

Session: Introduction
Topic: CS Accounts and E-mail

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New Account Application

Instructions at <http://system.cs.fsu.edu/info/newuser/index.html>
(Pine E-mail help at <http://www.acns.fsu.edu/docs/pine.html>)

Steps

- Use SSH Client to connect to shell.cs.fsu.edu.
- username: newacct
- password: newacct
- You will be asked for a password, and must enter "newacct" a second time

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%% DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE %%  
%%   Florida State University   %%  
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Welcome to the Computer Science Department Account Generator. Your account will be created based on your answers to the following questions and the class registration files. Please enter your full first and last names when prompted. Try not to use short forms of names or nicknames.

Enter your first name:

- Enter personal information.
- Review rules for password and create one on paper first.
- Check the paper password to make sure you satisfy all rules.
- Enter password carefully...
- Record your assigned username at end.

Trying it out - Login

- Use SSH Client to connect to shell.cs.fsu.edu
- Use your assigned Username and your new Password.
- Password is typically hidden with asterisks (or not shown).
- Watch for "prompt".

Possible Account Creation Issues

Cannot get password entered

- There are many rules for acceptable passwords - check yours carefully to make sure it passes
- Password must be within a certain length, must contain upper and lower case, must have a "special" character, must not contain "certain" special characters, and much more

Cannot login after completing password entry

- There is the possibility that a system error occurred (unlikely, but not impossible)
- Otherwise, you have entered a password incorrectly and now think it is something different, or you entered it correctly and just do not remember it (more likely)
- Regardless, you must go to the CS Systems office (MCH 2d floor) with your student ID. Inform them you have created a new account and entered a password but cannot login, and ask them to reset the password for you.
- Be sure to have them let you recreate your password and check to make sure it works.

Some sort of message indicates a previous CS account already exists

- This can be from previous classes, especially for a CS major. You must login with your old username and password.
- If the login is not working you must visit the CS Systems office for a password reset.

SSHClient is just not working

- Try using a different machine, either another one in the lab, a friend's place, or anywhere else, particularly machines that someone else has used successfully.

- Due to network traffic (or quantum fluctuations, or solar flares) there are times when half the machines in a lab cannot connect to the CS servers through SSH.

I just can't get it to work and it's not my fault and I'm going to fail this class and it is so unfair and this class is useless and it's not my fault and the machine hates me and the room is too hot and the professor is a horrible human being and I deserve an A anyway and life is cruel and it's still not my fault and...

- If you spend 6 hours and still cannot set up your account, you spent 5 and a half hours too long.
- Go and visit any of the course staff (drop in office hours, grab after class, accost in the hallway) and we will walk you through it all to help you succeed.
- You must have a CS account for this course, and you must have it immediately, and we want you to have it, and we make no money by keeping you from having it and if you come to us we will make sure you get it.
- If you come any time later in the semester and argue, as an excuse, the failure to obtain a working CS account, I will laugh very coldly before throwing you out of my office (or rudely walking away if you do not address me in my office).

Pine E-mail

Command: `pine`

- ACNS Help: <http://www.acns.fsu.edu/docs/pine.html>

Operation

- Menu bar at bottom lists currently available commands
- "^" represents "Control" key
- Arrows navigate menu
- "Compose Message" - Can send e-mail, attach files
- "Message Index" - Read e-mails
- "Folder List" - Change to folders besides "Inbox"

Compose Message

- "To:" line is for destination e-mail address, where you can press "^T" to retrieve entries from your address book (go "To" your book).
- You can type a subject for your E-mail at the "Subject:" line
- Use the "down arrow" until you reach the "Message Text" section where you can type your message
- You should be able to determine how to send an send the e-mail (as well as many other operations you will be responsible for" by referring to the menu bar at the bottom of the screen

Attaching Files

- At the "Attachments:" line pressing "^T" allows you to browse files in your account to attach (go "To" your files)
- "^J" allows you to attach a file directly (without having to be on the Attachment line)
- When you receive an e-mail, use "v" to view attachments
- Remember your homework

Tips

- The first time "pine" is started it gives a welcome message. Follow the instructions in the menu bar to close the message
- If you have never received e-mail in an account "pine" may report an error message indicating the "spool" is not available. This should stop after you receive your first e-mail (try sending one to yourself if you cannot trick someone into sending you something)
- In fact, a useful exercise is to compose an e-mail, send it to your own e-mail address with a subject "e-mail to myself" (simple stuff like "hello" might be tagged as spam), send the e-mail, and then keep entering and leaving "Message Index" until you see your e-mail appear and can read it (this can sometimes be instantaneous, and sometimes take hours). If it takes longer than a day try a few more times, then seek help.
- It would not hurt to also practice sending an attachment to yourself or someone like you (you will be expected to know how for the examination, regardless of whether you bother to practice and learn it).