

Host Removal Guideline

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to prescribe guidelines regarding the conditions in which a host may be removed from the university's data network, RUNet.

Guideline

It is the practice of Rutgers University to maintain access for its community to local, national and international sources of information and to provide an atmosphere that encourages the free exchange of ideas and sharing of information. Access to this environment and the University's information technology resources is a privilege and must be treated with the highest standard of ethics.

The university expects all members of the community to use computing and information technology resources in a responsible manner; respecting the public trust through which these resources have been provided, the rights and privacy of others, the integrity of facilities and controls, and all pertinent laws and university policies and standards.

The university data network is a shared resource that must be preserved for the common use of the Rutgers' community. Network bandwidth, both internal and external, is maintained and provided to accommodate the broadest business purposes of the university.

Usage

All hosts connected to the university network are expected to comply with all university policies and procedures regarding use of RUNet. Conditions under which OIT reserves the right to remove a host(s) from RUNet include but are not limited to excessive bandwidth usage, excessive connections, virus activity, compromised hosts, and/or any problem that causes an operational problem on RUNet or outside the University.

Enforcement

Devices that are either an immediate, serious problem or have been a persistent, moderate problem, or have been a long-term minor problem may be identified for unilateral removal from the network at the discretion of OIT. OIT will communicate with management associated with any host that has displayed characteristics that appear to violate existing guidelines and/or cause an operational problem. OIT reserves the right to remove hosts from a local network, RUNet, the Internet, or from any other location under our operational control and where such removal would remediate an identified operating problem. Further, OIT reserves the right to apply this approach to a single device, or where more than one device has been identified, to an entire subnet. In general, a device must actually be causing a problem to be subject to this policy. Equipment that merely poses a threat of a problem will not normally be removed.

Questions

Questions or concerns regarding this guideline should be directed to the following email address noc@rutgers.edu.