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Q: Where can I teach a class on computers with custom software?

- Where can I teach a class on computers with custom software?
- Are there classrooms with computers on which I can install my own software?

Context

- Electronic classrooms at MIT
- Teaching spaces with computers

Answer

There are a variety of “electronic classrooms” on MIT campus with computers for use by students during class. They come in a number of different configurations, with different kinds of hardware and software applications installed on the computers. Some are maintained centrally, and many are run by individual departments. Below you can find a starter list of such teaching spaces, along with basic configuration notes, links to web pages if they exist, and contact information.

(Starter) list of computer teaching spaces

- **Room 1-115: Athena electronic classroom**
  A tiered lecture-style room with 24 Athena (Ubuntu Linux) workstations at each seat, the machines have standard Athena cluster software available on them. The room is scheduled through the Registrar’s Schedules Office. Computers in the room are maintained by IS&T. The AV projection system is maintained by MIT Audio-Visual.

- **Room 14-0637: Athena electronic classroom**
  A group-style room with 17 Athena (Ubuntu Linux) workstations in a ring around a central conference table, the machines have standard Athena cluster software available on them. The room is scheduled through the Registrar’s Schedules Office. Computers in the room are maintained by IS&T. The AV projection system is maintained by MIT Audio-Visual.

- **Room 26-152: The Physics TEAL room**
  This is a large studio-style teaching room with round tables and extensive computing and AV capabilities at each team table. The room is scheduled through the Registrar’s Schedules Office. Technology in the room is maintained by MIT Audio-Visual.

- **Room 26-139: New Media Center**
  A group-style room with 13 24” iMacs in a ring around the perimeter wall. The room is scheduled through the Office of Educational Innovation and Technology (OEIT) by contacting nmc-consult@mit.edu. Computers in the room are maintained by OEIT. The AV projection system is made available through special arrangement with OEIT.

- **Room 32-082: The CSAIL TEAL room**
  This is a studio-style teaching room with round team tables and extensive computing and AV capabilities at each team table. The room is scheduled through the Registrar’s Schedules Office. Technology in the room is maintained by MIT Audio-Visual.

- **Room 37-312: Windows 2D visualization classroom**
  A lecture-style room with 24 Windows XP dual-display workstations and dual-screen projection for the instructor station. The machines have a small set of academic Windows software installed on them. The room is scheduled through the Registrar’s Schedules Office. Computers in the room are maintained by the Office of Educational Innovation and Technology (OEIT). The AV projection system is maintained by MIT Audio-Visual.