

Intro to Computing in the QED - Incoming MA's

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I will provide your QED userID and password at this mini course. This mini course is designed to give you an introduction to the computing facilities and software in the QED. This course will not be exhaustive, but rather, will give you the tools you will need to get started.

Although many of you will have your own computers, it is highly recommended that you use QED resources. The reason is that the QED provides many programs for your use that would be very expensive for you to have personally on your own computer. You can connect remotely to the QED servers from your own computer, and our computers represent an excellent way to back-up your work. You will thank the QED immensely for this if your laptop gets stolen, or your USB key breaks and you would have otherwise lost all your work. If you take advantage of our resources, you will realize that there is an immense amount of computing power available, you just need to know how to use it.

Session one is meant to provide you with enough knowledge of Unix to be able to connect cross platform and issue basic commands. The second session will give an introduction to online research resources, and some useful econometrics and mathematics software.

Session One:

- Email in the QED
- Servers and remote computers
- Working with files and directories
- Printing
- Job control, permissions
- Discussion on X-Windows

Session Two:

- Intro to Ox
- Intro to Stata
- Discussion on econometrics packages
- Intro to Latex