

Acceptable Use Policy

As regards to Internet access, web site hosting, and other Internet-related services, NTT Communications Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "NTT Com") offers its customers (also known as subscribers), and their customers and users, the means to acquire and disseminate a wealth of public, private, commercial, and non-commercial information. NTT Com respects that the Internet provides a forum for free and open discussion and dissemination of information, however, when there are competing interests at issue, NTT Com reserves the right to take certain preventative or corrective actions. In order to protect these competing interests, NTT Com has developed an Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP"), which supplements and explains certain terms of each customer's respective service agreement and is intended as a guide to the customer's rights and obligations when utilizing the Global IP Network Service. This AUP will be revised from time to time. A customer's use of the Global IP Network Service after changes to the AUP are posted on the Global IP Network Service's web site, www.ntt.net, will constitute the customer's acceptance of any new or additional terms of the AUP that result from those changes.

One important aspect of the Internet is that no one party owns or controls it. This fact accounts for much of the Internet's openness and value, but it also places a high premium on the judgment and responsibility of those who use the Internet, both in the information they acquire and in the information they disseminate to others. When subscribers obtain information through the Internet, they must keep in mind that NTT Com cannot monitor, verify, warrant, or vouch for the accuracy and quality of the information that subscribers may acquire. For this reason, the subscriber must exercise his or her best judgment in relying on information obtained from the Internet, and also should be aware that some material posted to the Internet is sexually explicit or otherwise offensive. Because NTT Com cannot monitor or censor the Internet, and will not attempt to do so, NTT Com cannot accept any responsibility for injury to its subscribers that results from inaccurate, unsuitable, offensive, or illegal Internet communications.

When subscribers disseminate information through the Internet, they also must keep in mind that NTT Com does not review, edit, censor, or take responsibility for any information its subscribers may create. When users place information on the Internet, they have the same liability as other authors for copyright infringement, defamation, and other harmful speech. Also, because the information they create is carried over the Global IP Network and may reach a large number of people, including both subscribers and nonsubscribers of NTT Com, subscribers' postings to the Internet may affect other subscribers and may harm NTT Com's goodwill, business reputation, and operations. For these reasons, subscribers violate NTT Com policy and the service agreement when they, their customers, affiliates, or subsidiaries engage in the following prohibited activities:

Spamming -- Sending unsolicited bulk and/or commercial messages over the Internet (known as "spamming"). It is not only harmful because of its negative impact on consumer attitudes toward NTT Com, but also because it can overload the Global IP Network and disrupt service to NTT Com subscribers. Also, maintaining an open SMTP relay is prohibited. When a complaint is received, NTT Com has the discretion to determine from all of the evidence whether the email recipients were from an "opt-in" email list.

Intellectual Property Violations -- Engaging in any activity that infringes or misappropriates the intellectual property rights of others, including copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, software piracy, and patents held by individuals, corporations, or other entities. Also, engaging in activity that violates privacy, publicity, or other personal rights of others. NTT Com may remove or block access to customer content upon receipt of a proper notice of copyright infringement. It is NTT Com's policy to terminate the privileges of customers who commit repeat violations of copyright laws.

Obscene Speech or Materials -- Using the Global IP Network to advertise, transmit, store, post, display, or otherwise make available child pornography or obscene speech or material.

Defamatory or Abusive Language -- Using the Global IP Network as a means to transmit or post defamatory, harassing, abusive, or threatening language.

Forging of Headers -- Forging or misrepresenting message headers, whether in whole or in part, to mask the originator of the message.

Illegal or Unauthorized Access to Other Computers or Networks -- Accessing illegally or without authorization computers, accounts, or networks belonging to another party, or attempting to penetrate security measures of another individual's system (often known as "hacking"). Also, any activity that might be used as a precursor to an attempted system penetration (i.e. port scan, stealth scan, or other information gathering activity).

Distribution of Internet Viruses, Worms, Trojan Horses, or Other Destructive Activities -- Distributing information regarding the creation of and sending Internet viruses, worms, Trojan horses, ping, flooding, mailbombing, or denial of service attacks. Also, activities that disrupt the use of or interfere with the ability of others to effectively use the network or any connected network, system, service, or equipment.

Facilitating a Violation of this AUP -- Advertising, transmitting, or otherwise making available any software, program, product, or service that is designed to violate this AUP, which includes the facilitation of the means to spam, initiation of ping, flooding, mail bombing, denial of service attacks, and piracy of software.

Export Control Violations -- Exporting encryption software over the Internet or otherwise, to points outside the Subscriber's country which is contrary to that respective country's rules and regulations.

Usenet Groups -- NTT Com reserves the right not to accept postings from newsgroups where NTT Com has actual knowledge that the content of the newsgroup violates the AUP.

Other Illegal Activities -- Engaging in activities that are determined to be illegal, including advertising, transmitting, or otherwise making available ponzi schemes, pyramid schemes, fraudulently charging credit cards, and pirating software.

Other Activities -- Engaging in activities, whether lawful or unlawful, that NTT Com determines to be harmful to its subscribers, operations, reputation, goodwill, or customer relations.

As NTT Com has pointed out, the responsibility for avoiding the harmful activities just described rests primarily with the subscriber. NTT Com will not, as an ordinary practice, monitor the communications of its subscribers to ensure that they comply with NTT Com policy or applicable law. When NTT Com becomes aware of harmful activities, however, it may take any action to stop the harmful activity, including but not limited to, removing information, shutting down a web site, implementing screening software designed to block offending transmissions, denying access to the Internet, or take any other action it deems appropriate.

NTT Com also is aware that many of its subscribers are, themselves, providers of Internet services, and that information reaching NTT Com's facilities from those subscribers may have originated from a customer of the subscriber or from another third-party. NTT Com does not require its subscribers who offer Internet services to monitor or censor transmissions or web sites created by customers of its subscribers. NTT Com has the right to directly take action against a customer of a subscriber. Also, NTT Com may take action against the NTT Com subscriber because of activities of a customer of the subscriber, even though the action may affect other customers of the subscriber. Similarly, NTT Com anticipates that subscribers who offer Internet services will cooperate with NTT Com in any corrective or preventive action that NTT Com deems necessary. Failure to cooperate with such corrective or preventive measures is a violation of NTT Com policy.

NTT Com also is concerned with the privacy of on-line communications and web sites. In general, the Internet is neither more nor less secure than other means of communication, including mail, facsimile, and voice telephone service, all of which can be intercepted and otherwise compromised. As a matter of prudence, however, NTT Com urges its subscribers to assume that all of their on-line communications are insecure. NTT Com cannot take any responsibility for the security of information transmitted over NTT Com's facilities.

NTT Com will not intentionally monitor private electronic mail messages sent or received by its subscribers unless required to do so by law, governmental authority, or when public safety is at stake. NTT Com may, however, monitor its service electronically to determine that its facilities are operating satisfactorily. Also, NTT Com may disclose information, including but not limited to, information concerning a subscriber, a transmission made using our network, or a web site, in order to comply with a court order, subpoena, summons, discovery request, warrant, statute, regulation, or governmental request. Finally, NTT Com may disclose subscriber information or information transmitted over its network where necessary to protect NTT Com and others from harm, or where such disclosure is necessary to the proper operation of the system.

NTT Com assumes no obligation to inform the subscriber that Subscriber information has been provided and in some cases may be prohibited by law from giving such notice. Finally, NTT Com may disclose subscriber information or information transmitted over its network where necessary to protect NTT Com and others from harm, or where such disclosure is necessary to the proper operation of the system.

NTT Com expects that its subscribers who provide Internet services to others will comply fully with all applicable laws concerning the privacy of on-line communications. A subscriber's failure to comply with those laws will violate NTT Com policy. Finally, NTT Com wishes to emphasize that in signing the service agreement, subscribers indemnify NTT Com for any violation of the service agreement, law, or NTT Com policy, that results in loss to NTT Com or the bringing of any claim against NTT Com by any third-party. This means that if NTT Com is sued because of a subscriber's or customer of a subscriber's activity, the subscriber will pay any damages awarded against NTT Com, plus costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

NTT Com hopes this AUP is helpful in clarifying the obligations of Internet users, including NTT Com and its subscribers, as responsible members of the Internet. Any complaints about a subscriber's violation of this AUP should be sent to abuse@ntt.net.

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