

Useful Networking/Computing Information for UW-Richland Students

<http://richland.uwc.edu/it/>

Wireless Networking

Wireless network access is a free service to all enrolled students. When you connect, a web browser page will request your campus username and password, after which you'll enjoy full access to your student email account, PRISM, D2L, and the Internet. The wireless network supports IEEE 802.11b- and IEEE 802.11g-compatible wireless devices.

About Your Home Folder

When you logon at a campus workstation, your "My Documents" icon connects to your server-based Home Folder. Your Home Folder is private to your user account and should appear via My Documents no matter where you logon on campus. Home folders, which reside on the student file server, are backed up nightly, so the items you store there can be recovered in the event of a server failure or user deletion mistakes. It's also possible to ACCESS YOUR HOME FOLDER VIA THE WEB; learn how to do so at http://www.uwc.edu/training/ctow/CTOW3_28_05.htm .

Take Your Files With You

USB FLASH DRIVES, small enough to clip to your keychain, are a highly reliable, highly compatible way to carry your files back and forth between your dorm/home and the campus. Just connect one to the computer's USB port, and your flash drive appears as an additional drive. Flash drives are currently available with capacities up to 8GB at many establishments and online stores that carry computer accessories.

Huge Software Discounts

Microsoft, Adobe and others provide steep software discounts for college students. For example, Microsoft Office 2003 Professional, which retails for over \$400, is offered to students for \$79.

You can access these discounts through two different online resources:

- The Wisconsin Integrated Software Catalog
<http://wiscsoftware.wisc.edu/wisc/>
- The University Bookstore (Madison, WI) Digital Outpost
<http://www.uwcomputerstore.com/index.html> (phone 800-993-BOOK)

When looking for a particular piece of software, be sure to check both locations. The University Bookstore tends to have a wider selection of software than WISC, but WISC often has the lowest prices.

Computer Discounts

UW Colleges and Dell have teamed up to offer our students, faculty and staff the benefit of participating in the Dell University Program. This is great news for everyone, since the Dell University Program offers award-winning technology, flexible financing options, service and support, and much more. See the IT Department's page at <http://richland.uwc.edu/it/> for a link to the UW Colleges discount page at Dell.

Campus Standards

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the UW-Colleges will remain standardized upon Windows XP Professional for lab and classroom student workstation operating systems. Microsoft Office Professional 2007 will provide the lab workstation office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Publisher) used by students to facilitate their studies.

Minimum Computing Hardware/Software Recommendations

Desktop CPU: Intel Core 2 Duo Processor. Speed: 2.33 GHz or greater, 800MHz FSB or greater.	Display Adapter: Integrated adapter is sufficient for most needs; 256MB video memory.
Laptop CPU: Intel Core 2 Duo Processor. Speed: 2.0 GHz or greater, 800MHz FSB or greater.	Laptop wireless: built-in 802.11g wireless networking
Memory: 2 GB DDR2 minimum	Operating System: Windows XP Professional
Software: MS Office Professional 2007, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Virus prevention	Portable USB flash/key drive highly recommended for portable file transfer.