

High-volume downloading exceeding the scope of individual use

High-volume, automatic, bulk downloading through the use of programs

Use of the system for purposes other than individual use

Reproduction or redistribution of materials

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Wait a minute - are you using the electronic journal system improperly? You might be jeopardizing the entire school's access to the system. Let's use the electronic journal system in the right way



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Electronic Journals

The electronic journal system's up-todate information, convenience, and its rich functionality have made it indispensable as a research tool. In order for smooth functioning and proper usage of the system, there are certain rules that must be followed.

Currently, 30,000 electronic journals can be used through the Kyoto University network/intranet. Kyoto University has signed an agreement with the publishers concerning the use of the journals, and these rules must be followed.

If these rules of use are not followed, there will be penalties that will affect the research environment within the school, such as denial of access to the entire school or demands for compensation to cover damages caused.

Improper Use

The following actions are prohibited.

• High-volume downloading and printing out on a systematic basis

- Downloading, copying, saving, or printing out of materials for purposes other than individual research or education
- Downloading or copying large amounts of data such as the entire issue of a journal
- Activities such as data manipulation, reproduction, distribution or reselling of materials

What does "high-volume downloading" mean?

With regard to scope, there is no set number of allowable downloads, but it is imperative that the downloading actions be within the scope permitted under Japanese copyright law.

Systematic downloading using programs or downloading-assistance software is not allowed under any circumstances.

Improper use

→can result in access denial or demands for compensation

The publishers supplying the electronic journals monitor usage through access

logs, and can thereby detect overly heavy or improper usage. They are also able to automatically detect systematic downloading supported by programs or downloading-assistance software.

In the event that improper usage is logged, the publisher will send a notice stating that there was overly heavy usage, with information such as time and date of the incident, the logged IP address, and the journal title (in most cases, access by that IP address will then be blocked), and an inquiry into the incident will be requested.

Kyoto University will be required to conduct an investigation and report the circumstances surrounding the improper usage, whether it occurred accidentally or willfully, and suggest ways to prevent further occurrences. A notice will posted on the library homepage, and through the cooperation of the relevant offices, the circumstances surrounding the incident will be investigated. The results and future preventative measures will be reported the publisher. In the case that the action has been deemed willfully malicious, or if improper usage continues, there is the danger that access to the electronic journal system will be denied to the entire school.