In computer networking, a Media Access Control address (MAC address) is a unique identifier assigned to most network adapters or network interface cards (NICs) by the manufacturer for identification. You may think of it as an electronic fingerprint. Each MAC address contains a unique set of characters and looks something like this: 00-31-82-CD-9A-G7. Please make sure that you accurately record both of the MAC addresses for the wired and wireless when completing the Student Wireless Request Form or responding to inquiries about your MAC addresses. Instructions for finding your laptop MAC addresses are provided below on the following operating systems:

- Windows Vista or XP/2000
- Mac OS 10.5 (Leopard)
- Mac OS 10.4 – 10.1 (Tiger and earlier)

If you need assistance finding the MAC address on other mobile devices, then please contact the Technology Information Center (TIC) on the Washington Street Campus in Russell Hall, Room 121, (806) 371-5100; or the TIC office on the West Campus in Building B, Room 120, (806) 354-6001.

**Windows Vista or XP/2000**

1. Click the START button and choose the RUN command from the START menu.
2. Type `cmd` in the blank box. Click ENTER.
3. In the command prompt window, type `ipconfig /all`.
4. Record the Wired and Wireless Physical Address (see image below).

Please note: Wired and Wireless MAC addresses are different.
Mac OS 10.4 - 10.1

Look under Ethernet ID for the Wired Connection and the Airport ID for the Wireless Connection.

1. From the Apple menu, choose SYSTEM PREFERENCES, and then select NETWORK.
2. Choose Built-in Ethernet on the Show pop-up menu, then the right most tab called Ethernet.
3. Write down the Ethernet ID; this is your wired MAC address (also known as physical address).
4. To find the wireless MAC address, select Airport from the pull-down menu.
MACINTOSH OS 10.5 (Leopard)

Look under Ethernet ID for the Wired Connection and the Airport ID for the Wireless Connection.

1. From the Apple menu, choose System Preferences > Network.
2. Make sure the Ethernet button on the right is selected.
3. Write down the Ethernet ID; this is your wired MAC address (also known as a physical or hardware address).
4. To find the wireless MAC address, select Airport from the left.

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