1 Access

Access to the Pongo Server Cluster is open to UW faculty, students, staff and visiting scholars who:

a. have a valid UW NetID,

b. have a signed copy of this form on file with the system administrator,

c. fulfill one or both the following:
   i. are members of the Computational Linguistics, Phonetics, or Sociolinguistics Laboratories, or
   ii. are currently enrolled in a Computational Linguistics class.

Pongo accounts created for course enrollment will be suspended at the end of the quarter and expire one quarter later, unless students become a member of one of the labs and submit a request for an on-going account.

2 Prohibitions

As a Pongo user, you are not allowed to:

a. give other people access to your account/password

b. use Pongo for personal (i.e., not course or research related) use

c. install software on Pongo that is not related to coursework or research (e.g., instant messenger software, games, etc.)

d. to use Pongo in any way for: viewing or storing sexually explicit material, spamming, hacking, or other illegal purposes.

3 Privacy

The system administrator and/or lab director may track or log which processes are being run by which users for the purposes such as system maintenance, tracking resource needs, halting run away processes, or if we suspect illegitimate use of the system. In addition, the system administrator and/or lab director may examine files in individual user’s accounts, for similar purposes. Therefore, we ask that users do not store sensitive materials on the system and use the server cluster with the understanding that such usage is not private.
4 Pongo Support

Please notify Pongo support (linghelp@u.washington.edu) immediately if:

a. You suspect your account could have been compromised/hacked. Notifying linghelp@u.washington.edu immediately is the user’s responsibility.

b. You have problems with the Pongo cluster or questions about usage.

c. Printers malfunction or run out of toner or paper.

Requests for additional software or corpora should be directed to the Lab Director (Emily Bender, ebender@u.washington.edu). Questions about using particular software should be directed to lab faculty.

5 Downtime

While we strive to keep the server cluster running 24/7, there will be both scheduled (typically in the week following the end of each quarter) and unscheduled downtime. It is the user’s responsibility to leave enough time ahead of deadlines for things to go wrong. The system administrator and lab director will keep users informed of downtime using the pongo_announce mailing list.

6 Signature

I have read and agree to abide by the server policies mentioned above. I have read and agree to abide by the UW Guidelines for Use of Computing and Networking Resources (http://www.washington.edu/computing/rules/guidelines.html). I understand that my user privileges will be suspended or rescinded for failure to comply with the above policies.

Signature of Cluster User: ___________________________ Date: __________

Name: ___________________________ Local phone: ___________________________

Local address: ___________________________

UW E-mail address/UW Net ID: ___________________________

UW Dept: ___________________________ Degree sought: Bachelors, Masters, PhD

UW Status: Faculty  Staff  Student  CLMA  RA  TA  Other ___________________________