How to get access to statistical applications

During your time at the School of Social Work, you most likely will take a lab class such as Introduction to SPSS and/or need access to statistical applications. This document has important information that will help you get access to statistical applications in the School of Social Work Room 18 Lab and RC (Research Commons) student access computers.

SPSS and other costly statistical applications are not installed on the Room 18 Lab or RC computers since these applications are accessed using a remote terminal server service provided by CSDE (Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology) Computing group and funded by the UW Student Technology Fee.

Before the first day of your SSW Lab class, students (faculty have SPSS is on the lab instructor computers) will need to request an account from the CSDE computing group at this website: https://csde.washington.edu/computing/

What you can expect:

- Your CSDE account creation is automated and your account will be created within 15 minutes.
- You will receive an email that will confirm your account is created.
- When you create your account, you will be asked to authorize CSDE as your support organization and then you will need to say “Yes” to this question.
- You will be asked to pick a terminal server;
  - You can pick any one of the three CSDE terminal servers.
  - All three servers run the same software.
  - You can work within two different terminal servers at one given time.
  - You are not restricted to use one server, you can use all three servers if you choose to.
- It is recommended that everyone in a LAB class is not on the same terminal server, therefore we ask that you please login to the terminal server that corresponds with the row you are sitting in.
- Drive U: is your personal (home) folder, you can store your files there and your data is backed up.
- U: drive will be mounted for you when you login to the terminal server.
- Your U: drive will be the same on any CSDE terminal server you log into.
- In the SSW Room 18 Lab, and RC, you will see a shortcut on the desktop for each of the 3 CSDE terminal servers.

Helpful Information about CSDE Terminal Services:

- FAQ’s https://csde.washington.edu/computing/faq/
- List of available Software: https://csde.washington.edu/computing/resources/terminal-server-software/
- Resources: https://csde.washington.edu/computing/resources/
- Tutorials: https://csde.washington.edu/computing/tutorials/

For more information, please contact sswtech@uw.edu.