Dalhousie University
Faculty of Computer Science

Public Access
Faculty of Computer Science promotes the learning and use of computers throughout all fields of study. Towards this end, the CS building has a policy granting public access to some of our resources. This policy tries to balance the needs of computer science students, the needs of the Dalhousie community, the resources of the Faculty and the security of the computer science systems. Thus, the policy is:

"The PCs will be available for public access. This includes access to all software available on the PCs except for specially licensed software such as Matlab. The only PCs excluded from this list are those in Learning Centre, since only students who require help with their course work should be using these machines. Public access will be provided by creating an account on LDAP. The account will be put in the public access group and have an account name similar to pacct001. These accounts will be deleted at the end of every term, and the user will need to request a new account to continue to have access to the Computer Science facilities. It is not possible for the public access accounts to print from our systems."

More specifically, the policy for public access accounts is:

1. Computer Science students take precedence. If you are asked to leave or move by the Help Desk or Tech Support staff, please accede to the request.
2. Occasionally the rooms are booked for classes. All users must observe these bookings, and must give up their computer.
3. All users must follow the University Wide Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and the FCSLocal Computer Usage Policy. All public-access accounts will be deleted at the end of each term. To continue to use the Faculty’s facilities, a new application must be made at the start of each term.
Failure to follow these policies will result in deletion of the public account.