



NETIQUETTE

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Netiquette – Definition



Netiquette – (short for "network etiquette" or "Internet etiquette") is a set of social conventions that facilitate interaction over networks, ranging from Usenet and mailing lists to blogs and forums. Netiquette may vary from one online community

to another but some of the rules remain the same.

The rules of netiquette are based on the regular rules of social life.

Netiquette – Emoticons and acronyms



XOXO – Hugs and Kisses

STBY – Sucks To Be You

OMG – Oh My God

LOL – Laughing Out Loud -or- Of Love

NP – No Problem -or- Nosy Parents

BRB – Be Right Back

THX or TX or THKS – Thanks

BTW – By The Way

Netiquette – What if someone breaks the netiquette rules?



- **Ostracism** – when other users avoid contact with someone, do not involve with activities with him/her. For example: a person asks some question and everyone else ignores it.
- **Blocking** – common practice of using a “block” button. When someone is breaking rules of netiquette, others might decide to click “block” button which results in not seeing

the person’s posts and disabling posting, commenting and other actions on the persons who used the block profile. Might be also administered by the administrator and involve blocking from the entire community.

Netiquette – What if someone breaks the netiquette rules?



- **Legal proceedings** – variety of actions undertaken when breaking the netiquette involves violation of law.
- **Being told off by others** – other users can simply tell the person his/her behavior is inappropriate and sometimes also ridicule it.

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Sometimes when all other means tend to be insufficient **other users decide to ATTACK the person breaking the rules**. This involves all kinds of behavior usually aggressive and unpleasant for the person targeted. The danger of this kind of reaction is that it is not nice in general but also that it leads to escalation of bad energy and increase in the probability of the conflict getting out of control.

Netiquette – What can we do?



- Browse the internet to stay up-to-date with current rules
- Talk to other users when we visit online communities for the first time
- Stay alerted and observant
- Accept the fact we are responsible for our own behavior online

Netiquette – Who should follow the netiquette?



All users of internet have to follow the netiquette. It's exactly like with the law – it's no excuse if you don't know it. **It is your responsibility to get to know the rules and then to follow them.** Of course if we are new to some internet community and we commit a minor faux pas, no one would punish us for this but we have to keep in mind that netiquette is for everyone and it is meant to regulate social interactions to make it more safe and beneficial to all users.

Netiquette – What have we learned in this lecture?



- What is netiquette?
- What are the possible consequences of breaking netiquette?
- What acronyms and emoticons do you remember?
- Whose responsibility is it to get to know and then follow the netiquette rules?



Thank you

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