

WIN.MIT.EDU Landing Page

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Overview

[WIN.MIT.EDU](#) is an IS&T centrally maintained Microsoft Windows domain intended for general use by any and all users, departments, labs, centers, or DLC, and offices. Its structure and features are intended to foster efficiency and collaboration across the Institute by providing a common set of services, data and tools. Many aspects and features within this Domain are customizable by participating DLCs and in certain cases individual users. Although WIN is not intended to meet every specific need on campus as a platform, it is a product and set of associated services intended to meet the needs of most users.

WIN.MIT.EDU provides not only single sign-on to systems and applications within the domain, but also extends this single sign-on to other Kerberos-enabled systems in use at MIT.

Directory data is fed from other MIT systems into the WIN.MIT.EDU Domain Active Directory, or AD, database. This includes information from the Data Warehouse and Moira. In the future we also expect to feed some data from the MIT Roles system into AD. This means that users can have access to common and consistent data, names, and access control lists across a variety of computer systems at MIT.

Benefits and Key Features

- Fosters efficiency and collaboration across the Institute by providing a common set of services, data, and tools.
- Many customizable aspects.
- MIT Kerberos username/password integration.
- OpenAFS is optional on machines within the domain. However, OpenAFS for Windows is not supported by IS&T.
- DFS Roaming profile that is maintained and accessible.
- Extensions to standard Windows Group Policy settings unique to MIT.
- Periodic self-maintenance scripting and behavior.
- Extensive scripting.
- Central logging of system, application, and security events to a secure central log server, allowing for troubleshooting and backtracking in case of total system failure.
- Integrated problem/bug reporting system.

How to Use

- [Managing Your User Profile](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms at MIT - Containers](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms - Group Policy and win.mit.edu](#)
- [Joining a Windows Computer to WIN.MIT.EDU Domain](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms - Printer-to-Driver Mappings](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms - Sharing Resources](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms - User and Group Management](#)
- [Windows Server Platforms - win.mit.edu Extensions to Group Policy](#)

Troubleshooting and FAQ's

- [Am I on the the win.mit.edu domain? How can I tell?](#)
- [Can password changes be forced every few months?](#)
- [Enabling User Account Control](#)
- [How do I find out who the container administrator is for my win.mit.edu domain?](#)
- [Remote Domain Computers and Password Changes](#)
- [Why aren't my login scripts being run automatically and or showing an error message \(admin\)?](#)
- [Why aren't my login scripts being run automatically and or showing an error message \(user\)?](#)



Additional escalation information for Help Staff can be found here:

- [hd:Host lookup page for win.mit.edu machines]
- [How do I know who administers a win.mit.edu machine?]
- [hd:Self maintenance page for win.mit.edu]