

Logging In

This document explains how to log in to a Bucknell LINUX computer.

Before you can do anything useful with the machine in front of you, you must *log in* to the machine.

The computer is waiting for you to authenticate yourself as a valid user. To do this, you must type in your user name and password. Once the correct entries are entered, you will be *logged in* to the computer. More details about this process can be found by looking in Section 2.1.1 of *The LINUX Documentation* .

To-Do:	Logging In
1. Type in your user name in the user name box 2. Type in your password in the password box	

If things don't work quite as indicated, ask for assistance.

The GNOME Desktop Environment

The GNOME desktop environment is similar to the windowing environment found in personal computers running Microsoft Windows or Apple Mac OS. If you are familiar with either of these two, then the discussion below should revisit points that you know, at least to a certain extent.

The working environment, that is, your computing *desktop* will appear once you have logged in. It will consist of a blue background, sometimes called the *workspace* and a gray bar at the top and bottom of the screen called a *panel*. You will also see three icons on your desktop: a computer representing the computer to which you're logged in and its devices, a little house representing your *home* file folder and a trash can representing the folder for files recently deleted. You should see an arrow on the screen somewhere. This is the mouse pointer, as you would expect with a window-based system such as this.

The Internet

You should already be familiar with a web browser — Firefox, Safari or Internet Explorer, most likely. Our LINUX systems support Mozilla and Firefox. We strongly recommend that you use Firefox.

Most course materials for CSCI 203 will be available from the CSCI 203 course website. You should visit this page often using Firefox browser.

To-Do: Firefox Browser

1. Left-click on the **Firefox** icon on the top panel.
2. Type the URL for the course website into the browser.

`http://www.eg.bucknell.edu/~csci203`
3. On the CSCI 203 web page, you should see a link for today's lab. Click on this link.

We will be making future labs available through the CSCI 203 web page. Therefore, you should visit this website often, probably daily. It is a good idea to create a *bookmark* (Internet Explorer would call it a *Favorite*) for the main CSCI 203 page for future use.

To-Do: Bookmarking the Course Website

1. With CSCI course web page in your Firefox browser, left-click once on the **Bookmarks** menu.
2. When you see a list of menu options, left-click once on the menu choice **Bookmark this page ...**

You should start reading the lab description and performing the exercises described within.