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This document will help you to set up your mac in the IAC/ETH environment. Please read it carefully.

- Sign in and change the default password of your Macinstosh Computer. Choose a secure one as your keychain is also protected by this password:
  The **default user** is always the **ETH username** and the default password is your **ETH username:the current year'** (e.g. mrbird:2020).

Create your MFA (Multi Factor Authentication). If you have not yet received your password letter or you do not know your initial password, please contact Gwen (or iac-it@env.ethz.ch).

- Open https://password.ethz.ch/qrcode
- Login with initial password
- Take photo or screenshot of QR code (and/or copy code) and store it in a safe place!
- Open your authenticator app on your mobile device
- Enter QR code (or code). You have now the possibility to login and use MFA (Multi Factor Authentication).
- Login to https://password.ethz.ch with initial password and as second authentication the code provided by the authenticator app
- In case the login with the initial password does not work, on https://password.ethz.ch click on "Forgot your password?"
- Log into your ETH account (https://password.ethz.ch/). **Immediately enter your password recovery data**. Set the **two** passwords for the two main password groups: One for mail, eth services, polybox... and the other for VPN, WLAN (Radius server). They have to be different!

- Macs connect automatically to the ETH WLAN (eth and eth5) via certificate, Eduroam can be used where available when you are traveling please follow these steps Click here, please!

- Configure your ETHZ email Account.

- If you plan to work from outside ETH, you will need to configure VPN.

- To share data you may want to use Polybox (a Dropbox analog).

- Configure the printer closest to your office and maybe a spare one on another floor.

- Open the ETH Self Service App (Application Folder) and install programs you would like to have (Firefox, Gimp, "LibreOffice" to name a few)

- If you want to use Office365 applications, you must acquire a Microsoft Cloud Subscription first.

- You might also want to use Adobe products. Since these programs are expensive, please consider alternatives like Preview, Adobe Acrobat Reader or Affinity products first, before you order Adobe

Creative Cloud Desktop (Adobe CCD).!

- If you need another paid program, please contact Gwen. I will either make it available in the ETH Self Service app and you can then install it or install it directly on your mac.

- You can find more detailed information about IT on our wiki pages. If you need help, do not hesitate to contact with me one of our IT team if I am not available.

- IAC offers you a 400GB disk space for Time Machine backup. The backup is done over the network. If you want to backup your most precious folders, please contact Gwen Raubal, to activate the service.

For any other or additional questions concerning ETH and IT, have a look at the ETH First Steps - IT Knowledge Base

Please let me know if you find any errors in this documentation so I can keep it up-to-date. Thanks.

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