

SIPB Office Services

What W20-557 can do for you

All of the following SIPB services are free and available from the SIPB office, W20-557, whenever it is open.

• Staplers! (and other office tools)

Since the SIPB office is conveniently located next to the Athena Cluster in the Student Center, we provide the immensely popular stapler service on a table just inside the door to the office. You are welcome to drop in to use our staplers, hole punch, or scissors. One of our staplers can even staple through 200 pages.

• Best-Effort Tech Support

If you ask, SIPB will try to answer. We specialize in questions about Athena, but we also help with other computer issues when we are able to do so. Feel free to contact us in-person (W20-557), by phone (617-253-7788), by e-mail (sipb@mit.edu), or by zephyr (class sipb). Please remember that we are a volunteer group and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to help you.

• Documentation

We distribute documentation electronically and in containers in the SIPB office. The documentation covers a variety of computing topics, including Athena, LATEX, Matlab, and Zephyr.

• Equipment: Scanner, Film Scanner, and External DVD/CDROM burner

The SIPB office owns a scanner, a film scanner, and an external DVD/CDROM burner that you are welcome to use. We also have a Windows machine (with MS Office), an iMac (with Photoshop, Illustrator, and MS Office), and various older platforms (SGI, Alpha, and VAX) that are sometimes available for anyone to use. Feel free to visit the office and ask us about them.

• Books

The office contains a small library of books that you may use while you are in the room. We have books on LATEX, Matlab, programming languages (including Perl, Python, Java, and C/C++), and many other topics.

• Conversation?

If you think that you might be interested in joining SIPB, you are welcome to come to the office and use one of our computers whenever it is open. Feel free to introduce yourself and talk to the people in the office. They only *look* busy.

What is SIPB? The Student Information Processing Board (SIPB, pronounced sip-bee) is MIT's volunteer student group dedicated to computing. SIPB has, in one form or another, been working on improving computing at MIT since 1969. Today, SIPB contributes to MIT computing by sponsoring interesting projects that provide additional services or expertise to the MIT community. We have an office just outside the Athena cluster in the MIT Student Center, and you are welcome to one to the office to ask us for help or to hang around and use our computers.