

University Of Tampa Cybersecurity Lab – Appropriate Usage Agreement

The computing resources at The University of Tampa Cybersecurity Lab support the educational and instructional research of information security tools, practices, and procedures. The use of these resources is a privilege that is extended to students enrolled in the Cybersecurity Program. As a user of these services and facilities, you have access to information security tools and methods that can potentially cause harm if used incorrectly or with malicious intent. **Therefore, this signed agreement is your acknowledgement that you will behave in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner.**

You are authorized to access or use information security tools provided to you in your lab and classroom settings at this location only (Tech Cybersecurity Lab), under the instruction of your professor or lab instructor. In general, this appropriate usage agreement requires you to respect the rights of other Cybersecurity Lab users, the integrity of the physical facilities, and all pertinent software license and contractual agreements.

Additionally, anyone accessing the University's networks or IT resources at any time, including wireless access with personal devices, is also subject to the university's Acceptable Use Policy, published at www.ut.edu/aup.

If a student is found to be in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy, The University of Tampa can take disciplinary action, including the restriction and possible loss of network privileges. An AUA violation can result in more serious consequences up to and including suspension or termination from the college. Violations of this appropriate use agreement may include being expelled from a cybersecurity course and receiving a 'failing' grade.

Finally, there are state and federal laws surrounding gaining unauthorized access to external networks for purposes of compromising technology systems, stealing/breaching information, and/or causing disruptions in availability. Individuals violating these laws are subject to being arrested, jailed, search and seizure of personal computers/property, and being charged in a court of law.

Appropriate Usage

- 1) You may use only the computers, computer accounts, and computer files for which you have authorization.
- 2) You may not use another individual's account or attempt to capture or guess other users' passwords without authorization.
- 3) You are individually responsible for appropriate use of your computer, account and all resources assigned to you.
- 4) The college is bound by its contractual and license agreements respecting certain third-party resources; you are expected to comply with all such agreements when using such resources.
- 5) You must not use any of the tools from the lab outside of Tech Building 571/568/565/563 or on the UT network.
- 6) You must not attempt to access areas of the university network external to the Cybersecurity Lab (campus network, wireless, etc.), individual computers, or attempt to monitor network traffic without explicit approval.
- 7) You must not develop or use programs, software, or processes that disrupt other computer or network users, or that damage or degrade performance, software, or hardware components of a system without approval.
- 8) You must not perform intrusive activities (i.e., hacking) on any system in the lab or on the UT network without explicit approval.