

Setting Up Your CS Account

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IMPORTANT: Please complete the account setup process before the class on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011; otherwise you will NOT be able to use the computers in the MS Lab, where we will hold lectures from then on.

Task 1:

You will setup your CS account and password following this step-by-step tutorial.

1. Go the MS Lab (CIT room 167) and find a computer with two cases under the desk.
2. If you see the familiar Windows login screen, press the Scroll Lock key on the upper right corner of your keyboard *twice*. It should bring you to another login screen, quite different from the Windows one. If nothing happens, you are using a computer with a single case underneath.
3. You are now at the Linux login screen (Linux is another kind of operating system, just like Windows, but it is free). You should see a black box in the lower right corner. Move your mouse over, click, and enter

`ub-new-account`

and hit Enter.

4. Follow the prompt to retrieve your user name and password. You will need to enter your *Brown* user name and password to verify your identity, the same set of user name and password to access the banner web. If it does not work, it is probably because your account is not created, please contact cs0931tas@cs.brown.edu as soon as possible.
5. Write down your CS account and password. Move your mouse back to the login screen. Enter your user name, hit enter, enter your password, and hit enter again.
6. After you are logged in, you should be prompted to change your password to something you remember. If nothing happens, find “Applications” in the top left corner, click and select “System Tools” and then “Terminal”.

7. In the terminal, type

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/local/bin/kpasswd
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You will then be asked to enter a new password. The system requires that your password be relatively secure: it must contain at least three of the following: uppercase letters, lowercase letters, digits, and punctuations. Enter your password and hit Enter. Then enter it again for confirmation, and hit Enter again.

8. After you are done, click “System” (near “Applications”) and select “Logout”.
9. You are back at the login screen. Press Scroll Lock twice to get back to Windows. Login using your new CS credentials!

Congratulations! You’ve just completed *the* most challenging part of the course! To some extent.