

This welcome page and membership form will take you through our rules and guidelines

General information about syn₂cat.

Why become a member?

Members of the syn₂cat community share several advantages:

- Unrestricted access to our hackerspaces.
- Unlimited use of tools and machinery.
- Participation in shaping our hackerspaces.
- The right to vote and stand in council elections for syn₂cat.
- The right to use our hackerspaces as a base for your projects, including possibilities of funding.
- Many activities
- Etc.

How do I become a member?

- You and a member who agrees to be your mentor will need to complete and sign this form together
- You pay your membership fees
- During a 3 month initiation period, you are encouraged to visit the hackerspace or interact with us, so we can show you how we operate, and get to know you.

People are always there on our open Mondays. On the bootstrap meetings¹ every fourth Saturday we decide where syn₂cat heads next. You can also join any other activities, or post to our mailing lists².

How do I become a full member?

When you feel comfortable, officially introduce yourself at a bootstrap meeting. After the office approves your full membership, you can get a key and access the hackerspaces 24/7.

Privacy policy

When you sign up, we ask you to supply some personal data. We collect this information only for internal records and legal requirements³. Syn₂cat only shares your personal information if legally required. You may request details about your personal information by emailing office@syn2cat.lu. We strive to prevent unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure or destruction of your data.

Your membership fees

The minimum membership fee for individuals is **114€/year** (9.5€ per month). Please note that this is a **minimum** fee and that the actual amount of your contribution is to be **self-determined** according to your priorities and financial ability. Please set up a standing order (monthly or yearly) to our bank account:

Account holder: syn2cat asbl
BIC/SWIFT: BCEELULL
IBAN: LU93 0019 3255 6612 9000

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¹ https://wiki.hackerspace.lu/wiki/Bootstrap_Meeting

² <https://lists.hackerspace.lu>

³ Loi modifiée du 21 avril 1928 sur les associations et les fondations sans but lucratif

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 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
 - acquisition procedure for buvette
 - 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 bootstrap 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
 - how to subscribe to the mailing lists and slack
 - how to send correctly tagged tweets

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 monthly Bootstrap Meeting, 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 our monthly Bootstrap Meeting

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.
- 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!**

Membership Application Form

please fill out in clean printed letters

Surname (Family name)	
First name	
Acronym/ Nickname	This will be your username (all in lower case) to login on every computer/website/software of syn ₂ cat
Nationality	
Date of Birth	
Address	
E-Mail	Please write clearly, this is the way syn ₂ cat will contact you
List me as a member	Can we add you to the official RCSL list? Tick one. <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no

I want to become a member of syn₂cat asbl and will follow its Community Guidelines. I will be a reasonable, friendly and responsible hacker. My presence, ideas and contributions will bring positive impulses.

People come from different backgrounds. They have different abilities and habits; they approach problems and their solutions differently. I will try to resolve disagreements while respecting these differences. I will consider how the way I approach issues can affect others.

Contact syn₂cat through your mentor during the initiation period. The community decides when your initiation period ends. Your mentor should guide you and introduce you to the operations and rules of syn₂cat.

Your membership only becomes active when you pay your membership fee.

You: _____
Place *date,* *your name* *signature*

Your mentor: _____
Place *date* *mentor name* *signature*

Handling of the form

1. Print this document recto/verso (form page 1 and 2). The welcome page contains general infos, no need to hand that in.
2. Member reads and signs form, mentor signs form. Remember that it is dual sided and you're signing the whole.
3. Mentor emails scanned sheet to office@syn2cat.lu and puts the new member in CC. The subject must contain "New member" and the new member's full name. The body must contain the form text for copy-pasting and searching.
4. Mentor puts original sheet into "new members" box. Member should make a copy for reference.
5. Office decides on acceptance of new membership and emails new member and mentor with the decision
6. Member does their first payment by bank transfer (or sets up recurring payment).
7. The payment arrives. Treasurer creates the user in the member management tool and sends them their password.
8. Treasurer fills out payments, and files the application form into the binder.
9. Treasurer informs by email member, mentor and office that syn₂cat has a new active member.

