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Please read this entire message.

1) Additional account notes and e-mail forwarding:

Please first read through the "ECE Workstations Lab Introduction" to find out about your course account. This includes details such as your account username, the initial account password, the Lab room locations, how to access the machines remotely, and who to contact about basic account problems.

Using the CAD tools from "off-site" is permitted, as long as you do not transfer any technology data off the ECE computers. Most of the CAD tools require a full GUI interface rather than just a command line, and VNC (as noted in the Introduction) is the most straightforward way to achieve this on your off-site machine.

Your account is subject to all UofT policies. Information is available at

<<http://wiki.ece.utoronto.ca/doku.php/userdoc:policies>>

When e-mailing me questions about restricted technology or our CAD tools, please use a UofT e-mail address. If you send me e-mail from an off-campus account, I will either (a) not respond, or (b) request payment for my consulting services to my PayPal account before I respond to your questions.
(I'm expensive ;-)

When we add you to a restricted technology group for a course, this is set up *only* on the Workstations Lab computers. If you also want access on an ECE Tier-1 research computer as well, please send a note to ECE's Research Computing support at "ecehelp@ece.utoronto.ca" to request access to the specific technology group, and indicate which ECE research computer/network you want to use.

2) Added to the restricted group:

You have been added to one of the restricted UNIX groups (tsmc65nm) on one or more of the VRG, EECG, ELE or Workstations Lab networks, as per your UofT Confidential Information and Intellectual Property Agreement.

This provides you with access to *two* TSMC 65nm CMOS processes. The original version (crn65lp) is no longer available for fabrication, so if you want real chips

you will have to use "crn65gp", the general purpose RF technology (using the older Cadence IC5), or "ic6-crn65gp" for the newer Cadence IC6 using the OpenAccess database

You can find if you have been added to the list by using

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% grep {username} /etc/group
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and verifying that your login-name appears in the requested group. (Note that this won't work on Workstations Lab machines, which use LDAP for user account information.)

You can verify that you have been granted access by typing the command

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% groups
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and looking for the requested group in the returned list. (This may take up to an hour or so for the changes to take effect; if the change is made while you are logged-in, you will have to logout and login again to acquire access to the restricted group.)

We recommend that any work done in this technology be kept in a directory which is protected such that only *you* have access. One way to do this is to issue the following commands (for the CRN65GP technology, for example):

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% mkdir ~/CRN65GP  
% chmod 700 ~/CRN65GP  
% ls -ld ~/CRN65GP
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drwx----- 2 jaro 512 Mar 11 11:34 /ic0/jaro/CRN65GP
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Note that the permissions should show "drwx-----", indicating

- "d" for directory,
- "rwx" for read-write-execute permissions for the owner,
- "---" no access to "group", and
- "---" no access to "other" users.

To start Cadence IC5 tools,

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% cd ~/CRN65GP  
% source /CMC/tools/CSHRCs/Cadence  
% startCds -t crn65gp
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To start Cademce IC6 tools:

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% mkdir $HOME/IC6CRN65GP  
% chmod 700 $HOME/IC6CRN65GP  
% cd $HOME/IC6CRN65GP  
% startCds -t ic6-crn65gp
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Information for this technology is stored under the directory

/CMC/kits/tsmc65nm

Older versions might still be available, under

/CMC/kits/tsmc65nm.{something_else}

You might also find some useful information in the file named

/CMC/kits/tsmc65nm/==README.jaro.quickstart

- jaro

p.s. If you really want to use the previous low-power version of the technology (despite no planned fabrication runs) you can use "startCds -t crn65lp", and refer to the older versions of the "==README" files with the "old_CRN65LP" suffices.

If you are gaining access for a course, access to CAD tool licenses should have been arranged by your instructor.

If you are gaining access for research, you must arrange for access to CAD tool licenses yourself. Please follow the instructions at

http://www.vrg.utoronto.ca/~jaro/VRG/licenses/CMC_subscription.txt
under "Grad students and researchers".