GETTING A NET ID

Your NetID is your assigned user name for Rice computers, library resources, and OWL-Space (course assignments). Pick a strong NetID password and don’t give it to anyone. Your NetID account will never be closed, deleted or deactivated as long as you are a student at Rice. Don’t fall for any email scams that say you have to verify your account or reply with your password or account information. [https://MyNetID.rice.edu/](https://MyNetID.rice.edu/)

RICE GMAIL

Your NetID can also be used to access your Rice email through Google. You will log into Gmail using your NetID@rice.edu plus a Rice Gmail password. Pick a different NetID password for your Rice Gmail, Facebook, Amazon, and other external accounts. External accounts are easy targets for hackers and Facebook accounts are successfully hacked more frequently than any other account. Because most people use the same login name and password for all their accounts, it is easy for criminals to use the stolen Facebook account information to access their victims’ banking and university accounts.

I FORGOT MY PASSWORD...

If you forget your NetID password, check Esther to make sure your cell phone is listed as an emergency contact number, then use iforgot.rice.edu to send a NetID reset PIN to your cell phone as a text message. You can also contact the Help Desk to reset your password. [https://iforgot.rice.edu/](https://iforgot.rice.edu/)
Computer Requirements

Your computer operating system should be a current version released in the last 12 months, with all the latest patches installed, plus antivirus software.

5:1 Rice students primarily bring laptop computers. Only 1 in 5 brings a desktop computer, and it is usually as a secondary device.

**Help Desk:**
M-F, 9am - 5pm
713-348-HELP (4357)
Mudd 103
helpdesk@rice.edu

**Desktop or Laptop?**

556 students reported what type of computer they brought.

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*some students brought a desktop and a laptop

**Do I Need a Printer?**

No, you can print in the college and campus labs and library. About half of the Rice undergraduates bring their own printer anyway, but remember the Rice network does not support wireless printers so bring a cable to connect your printer to your computer.

Computer Specifications

Most of these recommendations are already standard in Macs:
- Go for the most power currently available and in your budget
- 4 GB RAM
- Firewire 800 ports preferred, but not required
- Drive spin speed minimum 5400 rpm if you plan to edit video or audio files
- AppleCare Protection Plan for 4 years
- OS X

For a general undergraduate computer:
- 2 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 4 GB of system memory
- 802.11 A/B/G/N wireless card
- 320 GB of hard drive capacity or local memory
- RW DVD/CD Drive
- Audio output capability
- Internet access capability
- Gigabit ethernet card
- Warranty for 4 years

For a general undergraduate computer:
- Certified to run Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- A modern processor (at least 1GHz)
- 4 GB of system memory
- 320 GB hard drive
- RW DVD/CD Drive
- Gigabit ethernet card

**Mac**

Arthur ’17
Engineering
brought a Mac

Allison ’14
Psychology
brought a Mac

Luke ’17
brought a Mac

Olivia ’15
Sport Management
brought a Mac

**PC**

Preston ’18
brought a PC

Arthur ’17
Engineering
brought a Mac

Allison ’14
Psychology
brought a Mac

Luke ’17
brought a Mac

Olivia ’15
Sport Management
brought a PC

**Linux**

Kentaro ’17
Math & Econ
brought a Mac

Addison ’15
Kinesiology & Visual/Dramatic
Arts
brought a Mac