

What does a mentor help you with?

A mentor should teach the new member

or the new member should ask the mentor about all this stuff

- how to open the hackerspace (especially the glass door's function as a big button)
- how to close the hackerspace
 - verify that all powered items are off (especially all in the lab should be off)
 - switch off the ceiling lights, beamers and stereo systems
 - after closing the door, check all the lights are correctly off
 - switch off the lights in the corridor, toilets and staircase
 - check that the front building door is locked
- internal stuff
 - when and how to get a member box
 - how to use the inventory stickers and website
 - that everything has to be put back the moment it's not used
 - how to properly roll up cables
 - where the vacuum cleaner is (the roomba is just a gimmick)
 - the fridge and drink storage
 - acquisition procedure for buvette
 - acquisition procedure for material (funding)
 - how to make the RGB light work
 - how to operate the video beamer, projection screen and stereo system
 - how to care for the marble adder (i.e. keeping people away and knowing who is able to operate it)
 - how to care for the ultimaker (i.e. keeping people away and knowing who is able to operate it)
 - what is this area42
- being able to give a tour of Level2 and explaining what syn2cat is and does
- the building
 - know the common area: the toilets, off limits parts
 - when and how to use the conference room
 - when to use the parking and when not
 - how to arrange deliveries to the building
- activities
 - that we run a radio show
 - that we have regular meetings
 - that we participate at fairs (hack.lu, foire etudiants, science festival ...)
 - that we participate every 2 years at the haxogreen outdoor camping event
- tools
 - that we have a website/wiki/github/facebook/twitter
 - how to subscribe to the mailing lists and slack
 - how to send correctly tagged tweets

Membership Application Form

Community Guidelines for members

These are our policies to keep our infrastructure clean, organised and available for all members.

Be excellent to each other

Syn₂cat takes a positive approach, and tries to avoid the practice of officially enumerating the myriad potential special cases; "be excellent" is enough. You are responsible for your actions and your guests.

Consensus

We make official decisions by consensus, which means the willing consent of our members. Decisions are made at our regular meetings, and items proposed for consensus are announced in advance to give everyone time to hear about them.

Do-ocracy

Doing stuff does not need permission or an official consensus decision. Decisions are taken by those who do things, and if you want something to get done, you just do it. If you're uncertain about the consensus on something you want to do, you should ask someone else what they think, or discuss the topic at one of our meetings

People often make suggestions like "We should do this and that." If you're suggesting an idea, you're automatically volunteering to do it.

Example policy applications of our guiding principles:

General order

- No excessive noise, please respect fellow hackers and our neighbours.
- After your initiation, you may ask to receive access tokens. If you lose or break your access token, you must pay for a new one. You may not alter your access token, and must tell office@syn2cat.lu right away if you lose it.
- We welcome members under 18 with the written consent of a tutor or parent, and encourage members to bring their children.

Housekeeping

- Store your projects in your box between hacking sessions. If it doesn't fit in your box, take it home or use a project shelf.
- Clean up after yourself, leave your table empty.
- Return everything to its location after use.
- Signal breakage or accidents immediately to the office (to handle insurance).
- Refill any consumables you used, tell the office if we're out.
- Our hackerspaces are non-smoking areas (including e-cigarettes).
- Use the QR-codes attached to certain items to find specific information on our wiki. Put QR-codes on your own items to define their usage and ownership.

More rules?

There is only one more rule: **don't make more rules necessary!**

