

# How long will my account remain active after I have left MIT?

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## Answer

Accounts are usually deactivated once a year in January, based on lists received from Personnel and the Registrar. The [IS&T Service Desk](#) begins the process in the fall by issuing warnings to people who are on the list for deactivation. For example, if you leave in July and do not make special arrangements, your account will be deactivated in seven months (the following January). If you leave in October, your account's default deactivation would be fifteen months later.

You may contact the IS&T Service Desk ([servicedesk@mit.edu](mailto:servicedesk@mit.edu) or 617-253-1101) to have your account removed earlier or to make other arrangements, such as [sponsorship](#).

If you are using a departmental email address (e.g., [jdoe@sloan.mit.edu](mailto:jdoe@sloan.mit.edu)), you will need to get deactivation information from your local IT department.

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