of the user's normal course of work.
- 6.2 Users shall not engage in network activities that are not related to the proper use of NSCC resources. These activities include, but not limited to, sending unauthorized mass emails, electronic chain letters, unauthorized participation in online chat groups, or engaging in denial of service attacks.

6.3 Users shall not communicate, material that is fraudulent, harassing, embarrassing, sexually explicit, obscene, intimidating, defamatory, or which incites religious or racial intolerance. Users shall not knowingly download such material from the Internet.

6.4 Users shall comply with Copyright Act when they copy and use material from the Internet

## **7. Communications**

7.1 As part of NSCC's ongoing operations, it may send out advisory notices or announcements to users regarding the state of the system and new services/initiatives via email. Users therefore grant NSCC the explicit consent in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA) to receive these emails and not to treat them as unsolicited spam or junk mail.

## **8. Citation**

8.1 All academic journal or conference papers shall cite NSCC with the following:

*"The computational work for this article was (fully/partially) performed on resources of the National Supercomputing Centre, Singapore (<https://www.nscg.sg>)."*