Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) is announcing deadlines for its support of certain versions of the Macintosh operating system. As of January 11, 2005, NUIT will no longer support Mac OS 10 and 10.1. Departments and schools with Mac OS 10 and 10.1 systems are encouraged to upgrade to Mac 10.3.

University deadlines for support of operating systems are influenced by the availability of key features, security issues, vendor support life-cycles, and/or necessary compatibility with important applications. Support for Mac OS 10 and 10.1 is primarily ending because these operating systems do not support Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encryption technology for Northwestern's primary e-mail client, Eudora. NUIT will require all users to switch to SSL by January 2005 in order to establish a more secure e-mail environment for the Northwestern community. More information about this switch is available at http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/phase_kerberos.html.

Please note: There are minimum hardware requirements to upgrade to Mac OS 10.3. Please review Apple's Web site (http://www.apple.com/macosx/upgrade/requirements.html) for specific guidelines.

NUIT also provides guidelines for personal and departmental purchases of computers, software, and peripherals at http://www.it.northwestern.edu/guidelines/mac-hw.html.

For more information or assistance, please call the NUIT Support Center at 847-491-HELP (4357), e-mail us at consultant@northwestern.edu, or speak with your local technical support person.

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