Wharton Computing Accounts & System Policies
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This article includes information on Penn and Wharton computer policies, security and ethical behavior.

The computing systems, software, and networks of the Wharton School provide a wide range of services. The use of these resources involves certain risks and obligates users to certain responsibilities.

The Wharton School’s computer systems and networks are the private property of the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. Access to these systems is a privilege granted by the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania, and may be revoked without prior notice.

All Wharton accounts, computer systems, networks, and policies are ultimately subject to the University of Pennsylvania’s Acceptable Use Policy, available at:

https://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/policy-acceptable-use-electronic-resources/

Privacy & Protection

The policy governing privacy rights and protections at the University of Pennsylvania is the Policy on Privacy in the Electronic Environment available at:

https://almanac.upenn.edu/archive/v47/n04/OR-eprivacy.html

Security

Computer security is essential to the well-being and health of the University of Pennsylvania’s computing systems and its users. Some of the requirements for any computer connected to PennNet include, but are not limited to:

- "be protected by strong passwords that are resistant to dictionary attacks"
- "Security patches must be applied on a timely basis"
- "[if] the operating system includes a software firewall, activating it is a minimum requirement"
- "For operating systems for which Penn supports or recommends antivirus software...there must be a regular program of maintaining current virus signatures and real-time scanning"

The policy governing computer security requirements at the University of Pennsylvania is the Computer Security Policy available at:

https://www.isc.upenn.edu/ITPC/computersecurity

Alumni Accounts

Wharton students may currently use their email accounts for up to one year following graduation. All student account policies outlined in this article remain in force during this account extension period.
Questions?

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