

# Quota

## Why is there a quota?

The quota exists only to protect the server, not hinder you in your work. You can always request more. Don't be surprised if we ask why you need it, this isn't intended to give us a reason to say no, just to make sure you don't go doing anything silly. For example, running VM inside your home directory.

If the request is very large we will usually try to accommodate you in some other manner. It helps a lot if you can tell us your goals, so we may help you achieve them.

## Check your quota

To check your quota use the command 'csquota' which is just a wrapper script around 'quota' (because bugs). You should see something like this:

```
user@computer:~$ csquota
Filesystem                space  quota  limit  grace
server.cs.uchicago.edu:/export/homes/user  918M  2000M  2500M  15296
```

<b>space</b>	denotes how much space you are currently using.
<b>quota</b>	The maximum amount of disk usage a quota user has.
<b>limit</b>	Hard limit works only when grace period is set. It specifies the absolute limit on the disk usage, which a quota user can't go beyond his hard limit.
<b>grace</b>	The time limit before the soft limit is enforced.

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