A Guide to ECE Computing Resources – Quick Reference for ECE students

Firstly, the ECE computing environment is supported by the SITE team (site@ece.osu.edu). We support the machines and printers in our ECE student instructional labs inside the Dreese and Caldwell Lab buildings. The computers in DL 557 run Linux, and while those in DL517, DL817 and CL260 run Windows.

All students who are new ECE majors or have registered for an ECE class during the quarter will have an ECE domain user account created for them around just prior to the start of the quarter. ECE username typically consists of your last name (truncated to the first 7 characters) and your first name’s initial. The format for the default ECE password is:

EE (uppercase) + last 4 digits of EMPLID + first & last initials (lowercase)

where the EMPL ID (or Student ID) number is the smaller set of 9-10 digits on your Buck-ID card.

For example:
John Doe’s EMPL ID number is 1234567890, so his username is: DoeJ
and his default password is: EE7890jd

You will be prompted to change your password on the 1st login, and you must fulfill the password security requirements:

Your main source of information for all of the computing resources provided for you as an ECE student, and our Departmental computing policies can be found at our official web site. Please review the information provided in our web site for more details: http://www.ece.osu.edu/computing-resources

You will be granted access to the computer labs (DL557 is open during office hours) via your Buck-ID (Keycard), as well as after-hours building access to Dreese and Caldwell labs. If you have trouble, please contact SITE as we need to submit the problem report to the University’s Keycard Control. There may be situations when keycard access grants may be delayed, so please review this web page for more details:
http://www.ece.osu.edu/computing-resources/student-account-policies

If you are a full-time ECE student (graduate or undergraduate) you will receive an e-mail address for your time studying here in OSU. Your ECE e-mail address is simply your ECE user ID followed by the domain “@ece.osu.edu” (i.e. following the above example, doe@ece.osu.edu) which will automatically forward mail to either your OSU student e-mail account at “name.#@osu.edu” or “name.#@buckeyemail.osu.edu”. Please be sure to activate and routinely monitor those e-mail accounts ASAP as many administrative and instructive e-mails will be sent to them!

If you need more information about activating and setting up a wireless network connection for your personal laptops, the “osuwireless” & “osuguest” networks in the University are managed by the OCIO, and the University’s IT Service Desk. You can refer to their OSU Wireless official web site, or 8help (the OIT HelpDesk) web sites:
http://wireless.osu.edu OR 8help.osu.edu

AT&T Wireless also offers free Wi-Fi for visitors via their “attwifi” network. To get personal one-to-one assistance with your wireless connection issue(s), please approach the “Buckeye Bar” at the southwest side of the lower level (near the café) in the Thompson (Main) Library. The University IT Services’s main office is in the basement of the Central Classrooms building, room 025.

We are very excited that you have chosen to join the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering and look forward to working with you during your time here as an ECE student! Good luck with your studies, and feel free to contact the SITE team (site@ece.osu.edu) with any inquiries regarding your ECE computing needs!

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