

## Code of conduct use of computer and network



## **Preamble**

The Protestant Theological University (PThU) makes computers and the VU-network available to - amongst others - students and employees to access e.g. e-mail and the internet. The basic principle in this respect is that users of the network deal with this in a responsible and adequate manner.

Members of the university community should refrain from behaviour that violates the university's normal functioning, leads to deliberate damage to the activities at the university or conflicts with the common views of decency and proper conduct in mutual exchanges, all this seen in the light of the PThU's objectives as well. This code of conduct may also be seen as an extended interpretation of article 1.8 sub 2 and 3 of the Collective Employment Agreement (CEA, Dutch: CAO).

This code of conduct was drawn up to make clear to users of the VU-network and the PThU-computers what the PThU understands by responsible and adequate use. This includes at any rate limited private use, avoiding congestion of the network, refraining from computer and network use which is blasphemous, pornographic, intimidating or otherwise discriminating.

The network users must comply with this code of conduct. The code also aims at avoiding causing trouble for users through undesirable use of the network. The PThU aims at a proper balance between specific investigation of improper use and the protection of the users' privacy.

This code of conduct formulates rules for the use of computers and network, and prescribes how surveillance is maintained and investigated.

General surveillance serves the purpose of system and network security.

Specific investigation of personal data of the user within the framework of this code aims at:

- avoiding improper and excess use of e-mail and internet, data network and storage capacity;
- observing agreements on forbidden usage;
- securing university systems and network.

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Although every care has been taken to translate the texts of the Dutch regulations accurately, the original texts in Dutch are binding in case of differences in interpretation.