

Computing at TRIUMF

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- Computing Environment
- Network Connection
- Computing Groups
- WiFi
- Linux

 Windows and hardware support – relevant to Mac and Linux users



Diverse Computing Environment

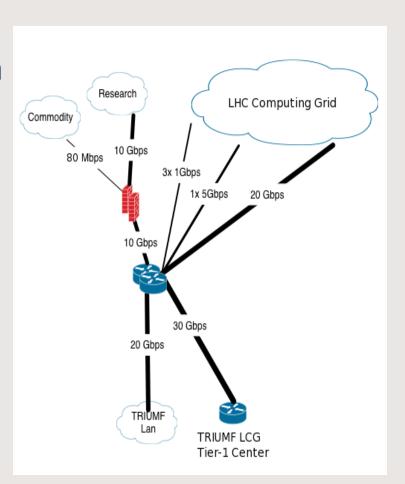
Operating systems

- VMS, Solaris, *BSD, Linux (many distros),
 MacOS-X, MS-Windows, embedded systems
- Software
- Commercial, open-source, in-house, experiment data-analysis, ...
- Specialised HW for controls, data-acqusitition, ...
- High-performance clusters, powerful standalones, thin-clients, ...



Network Connections

- Commodity internet has limited bandwidth. Use with care.
- Connections to universities, other labs, Compute-Canada facilities (e.g. WestGrid), ... automatically routed through highbandwidth research network (CANARIE)
- ATLAS Tier-1 Centre traffic is completely separate





Computing Groups

- MIS Management Information Systems
 - Web-applications and databases: Identity, accounting, HR, purchasing, ...
 - Main web-site
- DAQ Data Acquisition
 - Software and hardware for running experiments
- ATLAS Tier-1 Centre
 - Grid computing for storage and analysis of data from ATLAS detector at the LHC
- CCN Core Computing and Networking
 - Network, e-mail, web, printing, vidconf, backup, PC-hardware, VM hosting, application hosting, ...



WiFi

- In transition between old and new
 - Three SSIDs (WiFi networks) advertised
- TRIUMF Visitor new hardware
 - No authentication required
 - Open a web-browser and agree to an AUP
 - Same access privileges as external, but can use VPN
- TRIUMF WLAN old hardware
 - Shared key
 - Internal access
- TRIUMF Secure new hardware
 - Temporarily using e-mail server for authentication
 - Internal access



Linux

- Common in research environments
 - Free of usage restrictions and free of charge
 - Good development tools
- Groups manage their own systems and do self support
- Printing is usually pre-configured and automatic
- PCs combined into an NIS cluster
 - Shared login credentials
 - Shared file-systems => home directory may be on a different PC
- DAQ group provides a Linux-PC backup service (amanda)
 - Ask if your files are backed up
- Commercial scientific-software from site-wide share
 - Mathematica, MATLAB, COMSOL (limited), Ansys



Windows Domain and Desktop Support

Within the CCN Group

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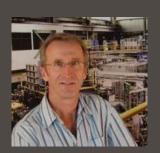
Need Help?
Contact us via the TRIUMF Helpdesk Web site,
https://helpdesk.triumf.ca,
queue = TRWIN Domain and PC Support Group



Orlando



Keith



Rob



Session Topics

- Services provided by the Windows Support Group
- Accounts for Windows
- File storage and printing
- Security
- Backups
- Access from Offsite
- TRIUMF computers versus personal systems
- New System Recommendations
- Getting assistance Helpdesk



Services Provided by the WD&DS Group

- Windows Domain TRWIN
- File Storage
- Printing
- Hardware recommendations, system setup, diagnostics, repairs, spare parts, recycling
- Windows (Vista to Win 10) and application support
- Backups
- Software license management license pools, license distribution, accounting for these
- Windows Remote Desktop Server (TRWINRDS) mostly for Linux or Mac people.
- Remote access to file storage
- Various Windows based servers and services: SEP, WSUS, WebDAV, Solidworks Vault and utilities, Training, Deployment, etc
- Maintain web pages related to these services.



Windows accounts

- Numerous accounts at TRIUMF. Not yet consolidated but soon.
- TRIUMF Windows Domain is called TRWIN.
- TRWIN account name = TRIUMF ID name.
- Most Windows systems are joined to the domain.
 Some exceptions. When logged in with a TRWIN account, you have mapped drives, print server,
 Windows updates, and better support (RDP).
- Access from non-domain systems? Yes but limited.
- Group memberships provide access control.

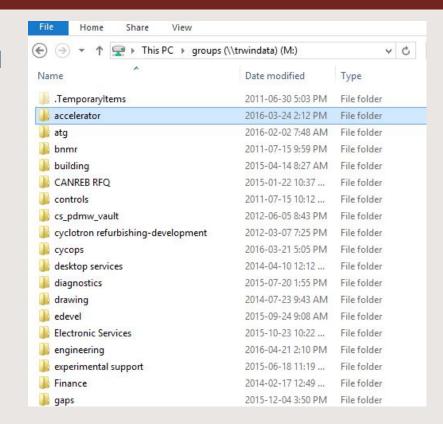


File Storage and Printers

- \\trwindata\groups\.... M: drive,
 Group folders, restricted access based
 on group membership, frequent
 backup
- \\trwindata\users or \users2 H: drive, Home folders, not shared, backed up
- \\trwindata\scratch S: drive, temporary storage, Important: Everyone with TRWIN account has full access. Content is not backed up.
- \\trwindata\apps N: drive, various common apps available for installation

Note: If large amount of space is required, talk to us.

