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Information Technology Division

World Wide Web CGI Access
Access Request Form

MTSU requires that persons accessing the university computing systems for the privilege of authoring WWW executable code utilize appropriate security measures. The following conditions apply to the granting and continued use of this privilege:

1. All World Wide Web (WWW) documents and executable code are subject to the Information Technology Resource Policy of Middle Tennessee State University and state and federal laws.
2. CGI (Common Gateway Interface) access is controlled by the Systems Programmer, who reports to the System Sponsor for the network. The System Sponsor for the MTSU Campus Digital Data Network is the Vice President of Information Technology.
3. CGI access is granted only to Faculty, Staff, Administrative and Departmental accounts.
4. Upon approval of this request, the user will be assigned a directory for the storage of CGI source and executable code.
5. Users are required to check their own executable code for security problems prior to moving it into the directory for WWW access. Guidance on this can be obtained from the Academic and Instruction Technology Services Department or the Systems Programmer.
6. Users may not allow others to store files in their assigned directory.
7. All files in the assigned directory are subject to periodic review and testing for security purposes. Immediate removal will occur if problems are detected. The Systems Programmer will send a message to the user advising him or her of the action taken, why, and how to correct the problem. Users are required to maintain their own backup copies of the code in their home areas.
8. All WWW executable code must include parsing to check for illegal characters whenever input is requested. Sample code for doing this is available from the Academic and Instruction Technology Services Department.
9. For any WWW executable code which must be complied, the source code must be placed in the assigned directory along with the executable code. Source code should have permissions set so that only the owner has read or write access.
10. All data files must be stored in the owner's home directory, and not in the CGI directory. Only CGI executables and their source code are allowed in this directory.
11. In the case of departmental accounts (not individual faculty accounts), the department chair's signature is required. The chair is held responsible for the actions and contents of the account.

Name: _____ M#: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Type of Account:

Faculty ☐ Staff ☐ Student ☐ Department ☐

Username _____

Box Number _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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_____ Date: _____
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