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Answer

Debathena is supported by IS&T, however we can only provide support for normal Athena functionality and a few customizations. Because Debathena is not an operating system per se, but rather a suite of customizations on top of Ubuntu or Debian, not all problems you may encounter will be specific to Debathena. For example, if your workstation's network connection stops working, or it's unable to boot, that may a problem specific to Ubuntu or Debian.

For basic system administration questions, you may want to check the Official Ubuntu Documentation (for Ubuntu users) or the Official Debian Documentation.

Be sure to check out other articles in the Debathena category in our Knowledge Base.

Contacting IS&T

Due to the evolving Covid-19 situation, the Atlas Service Center ceased in-person services as of Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00pm.

IS&T Service Desk walk-in IT help and repair services will not be offered in the Atlas Service Center until further notice. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the IS&T Service Desk at any time 24/7 at 617-253-1101 or servicedesk@mit.edu.

Debathena is supported by the IS&T Service Desk. You can reach us by:

- emailing servicedesk@mit.edu
- calling x3-4435 on an MIT line or 617-253-4435 on an outside line
- Stopping by the IS&T Service Desk in E17-106

Support is available during regular business hours (9am-5pm, Monday-Friday).

What we can help with

Most Athena functionality — such as lockers, third-party software, personal websites, and mailing lists — is supported by IS&T. Additionally, we also provide support for installing the Debathena software and Athena-related customizations to your workstation.

Since Debathena is installed on top of an existing Debian or Ubuntu installation, many components of your workstation are exactly the same as those found on regular Debian or Ubuntu systems. For many customizations or questions not related to Athena functionality, the best source of information will be the Official Ubuntu Documentation and the Ubuntu Community Documentation. Debian users should consult the Debian documentation. If you’re unable to find the answer to your question in any of those sources, feel free to ask us, but keep in mind that we may not be able to help.