
MEMORANDUM

TO: CIB BIOINFORMATICS COMPUTER USERS
FROM: BART WEIMER
SUBJECT: CIB BIOINFORMATICS COMPUTER ACCOUNTS
DATE: 06/29/2005

We are initiating a procedure to track equipment usage electronically in the CIB. This new procedure will aid us in deciding how equipment and computing resources are used in the CIB to better serve people with high demand equipment.

As announced in the last seminar given by Bart Weimer, the CIB is initiating a usage fee for the bioinformatics computer resources. Not a single PI engaged our plea for dialog regarding the usage fee structure. Hence, we are now ready to proceed with our proposed structure of a yearly membership fee, as stated in the announcement. This membership is needed due to the rapid pace of change in software and hardware needs. The collected fees will be dedicated to providing new software and hardware for the bioinformatics core to better serve the users with the most recent models for high demand items.

Starting July 18, 2005 the CIB will initiate a yearly membership for the CIB bioinformatics core. Each user will need to obtain an account that will be associated with a PI. Following are the yearly membership fees for each PI:

–	1 ~ 10 hours per year	----	Free
–	10 ~ 200 hours per year	----	\$300
–	201 ~ 500 hours per year	----	\$500
–	501 ~ 1000 hours per year	----	\$800
–	More than 1000 hours	----	Quote

For the Windows PC, the usage time will be tracked by Login and Logout time. It is critical that user logout of the Bioinformatics Computers since there is not automated logout. For the Apple cluster, the usage time will be the used CPU time. A quarterly summary of usage will be sent to each PI. The CIB will start charging minimum membership fees (\$300) when the PI computer usage time exceeds 10 hours. If the computer usage reaches another level, the difference between two levels will be charged. P-card numbers will be needed to initiate an account.

Each student will have his/her own computer account, and his/her computer usage time will be linked to the PI's account for tracking and payment. Use of computers needing a user name that are attached to free equipment (e. g. Alpha imaging equipment) will NOT be added to the membership fee. They will be tracked for usage only so that we can understand how to best allocate resources for upgrades and hardware enhancements.

Accounts will be cleaned after each semester so that only active users are maintained. Please contact Dr. Dong Chen at 760-3766 (dongc@cc.usu.edu), or Kris Borecki at 760-3692 (kris.borecki@usu.edu) with questions and to obtain an account. Thank you in advance for your dedication to the CIB.