Draft - Acceptable Use Guidelines

Introduction

The HECToR service provides UK based researchers with a leadership class HPC facility with which to conduct internationally leading science. The following guidelines were created to facilitate this aim without unduly restricting the flexibility upon which it depends.

It is presumed that all users of the HECToR Service have read, understood and agree to abide by the guidelines as described below in their use of the service.

While these guidelines govern the use of the HECToR Service it is recognised that there may be locally established rules governing the use of IT/IS facilities. Where this is the case it is expected that the guidelines below will supplement, but not replace or provide a waiver for, locally adopted acceptable usage policies relating to IT/IS systems.

- Principal Investigators on research council grants, designated account managers, and other such users authorised to allocate HECToR resources are responsible for ensuring that the computational resources allocated by them are utilised in an accountable, efficient, and lawful manner.
- Each HECToR user is responsible for guarding the security and integrity of their account and the use of HECToR resources allocated to them.
- All HECToR users are prohibited from intentionally allowing unauthorised users access to HECToR or perpetrating any act that could be considered as such (e.g. sharing of account details).
- Use of HECToR by personnel who do not fall into the following categories is prohibited:
  - o Permanent or suitably contracted members of a Research Council recognised UK research organisation / institution;
  And/Or
  - o Hold the right to abode or hold a visa granting their leave to enter and remain in the UK;
- Acts that intentionally waste compute resource or purposely prevent others from using them are prohibited.
- The intentional or attempted disruption of the HECToR service, destruction of software or data belonging to the HECToR service or another HECToR user is strictly prohibited.
- All users have the responsibility to report any discovered unauthorised access attempts or other acts that they consider an improper use of their HECToR account or the HECToR service to the HECToR helpdesk (support@hector.ac.uk).

Contravention of these guidelines could form grounds for loss of access privileges, as well as disciplinary or legal sanctions under English Law.