Acceptable Usage Policy of Virtual Machines

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This Acceptable Virtual Machine Usage Policy applies to all stakeholders of IIT Tirupati who have access to virtual machines (hereby referred as VM). However, access to the VM is a privilege and all users must adhere to the policies concerning VM's usage. All VM users are required to acknowledge receipt and confirm that they have understood and agree to abide by the rules hereunder.

- The Computer Centre will only allocate the resources. VM management and administration will be done by the user.
- Users will have full responsibility on legal usage of VM and its data.
- Each virtual machine will be leased for 6 months (renewable on request and availability). The VM may be deleted at any time after lease period, if not renewed in time.
- Users should use a strong password to protect any accounts owned by them. A
 password must be immediately changed if it is suspected of being disclosed, or
 known to have been disclosed to anyone besides the authorized user.
- Users are responsible for taking regular backups of their data. CC cannot be held responsible for any loss of data.
- On a virtual machine crash, a new virtual machine will be provided with the same configuration, and the user has to repopulate the data.
- Users are solely responsible for any data stored or sent by them using their VM. Any liability arising out of any misuse is the responsibility of the user concerned.
- Users should not use their vm for any commercial purposes unless specifically permitted by the competent authority.
- Computer Centre will inform all the VM users of any policy change/update specified above. Users are solely responsible for understanding and following the usage policy the Computer Centre will decide from time to time.
- Any violation of any part of this usage policy and/or any misuse of any VM by any user or using any account owned by the user is solely the responsibility of the user.
- VM users should further understand that any liability or legal action arising out of any such violation/misuse will solely be the responsibility of the user, and the user may be subjected to appropriate actions as decided by the authorities.