



Health Level 7 UK

HL7 UK Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

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Status: For Board approval.

1 General

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 All users of the HL7 UK web site, wikis and associated facilities are bound by the rules set out in this AUP.

1.2 User names and passwords

1.2.1 Users must take reasonable precautions to ensure their user name and password are not disclosed to any unauthorised person.

1.3 Disallowed activity

1.3.1 Users must not use the HL7 UK site, wikis and associated facilities for any form of illegal activity.

1.3.2 Users must not use the HL7 UK site, wikis and associated facilities where doing so would infringe copyright or intellectual property rights.

1.3.3 Users must take reasonable steps to ensure that all emails and files sent or uploaded to the site do not contain viruses or associated constructs.

1.3.4 No pornographic, defamatory, racist, violent, abusive, offensive, inappropriate or illegal content, nor links to such content, shall be submitted to the site or mailing lists.

1.3.5 Users will be held liable for the consequences of action breaching the above rules.

1.3.6 HL7 UK will not be liable for the consequences of actions breaching the above rules.

2 Forums: Mailing Lists, Document Repositories and Wikis

2.1 Copyright

2.1.1 All information made available via Forums will be assumed to be free of copyright unless otherwise stated.

2.2 Permitted use

2.2.1 Forums may be used for:

- Notification of HL7 UK, HL7.org and other HL7 Affiliate events, and reports back from those attending such events
- To ask questions about, comment on, or submit documents relevant to HL7 UK activity including ballots and ballot responses, and proposed or actual work items being undertaken within technical committee subgroups
- Notifications of services provided by HL7 UK, HL7.org or other HL7 Affiliates.



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2.2.2 Forums must not be used for:

- Notification of or information concerning events provided by bodies other than HL7 UK, HL7.org and other HL7 Affiliates (such events may be publicised as described in section 3 below).
- Notification of or information concerning products or services (except HL7 training courses) provided by bodies other than HL7 UK, HL7.org and other HL7 Affiliates (HL7 training courses may be publicised as described in section 3 below).

3 Promotion of non-HL7 UK activities

3.1 Requests for permission

3.1.1 Requests for permission to promote non-HL7 UK activities will only be accepted from members of HL7 UK.

3.1.2 All such requests must be made to webmaster@hl7.org.uk, using the form provided for this purpose on the web site.

3.1.3 The following information must be provided

- Member name
- Membership number
- Event title
- Time
- Location
- Description (up to 500 words)
- Optional information, including:
 - Cost
 - Brief registration instructions
 - Company logo
 - Link to website

3.2 Procedure

3.2.1 On receipt of the request the Web Services Committee will decide whether the information may be published on the HL7 UK site.

3.2.2 If any member of HL7 UK objects to the publication of this information on the HL7 UK site, they should contact webmaster@hl7.org.uk giving their reasons. The information will be reviewed by the web services committee and either removed, modified or left as is.

3.2.3 The Requestor may appeal against decisions made according to 3.2 or 3.2.2 by submitting reasons in writing to webmaster@hl7.org.uk. The Management Board will then reconsider the decision, but any resulting decision will be final.

4 Sanctions

4.1 Breaches

4.1.1 Breaches of the above rules will be referred to the Web Services committee.



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4.2 Rectification

4.2.1 The Web Services committee will address the breach by one or more of the following methods:

- A formal warning.
- Restricting access to Forums, by having all emails and files from the person or organisation committing the breach moderated by a person nominated by the Web Services committee
- Withdrawal of Forum access rights
- Suspension of HL7 UK membership (requires HL7 UK Management Board approval)
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4.2.2 In all cases the decision of the Web Services Committee, as approved by the HL7 UK Management Board where required, is final.