Thin and Zero Clients

Thin and Zero Clients provide several benefits over traditional computers:

- Much lower cost than a traditional PC
- Takes very little space on your desktop—about the size of a paperback book (or smaller)
- Uses under 7 watts of electrical power, more than 10 times less than a typical desktop computer
- Totally silent in operation, no fans, no spinning hard drives
- No moving parts mean a longer expected working life
- All software updates and upgrades happen on the server and not the client, enabling much faster software and operating system updates
- It is less likely that you will get a virus with a thin client—there is greater amount of security protecting your desktop on the server—however, if you should get a virus the turn-around time to restore your desktop is much quicker than a traditional PC
- Your documents are securely stored on a University server and backed up automatically (staff and faculty only)
- Your desktop can follow you across campus if needed—logging in to another client will bring up your office desktop and all your settings
- Your client will be set-up to print to a Ricoh printer or Ricoh multi-fuction copier