Utilizing the Virtual Computing Lab (VCL)
What is the VCL?

- The VCL is a cloud-based service run jointly by Illinois Tech and Apporto, a software virtualization vendor.
- This service allows users to access a selection of application (apps) licensed to the university that is accessible from any internet-enabled device.
- The service is available on or off campus to all active members of the Illinois Tech community, 24/7.
VCL Access

- Users will only see apps that they are authorized to access.
- Accessibility to certain titles may be reserved at certain times, due to teaching demand.
- Apps loaded are currently licensed university software. Freeware titles are not available at this time.
- Linux virtual machines will be available in a later release.
Launching VCL

- Please logon to your Access Illinois Tech Portal, and select the “VCL Apporto” icon from the My Apps list.

- Please click on “Login” on the following webpage, then enter your myIIT Portal credentials, if requested.
Apporto Interface

- The interface will launch by default to the app list.
- To utilize the app of your choice, click on “Launch” underneath the desired app.
- If multimonitor mode is desired, click on the dropdown arrow and click on “Multimonitor Mode”.
- A Windows 10 desktop will appear after several seconds.
Saving Your Work

- Once the instance expires or you log out, work saved to the instance will be lost or unrecoverable.
- If you are involuntarily disconnected, your work will be recoverable for up to 15 minutes from the disconnection.
- OTS advises all users to save their work often to Google Drive. This can be done via Google Chrome, or by the process outlined on the next slide.
Using Cloud Mounter

- Cloud Mounter mounts your Google Drive to a virtual local Gdrive, which can be accessed via File Explorer in the remote instance.
- This allows for more rapid file backup to Google Drive.
- If you are not comfortable granting Apporto access to utilize this service, please utilize Google Drive through Google Chrome.
- To launch Cloud Mounter, click on the icon on the virtual desktop.
Using Cloud Mounter (cont.)

- Select “Google Drive”, then select “Connect Now”.

![Image of Cloud Mounter interface showing Google Drive selected and Connect Now button]
Using Cloud Mounter (cont.)

- Sign in with your Illinois Tech email address, and utilize your myIIT Portal credentials.
Using Cloud Mounter (cont.)

- **IMPORTANT:** If you do not agree to these terms, do **NOT** use Cloud Mounter, but utilize Drive via Google Chrome.
- Confirm the following permissions for Cloud Mounter.

![Confirm your choices](image)
Using Cloud Mounter (end)

- Google Drive will now be mounted, and be usable as a local drive within the streamed app.
Printing from VCL

- We will have the IIT B/W and Color release queues loaded in a later incarnation.
- For the time being, please go to print.iit.edu and utilize WebPrint.
Questions and Concerns

- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OTS Support Desk at supportdesk@iit.edu
- Please reference VCL in your subject line to assist in the incident being routed to the correct team.