

# GNU/Linux Club

## Terms of Service

*The services provided by the GNU/Linux Club (hereafter ‘the club’) and the terms of service (hereafter ‘the agreement’) govern the use of the club’s spaces and channels and pertain to both outside and home server members. The club is a matrix server, and is an official instance of the Public GNU/Linux Users Group (hereafter ‘pubglug’). The Admin Team is comprised of the pubglug founders and/or the maintainers.*

### **1. Rights & Property**

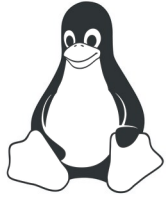
*Outside and home server members of the club shall not post, repost, or otherwise link content that infringes on the rights and/or property of other members in the community and/or in the fediverse.*

### **2. Release of Liability**

*Outside and home server members of the club release the club from any and all liability, from any form of harm acquired from the community and/or from the club, and/or from other grievances perceived by other members in the community and/or in the fediverse generally.*

### **3. Enforcement**

*The club’s admin team reserves the right to enforce adherence to these Terms of Service and to thereby deactivate any account - at will - who violates this agreement in part or in whole.*



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## 4. Invalid Accounts

*GNU/Linux Club reserves the right to remove and/or deactivate inactive, spam, and/or bot accounts without warning and without the possibility to restore them.*

## 5. Home Server Requirements

*The club is public and available for home server registration so long as members agree to the following terms:*

*Home Server Members must provide an [introduction](#) containing:*

- user's professional background*
- user's experience level with GNU/Linux*
- user's interests in or projects they work on using GNU/Linux*
- user's reason for using the club as their home server*

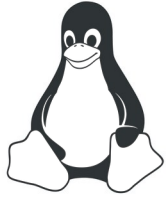
*Engagement and Activity Level*

- Home server members must provide introductions that are authentic, non-trivial, and posted within 12 hours of account creation*
- Home server members must remain in and stay active in the [pubglug](#) channel*

## 6. General Purpose and Discussion Parameters

*The club exists to provide a community forum and discussion space for those dedicated to the use of GNU/Linux and the principles of the [Free Software](#) movement.*

*The club membership is united in wanting to discuss and learn about Free Software, including the implementation and technical details of software/hardware, and the surrounding political and ethical implications that come with supporting user freedom.*



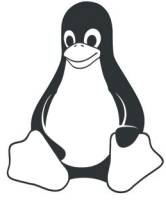
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*GNU/Linux Club works on the premise that all ideas are worthy of discussion if a shared respect and courtesy for one another is maintained. Critical questions and thought partnering, and minority dissent, only serve to empower and make communities stronger.*

## **7. Behavioral Expectations**

*The following behavioral expectations are in place for home server members and the public:*

- targeted harassment and/or abuse of members, incitations to violence of any form, either in space channels or DMs, is prohibited*
- any form of hate and or hateful language as determined by the pubglug founders is prohibited*
- no automated cross posting to pubglug spaces from Twitter, RSS, or other services, spam, self-promotion for business or monetary gain or use of spammy bots, or other heinous tools*
- impersonating someone in name/avatar is not permitted*
- provide alt-text for images/media, and content warnings for sensitive posts is strongly encouraged*
- challenging the community with critical ideas and good thought partnering is welcome, ass holes are not - be respectful during dialogue or debate*
- accounts which engage in promoting proprietary software and/or hardware and/or the surrounding licensing and/or culture are prohibited*
- any behaviors in violation of [US federal law](#) and/or [NMAC](#) are prohibited*



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## 8. Filing Complaints

Please message the admin team at [@admin:gnulinux.club](mailto:@admin:gnulinux.club) if you witness or experience:

- home server members violating the club's agreement in the club spaces and channels
- home server members violating the club's agreement in other spaces and channels in the fediverse
- members from other home servers that violate the club's agreement inside the club's spaces and channels

The admin team will address each complaint as professionally and as quickly as possible. Please note that mere differences of opinion, however divergent, are not considered grounds for a complaint.

## 9. General Inquiries or Appeals

If you have general questions and/or if you believe your account was deactivated in error, please reach out to [@admin:gnulinux.club](mailto:@admin:gnulinux.club).

*The club's admin team is the final arbiter of what constitutes acceptable behavior according to the agreement.*

## 10. Server, Data, and Maintainer Information

This matrix instance is located on a Xeon SuperMicro running a Debian-based custom virtualization stack using virsh+qemu. The hardware running this stack is owned and maintained by Haack's Networking and co-located at the Brown Rice Data Center in Taos, NM. All data are encrypted with regular backups and/or version control. Self-hosted and co-located solutions involve periodic down time and take patience and time to solve; community members should plan accordingly.

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