

The BMC Campus Infrastructure Migration – the individual experience

Starting in late May and running through December 2008, everyone on campus will receive a new computer image, or if they are due, a new computer. About 2-3 weeks prior to your transition, a member of I.S. will visit and

- outline the specific changes that will affect you
- identify any pieces for which you are responsible, such as independently owned software, personal files such as music, pictures, etc.
- show you how to safely back up your data
- schedule (or confirm) the exact date and time of transition
- review any tasks you'll need to do after the transition

During the transition, I.S. will offer classes to help you get acclimated to your new computing environment. We very strongly encourage that you attend.

What will happen on "conversion" weekend:

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| <i>EMAIL & CALENDARING</i> | |
| On "conversion" weekend (June 6-8th) the calendar and webmail will change for everyone. | |
| Everyone... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calendars will move from Meeting Maker to the new web-based "messaging" • will need to manually re-enter recurring and future meetings • will be able to access Meeting Maker (read-only) for at least a year |
| If you... | |
| ...currently use Eudora, Thunderbird, or other email application | you will need to switch to webmail |
| ... currently use webmail exclusively, | you will automatically have access to the new, more powerful webmail. |
| ... use Pine or Elm, | you will need to switch to webmail |
| ... use mail merge into email or offline | you will use Outlook or AppleMail for those functions (but not for calendaring) |

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| access | initially) |
| Note: everyone's email will be stored on the server. We will ensure that everyone has sufficient email storage space for ALL work related needs. | |

What will happen between June and January:

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| <i>OFFICE COMPUTER/LAPTOP</i> | |
| Everyone... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will have a new login password, which will become the same password you use for email and Virtual Bryn Mawr • may find printers' names have changed slightly • may find that some software applications have been upgraded (e.g. MS Office 2007/2008, new versions of Firefox, Safari, and/or Mail) |
| If you use Windows... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your initial computer login screen will look different • Novell-related stuff will go away (e.g. the red N in menus and on desktops) |
| If you use Macintosh OSX... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you will notice some minor changes, most notably a slightly different dock and some speed improvements • With the install of 10.5, you will no longer be able to run OS 9 applications |
| If you use networked storage... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the way you get to your stored files will change slightly • "Netstorage" will be replaced by a different technology for off-campus access |
| If you store files on ada.brynmawr.edu | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you will need to switch to using networked file storage |

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