

Machine Room Charter



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1 Subject

The purpose of this agreement is to define the conditions of use of the machine rooms provided by the Forge of the École pour l'Informatique et les Techniques Avancées (EPITA or "the School") in collaboration with the Department of Information Technologies of the IONIS group for the following stakeholders of the School : registered students, teachers, and instructors within the School. Associations partnered with the School, with explicit authorization to use the machine rooms, are also concerned by this document.

2 Conditions of Use

The equipment in the machine rooms is made available to users in a functioning state that meets the needs of the users. If it is not the case, it is up to the user to contact the governing service, in agreement with the Schooling Department, for a complaint or redefinition of their need.

The user undertakes to use this equipment exclusively within the context of educational activities related to their courses or missions, except when a derogation is granted. The user undertakes to respect applicable laws, including those related to personal data protection, copyright, and unauthorized access to computer resources. The user undertakes to treat the provided equipment with care and precautions to maintain it in perfect working order.

In particular, **the user undertakes not to :**

- **Expose equipment to bad conditions** : liquids, shocks, debris, or others.
- Use equipment for **illegal activities**.
- **Intervene on equipment** even in case of a malfunction.

- **Possess beverages or food within the machine rooms** (except sealed bottles of water).
- **Unplug equipment**.
- **Connect to the wired network** with another machine than that made available by the governing service.

It is forbidden to carry out any hardware modifications whatsoever. Users are not authorized to alter the boot process of computers, and only operating systems provided by the Forge are allowed to be executed, except in cases of explicit derogation granted by the service.

In case of a malfunction, the user will address themselves to the service provider for response.

Adequate personal hygiene and respectful behaviour towards all machine room users and personnel is expected from all users.

3 Article 3 - User Responsibilities

Users are responsible for all damages caused by their behavior within machine rooms. They are also responsible for all network accesses made on machines during their sessions.

4 Article 4 - Sanctions

Any violation of the rules defined in this charter may lead to a disciplinary sanction, such as exclusion from machine rooms and temporary deactivation of the Forge account.

The sanctions mentioned above can be applied by any EPITA employee, members of the Forge, teachers, and Assistants (ACDC, ASM, YAKA, ACU).