How is my new University Mac different from my old Mac?

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After April 2017, if you get a new Mac or your Mac gets a new software image, you will see the following changes:

1. **Sophos Antivirus** is protecting the computer.
2. You will be prompted to **Accept** the University's policy agreement when you log in.
3. **Apple Enterprise Connect** is installed and will sync the Mac local password with your NinerNET password. See this FAQ for more details.
4. The H drive (personal network space) and S drive (departmental network shares) will mount on the desktop.
5. To enhance security, the following changes have been made:
   1. Laptops are encrypted. See this FAQ for more details.
   2. The screensaver will automatically come on after 15 minutes of inactivity and you will need to re-enter your NinerNET password to unlock.
   3. **Parental Controls** have been disabled so that machine accounts cannot be created.
   4. **Profiles** are disabled so that the machine can be centrally managed.
   5. **Sharing Preferences** are disabled so that other services cannot access the device.
   6. The automatic syncing of documents and data to iCloud has been disabled so that university data is not stored in iCloud.
   7. Automatic login has been disabled.
   8. Applications will get patched on logout.
   9. The firewall has been enabled.
   10. Only apps from the Mac App Store and identified developers are allowed to be installed.

Info

New Macs will log users off after 8 hours of inactivity. This ensures that your computer stays up-to-date and secure.

**Related FAQs**

- What is Apple Enterprise Connect?
- How do I mount my H: drive on my University Mac computer?
- How do I map/mount my J: or S: drive on my University computer?
- How do I access H, J, or S drives from off campus using a personal Mac computer?
- How do I surplus a University iPad?