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# How to Authenticate for Adobe Apps with Named User Licenses

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Warning

You must secure a **named user license** through the **Information Technology department** before you can use **Adobe's Creative Cloud** apps on your own computer. **Licenses** are limited and are **reserved for faculty and staff** use. Contact the IT Helpdesk at 541-552-6900 if you are a student in need of access to **Adobe Creative Cloud**. We will help you locate a computer lab where we have **Adobe Creative Cloud** installed.

**Named user licenses** entitle you to use all of **Adobe's Creative Cloud** apps, including **Adobe Acrobat Pro DC** for **PDFs**, using your **SOU email address** and **password**. If you think you need a **named user license** but you don't yet have one, contact your [Computing Coordinator](#).

Note

When using **Adobe's** apps on a computer with a **Shared Device license**, such as a **shared student workstation** or a **lab computer**, you will be prompted to **authenticate** when **first launching** the apps.

You can sign in using your SOU credentials, after installing an app by following the below instructions.

## Step 1 - Sign in with your SOU email address

You should be presented with **Adobe's** login screen. Use your full **SOU email address**.

# Sign in

New user? [Create an account](#)


1


Email address  
racod@sou.edu


2

Continue

Or

 Continue with Google

 Continue with Facebook

 Continue with Apple

## Note

If you are given the choice between using your **Personal Account** or your **Company or School Account** in this step, choose the **Company or School Account** option. You will only see both options if you have previously created a **personal Adobe account** using your **SOU email address**.

# Select an account

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Email address

dizmangc@sou.edu



Personal Account



Company or School Account



[Sign in with a different email address](#)

## Step 3 - Authenticate with your SOU credentials

The link in the previous step will redirect you to a new sign-in page where you should enter your **SOU email address** (e.g. [racod@sou.edu](mailto:racod@sou.edu)). As soon as you try to enter your **password**, the app will redirect you to our familiar **SOU login services page** where you should enter your **credentials**.