

EARN EXECUTIVE

EARN code of conduct

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This is the final draft of the EARN code of conduct. Please indicate any changes or signify your approval to Paul Bryant.

The code of conduct has been established to remind users of the intended purpose of EARN, in addition to reinforce the fact that EARN is not a secure network and should not be relied upon for transmission of confidential or sensitive data.

1 Commercial use of the network is forbidden.

2 Use of the network for political activism is forbidden.

3 Large files are not to be sent over the network as they can monopolise the network for a long period. These files should be broken up into smaller sections and transmitted separately. The definition and handling of large files is more precisely defined in the EARN Directives and Recommendations.

4 Software licensed to operate on a site may not be transmitted across the network without the permission of the licensor.

5 Mass random mailings are forbidden. Users are not to establish contact with random people over the network. This includes both interactive messaging and electronic mail.

6 Chain letters are forbidden. Sending chain letters can quickly saturate the network and are therefore forbidden.

7 Since interactive messages take precedence over all other transmissions, extensive use of interactive messaging can severely disrupt EARN traffic. Therefore, applications which make extensive use of interactive messaging are restricted to research use for designated individuals.

8 Abusive language is forbidden. There are many computer conferences available via EARN, that are open to the general public. Using abusive

language in this context or on any public conference in the network is strictly forbidden.

9 "Hacking/cracking" non-local sites via EARN is forbidden. Attempting to penetrate a remote site, ether via "Trojan horses", "viruses" or any other hacking method is strictly forbidden. Transmitting network viruses for the purpose of disrupting the network is strictly forbidden.

10 When using EARN to communicate with other networks, the rules of those networks must be respected.

Users found in violation of these rules and regulations will be held accountable via their EARN node for their actions. EARN reserves the right to deny the use of the network to individuals found to be violating the rules stated above.

This code of conduct may change as the need arises (refer: EARN Directives and Recommendations). All members of the EARN community are responsible for seeing that these constraints are courtesies are upheld.