

Useful Networking/Computing Information for UW-Richland Students

<http://richland.uwc.edu/resources/it.asp>

Wireless Networking

Wireless network access is a free service to all enrolled students. When you connect, a web browser page will request your campus username and password, after which you'll enjoy full access to your student email account, PRISM, D2L, and the Internet. The wireless network supports IEEE 802.11b- and IEEE 802.11g-compatible wireless devices. Many lab printers can also be printed to wirelessly from your personal laptop as well.

About Your Home Folder

When you logon at a campus workstation, your "My Documents" icon connects to your server-based Home Folder. Your Home Folder is private to your user account and should appear via My Documents no matter where you logon on campus. Home folders, which reside on the student file server, are backed up nightly, so the items you store there can be recovered in the event of a server failure or user deletion mistakes.

Take Your Files With You

USB FLASH DRIVES, small enough to clip to your keychain, are a highly reliable, highly compatible way to carry your files back and forth between your dorm/home and the campus. Just connect one to the computer's USB port, and your flash drive appears as an additional drive. Flash drives are currently available with capacities up to 16GB at many establishments and online stores that carry computer accessories.

Huge Software Discounts

Microsoft, Adobe and others provide steep software discounts for college students. For example, Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Plus, which retails for over \$400, is offered to students for \$72.

You can access these discounts through two different resources:

- Online purchases: The Wisconsin Integrated Software Catalog
<http://wiscsoftware.wisc.edu/wisc/>
- In-store purchases: The University Bookstore Digital Outpost, 711 State Street, Madison, WI
(800) 993-BOOK or computers@uwbookstore.com

When looking for a particular piece of software, be sure to check both sources. The University Bookstore tends to have a wider selection of software than WISC, but WISC often has the lowest prices, plus the convenience of online ordering and free shipping.

Computer Discounts

UW Colleges and Dell have teamed up to offer our students, faculty and staff the benefit of participating in the Dell University Program. This is great news for everyone, since the Dell University Program offers award-winning technology, flexible financing options, service and support, and much more. See the IT Department's page at <http://richland.uwc.edu/resources/it.asp> for a link to the UW Colleges discount page at Dell.

Campus Standards

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the UW-Colleges will remain standardized upon Windows 7 for lab student workstation operating systems. Likewise, Microsoft Office Professional 2007 provides the lab workstation office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Publisher) used by students to facilitate their studies.

Minimum Computing Hardware/Software Recommendations

PC or Mac: Most lab computers on campus are PCs. Macs are welcome but support for them may be limited.

Desktop/Laptop/Mac CPU: Any modern (<3 years old) Intel or AMD processor is acceptable. Macs with PowerPC processors are not recommended.

Memory: 2 GB minimum, 4 GB or higher recommended

Software: MS Office Professional 2007, Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 or higher, anti-virus software (available free for students at <http://richland.uwc.edu/resources/it.asp>)

Laptop wireless: Built-in 802.11 b/g/n wireless networking recommended (standard on 99% of laptops)

Operating System: Windows XP Professional or Windows 7. Windows Vista is NOT recommended. OS X 10.5 or higher recommended for Macs.

Display Adapter: Built-in adapter is sufficient on newer PCs.

Portable USB flash/key drive highly recommended for portable file transfer.