Object of the Terms of Use

The following terms of use govern the use of the "Software Engineering Services" (hereafter referred to as "GitLab") operated by RWTH Aachen University. The purpose of the service is the secure and versioned storage of software code developed within the framework of research and teaching.

GitLab is offered on two different server instances.

The instance "git.rwth-aachen.de" is operated with a "GitLab for Education" license and may only be used for the education of students and the development of OpenSource software without profit intentions. Compliance with the underlying license conditions of GitLab is mandatory.

The instance "git-ce.rwth-aachen.de" is subject to a "Community Edition" license. Compared to the "Ultimate Edition" it offers fewer functions, however, the license conditions allow free use.

Contents of the projects

The central GitLab instances serve the administration of software projects within the framework of research, teaching and administration. We do not assume any responsibility for the content. Further guidelines can be found in the RWTH Aachen University network regulations. We reserve the right to block individual projects and accounts in case of violation of the terms of use.

Rights and duties of the project owners

The project owners take over the administration of the users and configuration within their GitLab projects. The project owner's role requires a suitable Single Sign-On account (DFN-AAI). The accounts of the project owners are personal and may not be passed on. Thus, the project owners take full responsibility for their personal account and the careful storage of access information. In addition, the project owners assume responsibility for all contents of their projects. This includes all data managed with GitLab. In particular, when using GitLab, the project owner is responsible for ensuring that the license terms of GitLab are adhered to.

User Lifecycle

The prerequisite for using GitLab is either an ongoing study at the RWTH Aachen University or membership of the universities and institutions involved in NFDI4Ing. As soon as the conditions no longer apply, users will be informed by e-mail about this circumstance and have eight weeks to secure their own projects. After this time has elapsed, the corresponding account in GitLab will be deleted.

If users have not used the GitLab service for 12 months, they will also be informed by e-mail that the account will be deleted if it is not used in the following eight weeks.
After the initial registration of users with GitLab, it will be checked for the first time after eight weeks whether the associated account was active in a project on the server. If no activity is detected, the account will be deleted.

Project lifecycle

If a project is not used over a period of 12 months, a request will be sent by e-mail to the project owner whether the project is still needed. If no feedback is received from the user within eight weeks, the project will be deleted.

Rights and duties of the project participants

The accounts of the project participants are personal and may not be passed on. Thus, the project participants take full responsibility for their personal account and the careful storage of access information. Persons involved in the project without a Single Sign-On-Account, which use a GitHub-Account, can only be added by the project owner to participate in existing projects, but are unable to create their own projects.

Quota

Per project a quota of 2 GB is granted by default. In justified exceptional cases, this quota limit can be increased. To do this, send an e-mail to the IT-Servicedesk and justify the additional requirement. If the quota is exceeded, an automated e-mail notification will be sent to the project owner asking him to reduce the amount of data. If this does not take place even after being requested to and no request for additional use is made, we reserve the right to block a project.

Costs

The use of GitLab is free of charge; there is no legal claim to registration and use.

Security

The IT Center is responsible for the operation of GitLab. This includes the (virtual) hardware of the servers, the operating systems and the installed software. The IT Center assumes no liability for damages resulting from the use of GitLab, among other things.

Liability

In cases of wilfulness or gross negligence, RWTH Aachen University accepts unlimited liability for damage to life, limb or health in accordance with the provisions of the law on product liability.

In the event of a slightly negligent breach of an obligation which is essential for achieving the purpose of the contract (cardinal obligation), the liability of RWTH Aachen University shall be limited in amount to the damage which is foreseeable and typical of the type of transaction in question.
RWTH Aachen University shall not be liable for any further claims.

The foregoing limitation of liability also applies to the personal liability of RWTH Aachen University employees, representatives and organs.

Data security

The collection, use and application of personal data takes place in compliance with the relevant data protection regulations. In particular, no personal data will be forwarded to third parties without authorisation.