Getting Started With Your Purdue Computer Account

Your Career Account

At Purdue, you are given a career account, which is a login and password set. These credentials give you access to a large number of systems including Libraries, MyPurdue, MyMail, and cloud storage.

If you do not know your Purdue career account login/password, go to the ITaP help center located in Stewart Center, Humanities and Social Sciences library on the Main Floor. They will be able to help you find this information.

Your Engineering Account or ECN Account

In addition to the resources Purdue gives to all students, Engineering and Mechanical Engineering give additional resources. These resources are accessed using your career account login and password and are collectively known as your ECN account. These resources include additional network storage space and access to high performance computing servers.

Only students with a ME computer account can login to computers in the ME computer labs. Also, even though you are an engineering student, you may not be able to use computers in other engineering buildings.

ME Computer Accounts will be created automatically by the end of the first week of classes. If you do not have an ME/ECN computer at the end of the first week of classes, please stop by ME 2042, the electronics shop.

Your E-Mail

At Purdue, as a student, you have a single e-mail account associated with your career account. You may have several unique Purdue email addresses but all mail sent to those email addresses will go to a single mail drop. You have several options for what you would like to do with this mail drop. Options include: to store mail in the ITAP MyMail system, reject (discard) all Purdue email or forward all the Purdue email to another address such as a Gmail address. In general, we recommend students store mail in the ITaP MyMail system.
**Printing**

As a student in Mechanical Engineering, you have access to two major printing resources. The first resource is ITaP, the campus IT organization. ITaP provides printing services in their public computer labs all over the campus. This printing is quota based and ITaP does have a mechanism for purchasing additional quota. For more information, see the ITaP web pages.

Mechanical Engineering also provides printing independent of ITaP. This print service is also quota based. Requests for additional print quota will go through the ME electronics shop but you cannot purchase additional quota. The ME quota is reset each semester and it is not carried over semester to semester. You can check your ME print quota on the MECL webpage: https://engineering.purdue.edu/MECL

ME printing is provided to support the formal instructional courses and not to support research needs. There are several ME print polices to support this goal and to control print costs. First, only class related materials are to be printed. No personal printing is allowed. Second, you can print only one copy of a document. Our printers are not copy machines. Lastly, you can print a total of one copy of your thesis/dissertation. Your print history will be considered when/if you request more print quota.

**Wireless Network Access**

At Purdue, ITaP maintains and supports the wireless network. The wireless network is known as Purdue AirLink or PAL and has SSID advertised as PAL2.0 and PAL3.0. There is another advertised SSID, PAL Setup, which when connected, will provide setup instructions for the PAL2.0 and PAL3.0 networks. Additional documentation for using and connecting to the PAL network is available from the ITaP web page.: https://www.itap.purdue.edu

**Getting Help**

**ITaP:**
Help Center, Stewart Center, HSSE Library Main Floor  
http://www.itap.purdue.edu  
itap@purdue.edu  
49-44000

**ECN/ME:**
Electronics Shop – ME 2042  
https://engineering.purdue.edu/MECL  
mecl@purdue.edu  
49-48756