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File Storage and Printers

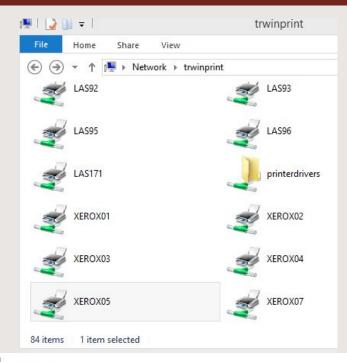
- Accessing TRWINDATA shares from Mac
 - Use Finder
 - Go, Connect to Server
 - Enter as smb://trwindata
- Accessing TRWINDATA shares from Linux
 - Mount with "mount -t cifs '\\trwindata\groups\itservices' /mnt/trwin-it -o user=xxxx"
 - Or use "smbclient -W TRWIN -U xxxx //trwindata/groups"
 - xxxx = trwin username



File Storage and Printers

- TRWINPRINT for use on Windows systems joined to the TRWIN domain. \\\trwinprint
 - Install printer by double-clicking on printer name
- WINPRINT anonymous access print server for non-domain Windows systems. \\\winprint
 - Install printer by double-clicking on printer name

List of printers at http://ccn.triumf.ca/printing/list-printers



#	name	device	model	location	media	sides
1	CLAS10	clas10.triumf.ca	HP LJ 300-400 color M351-M451 Postscript	Directors Office, MOB	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided
2	CLAS11	clas11.triumf.ca	HP LJ 300-400 color M351-M451 Postscript	ISAC-II Room 138	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided
3	CLAS12	clas12.atg.triumf.ca	HP Color LaserJet M553 Postscript	Room 204 Chem Annex	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided
4	CLAS13	clas13.triumf.ca	Samsung CLX-9252 9352 Series PS	Service Annex, 2nd floor	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided
5	CLAS14	clas14.triumf.ca	HP LaserJet 500 color M551 Postscript	Safety Trailer	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided
6	CLAS15	clas15.triumf.ca	HP Color LaserJet cp2025dn pcl3, hpcups 3.15.9	Trailer Mm	na letter 8.5x11in	two-sided



Security

- Email use caution on attachments and links.
- Avoid running with admin privileges.
- TRIUMF account passwords should be strong.
 Don't share it.
- Be cautious on the Web
- Personal devices laptops
 - Disable sharing applications torrents
 - Run AV app clean before connecting to TRIUMF.
 - Keep Windows up to date as well as Java, Adobe apps.



Backups

- TRWIN related storage has backup features running (frequent storage snapshots).
 - The content of Groups, Users, and Users2 are backed up numerous times per day.
- Best option for data protection is to store files in these locations.
- Back up of laptops via ASG Live Navigator.
 Mostly for "on the road" people.
- Backup desktops with Bacula service.
- System imaging for servicing provided in lab by WD&DS group – Macrium Reflect



Access from Offsite

- Most access to TRIUMF resources should be done through VPN. Some examples
 - Remote Desktop to Windows systems
 - Secure FTP
 - Connecting to UBC Services Portal
- Limitations
 - File sharing is blocked



TRIUMF computers vs personal systems

TRIUMF owned PCs

- Standardized systems that we provide service for.
- Most are joined to TRWN domain to provide easier access to resources
- Licensed applications available
- Connection to VLANs allowed
- Backup utilities available

Personal systems

- No support for hardware, OS, or apps
- No backups
- No installation of TRIUMF licensed software
- Cannot be joined to Windows domain
- Minimal network access



New System Recommendations

- If you are required to purchase new computing hardware do review our hardware recommendations page at http://ccn.triumf.ca/pc-hardware/computing-hw-recommendations.
- We can review your needs and find best fit.
- Desktops, workstations, laptops, tablets and accessories. Some customization is OK.
- Purchasing Dept works with our group to ensure ordered systems meet the standards.
- We provide support for recommended system.



Need Assistance - Helpdesk

- All requests for assistance should go through the TRIUMF Helpdesk at https://helpdesk.triumf.ca
 - Some exceptions.
- Please avoid dropping by office or phone calls.
- Helpdesk tickets are preferable to emails.
- Windows and hardware related issues choose "TRWIN Domain and PC Support" queue.
- Login with trmail account or Guest. If Guest, provide contact details in the body of the ticket.



References

- Helpdesk https://helpdesk.triumf.ca
- Computing web pages
 - http://ccn.triumf.ca/
 - http://www.triumf.ca/information-systems-and-technology (under construction)



Social Group Plug

- http://www.triumf.ca/triumf-social-club
- TRIUMF Running Group
- Anyone can join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon

