FREE COMPUTERS for ALL MIT graduate students, undergraduates, and faculty

(Well, actually, it's free use of Project Athena workstation computers.)

What is Athena?
Athena is a network of nearly 1000 engineering workstation computers located all over campus and dedicated to educational and student purposes.

Who may get an Athena Account?
- MIT undergraduate students
- MIT graduate students
- MIT faculty members
- Visiting faculty and scholars
- Anyone at MIT who needs Athena facilities for coursework or curriculum development

For information about registering for an account, come to the Student Center.

From 12n - 6pm on Aug 30 - Sept 5
at the Athena Table on the first floor and/or
in the Athena workstation cluster on the 5th floor.

What can you do on Athena computers?
- Course assignments
- Word processing
- Send and receive electronic mail with other users
- Write programs
- Analyze and display data

Information for Returning Users about the New Fall Release (6.3B)

Project Athena has installed Release 6.3B of the system software. In addition to a new Mac-like Motif Window Manager "mww", and an on-line help facility "help", there is a new graphically-oriented display manager "xdm" and login process.

Introducing xdm required renaming user customization files ("dot" files) by appending "prefall99" to their original names. The process used to do this was designed to ensure the privacy and integrity of the contents each user's files.

Returning users' accounts will be fully functional, although in a system-wide 'default' mode, without any customizations they may have previously introduced. Restoring prior customizations will involve cutting and pasting the contents of old command files into new command files. User documentation describing the new release and how to get your old customization into the new dot files are available on-line and in the public clusters.

For more information about customization with the new dot files, come to the 11-116 Athena workstation cluster. Consultants will be available there to help you on weekday afternoons starting Wednesday, September 6. Call 3-4435, or check the posters on the 11-115 and 11-116 doors for the precise schedule.

R/O Week Activities

Aug 30 to Sept 5, 12n - 6pm
Student Center, 5th floor:
Athena Staff will be there to help you register for an account.

Sept 6-8, 12n - 6pm
Building 26, Room 100:
Athena "Minicourses"
Each day's minicourse (one hour seminars) is repeated every hour on the hour all afternoon.
Come to one each day and get up and going on Athena computers.

R/O Minicourse Schedule

September 6, How to Get Around Athena
(a User's Introduction)
Room 26-100, at 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, & 5pm

September 7, Basic Word Processing at Athena
Room 26-100, at 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, & 5pm

September 8, Advanced Word Processing at Athena
Room 26-100, at 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, & 5pm

Sept 6-8, 12n-6pm
Student Center 5th floor, Athena workstation cluster
Athena Staff help you try out what you've learned.

Information for Faculty and TA's

Be sure to let the Faculty Liaison Office (x3-0115, x3-0170) know if you will be using Athena in a course this year. It is also important to try out your coursework on a workstation running the new release (6.3B) before the semester starts.