

MLC Microsoft Account Transition

We are transitioning to Microsoft-backed MLC Accounts ... keep up with that transition here!

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Overview

Starting in October 2026 and lasting through Summer 2027, MLC will be transitioning to using Microsoft-backed authentication and directory services for all MLC Accounts. This page has an overview of the entire project, links to updates on where we are, and information on all of the various stages including information on what is happening and some troubleshooting steps and things to know!

All times and specific tasks are subject to change as we figure things out. [Reach out to IT Services](#) if you want more information.

Where We Are

- Two (or three) main accounts:
 - MLC Account (eDirectory) for OES Client, Filr, Portal, Moodle, etc.
 - MLC Google Workspace Account for Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Drive, etc.
 - Local account if using laptop
- OES Client for direct file access and Filr for access off campus
- iPrint for printing
- No consistent secure access (e.g. multi-factor authentication, passkeys)

Where We Are Going

- One MLC Account to access most things (e.g. Portal, Moodle, files, your computer, Gmail)
- Microsoft OneDrive for personal files and SharePoint for collaboration
- PaperCut only for printing
- Consistent secure access via modern authentication methods (e.g. passkeys, TOTP)
- Microsoft Intune for workstation management from anywhere
- Google services will still be around but will access with MLC Account credentials

Stages

Stage 1: Faculty & Staff Access

- **Timeframe:** October 2026

Things To Do

- Active faculty & staff members will gain access to their new MLC Microsoft Accounts
 - Will include setting up secure access to account (e.g multi-factor authentication)
 - Stay tuned for in-person options for training and getting set up
 - **NO CHANGE** for your current MLC Account or MLC Google Workspace Account ... this is a third account
- How we print on campus will be changing (also be on the lookout for this)
- More detailed information will be sent in the near future
- Coincides with the launch of our internal communications platform (accounts are required to view)

Stage 2: Student Access & Web Authentication Transition

- **Timeframe:** January 2027

Things To Do

- Students gain access
- Web services transition to new Microsoft-backed MLC Accounts and old eDirectory-backed accounts are dubbed Legacy MLC Accounts
- New licensing model for Microsoft technologies

Stage 3: Files & Collaboration Transition

- **Timeframe:** January - June 2027

Things To Do

- Transition most on-premises files from OES file servers to OneDrive and SharePoint
- Work with departments on their collaboration needs
- Sunset Legacy MLC Accounts

Stage 4: Google Authentication Transition

- **Timeframe:** Summer 2027

Things To Do

- Switch Google Workspace authentication to use MLC Accounts

Stage 5: Refinement

- **Timeframe:** Summer 2027 and beyond ...

Things To Do

- Investigate and implement additional changes to improve user experience and provide more services

Updates & FAQs

Posted Updates

- [video]

Frequently Asked Questions

If I have a WELS Cloud account, do I still need to maintain it?

Yes, at this time you will need to maintain a WELS Cloud account and an MLC Account even after we have completed the transition. If that changes, we will let you know.

Stage 1: Faculty & Staff Access

Information, instructions, and updates on Stage 1 will be posted here in the future!