

Practical Information (revised)

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Digital Media Center Lab information:

The Lab is in Dodge Hall, Room 301, and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your Columbia ID card will gain swipe admission to the Lab.

Matt Shapoff runs the Lab facility, and is available to help with technical questions, hardware issues, etc. His office is next door to the Lab, and he can be reached at 212-854-5315 or by e-mail at ms2086@columbia.edu.

The facility is equipped with 10 Macintosh G4/400 computers, each with a DVD-RAM drive (reads CD-ROMs, DVD-ROMs and reads and writes DVD-RAM cartridges) and an NTSC video monitor for working with digital video. A full suite of current multimedia software applications is loaded on each machine. It is strongly recommended you buy your own external hard drive, either FireWire or USB, for transporting personal materials. These drives can be easily connected to any of the Lab Macs while you're working. *Do not* count on leaving your work on the Lab machines, as they are restarted and their disk images initialized on a regular basis – your files will be erased. A file server will be available for our use in this course – details to follow.

Frequent backups are *strongly* recommended. DVD-RAM cartridges or CD-R's are options for storing and backing up your personal materials. At present, a CD-R burner is available from Matt Shapoff for this purpose. Additional burners may be acquired later on.

In addition to the G4's, there are 5 iMac DV's and 1 PowerMac 8500 in the Lab. These have the same software and nearly the same capability as the G4's, and are suitable for doing any of the work in the course with the exception of the highest quality digital video production.