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Answer

In the early days of Athena, users' electronic mail addresses were @athena.mit.edu. These were transitioned to @mit.edu addresses in 1994, and @athena.mit.edu addresses stopped working in 1999. If you wish to contact someone for whom you only have an @athena.mit.edu address, you can try changing the domain to @mit.edu, if you believe the person is still at MIT. (For example, joeuser@athena.mit.edu becomes joeuser@mit.edu).

If you know the person's name, yqou may also wish to search the MIT directory at http://web.mit.edu/people.html or call the MIT operators at 617-253-1000.