Athena Initiative – Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device Computing Platform

Introduction

Athena Initiative, is a new cloud based compute platform offered by Ringling College of Art and Design allowing you to access your own "Compute Server" with High-Resolution support and 3D graphics capabilities from almost any device, anywhere, and anytime. No matter where you are, you can log into your own Workstation and access your files as you left them from any device such as Windows Computer, Macintosh, smartphone, or tablet. This solution works like a regular Windows workstation with all applications including 3D applications such as Maya and Zbrush, which are available at the 3D computer laboratories.

Let's face it – hectic schedules require flexibility. We need our academic projects to be accessible from everywhere we are in one convenient place. With this new solution, you have access to your applications and projects any time you need them because they're all stored in our on campus high performance files server.

Benefits

Athena provides free annual hardware and software upgrades for the duration of your academic programs.

Files securely stored on Campus High-Performance files servers accessible from your own "Compute Server" in addition to all computers from academic laboratories. This enables you to work safely if your notebook computer is lost or stolen.

IT-managed regular automated upgrades of latest software and security updates

Includes suite of standard applications to assist you with your daily tasks

Data Backup

Your Project Files saved to your "Computer Server" and changes made to your workstation desktop are backed up nightly. IT can restore lost files from up to 10 days prior.

About Institutional Technology (IT)

Institutional Technology (IT) provides comprehensive IT infrastructure, high performance computing, management, service, and support for Ringling College of Art and Design community. With its wide range of expertise in new and emerging technologies, IT plays a vital role in advancing the institution's mission in design and art education.