Obtaining an Athena Workstation

Overview

Obtaining an Athena Workstation consists of these three primary steps:

1. Obtaining the hardware
2. Selecting a metapackage
3. Installing the software

Below these steps are outlined in full detail.

1. Obtain the hardware

IS&T limits its full assistance to the current recommended desktop configuration for Apple and Dell. Help with other configurations is available on a best-effort basis. Some hardware configurations may be incompatible with Athena. For more information, see: What are the hardware requirements for installing Debathena?

Hardware assistance is limited to assistance with configuration and software installation issues. Physical setup and delivery of the hardware is the customer’s responsibility. We provide warranty repair service for our recommended desktop configurations through the Service Desk.

2. Select a metapackage

Athena is available in different configurations called "metapackages" - each providing different degrees of customization and support. IS&T offers full support for the following two metapackages:

- debathena-workstation
- debathena-cluster

For more information on these and additional metapackages, see: Which Debathena metapackage should I install?

3. Install the software

If the workstation is already running a current release of Ubuntu or Debian Linux, use the Debathena installation script.

If you do not have a current release of Ubuntu or Debian Linux, use our Debathena PXE network-based installer.