

Computing preparedness for Semester 1 2021/2022

- Lab usage
 - Distancing
 - proxy to capacity
 - must set capacity based on 1m
 - not moving lab computing desktops
 - Joy's group will set maximum capacity per room
 - Noted that students using laptops, or indeed otherwise studying in the labs, will count towards capacity
- Taught lab sessions
 - gaps between bookings
 - currently just normal 10 minutes gap
 - concern regarding queuing outside labs
 - no guidance yet from University
- Guidance re personal equipment (eg laptops)
 - Continue recommending students bringing laptop...
 - Does our wording need updated?
 - Explain that desktops are available...
 - **Tim will check / update wording**
 - University laptop scheme?
 - **Alastair to check whether still running...**
- Remote provision
 - Remote desktop (UUN.remote.inf.ed.ac.uk)
 - Continue
 - Lab desktop (UUN.lab.inf.ed.ac.uk)
 - Keep for those desktops out-of-service due to capacity limits
 - Might need some capacity for students who are self-isolating or students who can't be local to Edinburgh
- Tutorials
 - no capability for hybrid in Semester 1
 - issue with students who may be self-isolating
 - do we want / need for Semester 2
 - waiting for news from University
 - noted long lead time in preparing spaces
- Introduction to DICE lecture
 - Learn course - has been revised
 - feedback suggests this was popular last year (300 students enrolled)
 - **Alastair check that learn course is referenced from computing.help**
 - Face to face not planned
- IT support
 - online / in person with screen (need hours) / on-line chat
 - **Alastair fill in times proposed**
 - Considering how to improve our comms to students
 - **Alastair to check whether IS mobile clinics running...**
 - Should we have a piazza mechanism for student support - particularly self help

- peer support re initial setup
 - Alastair check this referenced from [computing.help](#)
- Online services
 - Gradescope - still in use
 - Piazza - still in use
 - CodeGrade - still in use
- PGRs
 - BioMed CDT - bought their own laptops
 - NLP CDT - bought their own laptops
 - Non CDT - we have sufficient laptops in stock (at moment)
 - RAS CDT still haven't bought their equipment despite frequent prods
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 - Five compute servers were purchased
 - Office desktop compute option still being investigated - but probably not urgent
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