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Answer

An MIT Kerberos account gives you access to electronic resources throughout MIT and is also your MIT e-mail address.

If you have any questions about the registration process, contact IS&T Service Desk. Please note that it will take approximately 4-5 hours before you are able to log in to Athena, and may take up to 24 hours before all services are fully activated. If you experience difficulties using electronic resources less than 24 hours after registering for your account, please try again later.

For detailed instructions about the registration process, please select the category that best describes you from the list below:

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- Sloan Graduate Students and Fellows
- Faculty and Staff
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- Lincoln Laboratory Employees
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First Year Undergraduates

Starting with the class of 2014, first-year undergraduates can obtain an account from the admissions portal. First-year undergraduates will get notified by the admissions office when they can register for their MIT Kerberos account.

Graduate Students

All graduate students, **except for incoming Sloan School graduate students** (see below), should receive an email with a unique link to register for their account.

If you did not receive an email within a few days of confirming you plan to attend MIT, please contact the administrator for the department into which you were admitted. Unfortunately we do not have a list of these administrators and their contact information.

If you have already arrived on campus and are a cross registered student, you may visit Atlas Service Center (E17-106) and talk to an IS&T Service Desk team member.

Sloan Graduate Students and Fellows

Sloan graduate students and fellows will need to know:

- your Sloan PIN (selected when you initially applied)
- your 9-digit MIT ID number
- your name as it appears in official MIT documents

Once you have this information, you can register for an account at http://web.mit.edu/register/.

Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff will need to know their 9-digit MIT ID number to register for their account. To register for your account, please visit http://web.mit.edu/register/.

Faculty and staff should note that while most electronic services are available 24 hours after account registration, some services (particularly SAP and financial authorizations) may take longer.

Guests, Temporary Employees and Visitors

Guests, temporary employees, and visitors will need a faculty or staff sponsor for their account. In the case of temporary employees, this should be your supervisor. The account sponsor should fill out this form, and he/she will be notified once the account has been created. There is no charge for sponsorship; it requires that the sponsor assume responsibility for the guest's use of MIT resources. Accounts can be sponsored for a period of 1 year, but the sponsorship is renewable as long as the sponsor remains affiliated with MIT.

Lincoln Laboratory Employees

Lincoln Laboratory employees can request an MIT kerberos account directly from the Lincoln Workforce Service Center: wsc@ll.mit.edu or 781-981-7055

All Other Community Members

If you don't fall into any of the other categories, or are unsure which category you fall into, please contact IS&T Service Desk at servicedesk@mit.edu or +1 617 253-1101.

Troubleshooting

If you're having trouble registering for your Kerberos account, more information on common errors can be found here: MIT Kerberos Accounts - Help with Registration Errors