

Can CECIL Teach the Teacher?

The perspective of an occasional staff user trying to figure out what use CECIL could be and how to use it

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How do I get started with CECIL?

<http://www.cecil.edu/>

Cecil

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Student login

NetID/UPI

NetPassword

First letter of your first name plus first three letters of your surname plus a three digit number.

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Notices

4 June 2003

To Login to Cecil you would need:

- *Your NetID (eg: jblo001)
- *Your NetPassword (Same Password that you use for logging into NetAccount and Student Webmail)

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Help

Need help to use Cecil...

Documentation, online tutorial, training section, timetable, F.A.Q and more.

- ▶ Student Help
- ▶ Staff Help
- ▶ Report Problems
- ▶ Email Helpdesk

Suggestion Box

Bug report and suggestions...

At Cecil we are always looking for ideas on how to make your learning easier. So please give us your feedback to help us improve our service.

Cecil Explorer

CE on the Internet...

CE is available as a web based application through your web browser. With a web browser and the plugins you are ready to go. No other specific software is required.

Usage Report

The reports are updated daily...

[Links](#)

- nDeva**
- UoA Library**
- Student WebMail**
- NetAccount**
- Information Commons**

This says Staff Help so let's start here

Students would probably try this...

Staff Help

<http://www.cecil.edu:8080/help/default.htm>

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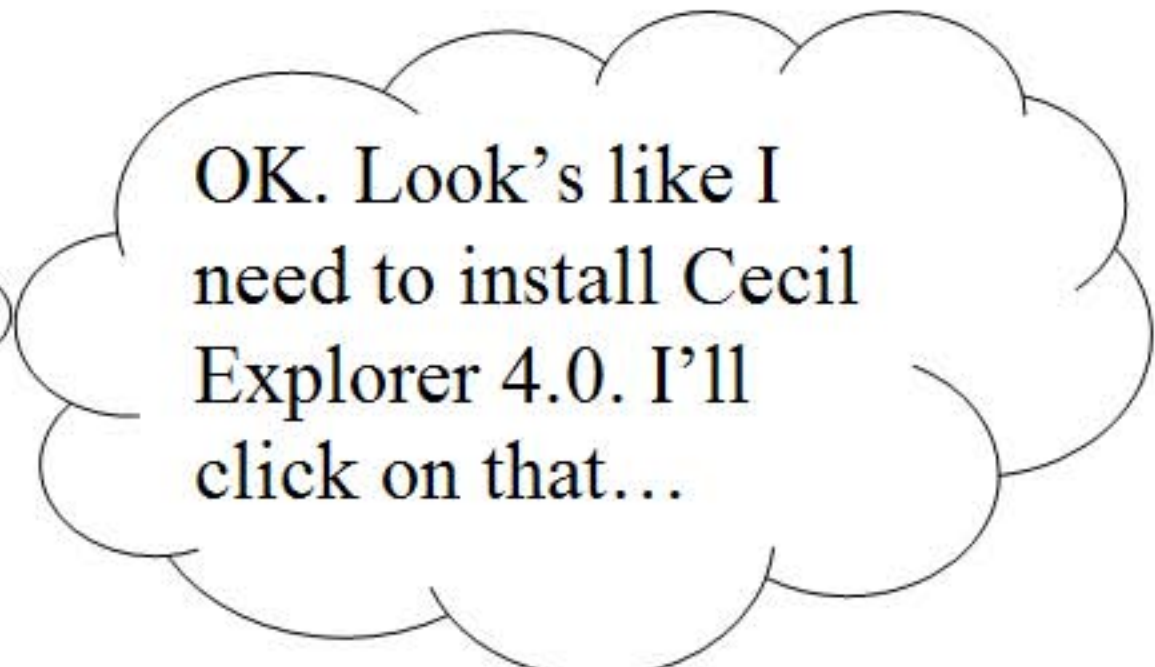
online manual

Check out our Online Help Manual for technical support, valuable instructions, and more! →

resources

Support documentation for Cecil Explorer. →

Install the Cecil Explorer 4.0 application →



OK. Look's like I need to install Cecil Explorer 4.0. I'll click on that...

Let's install CECIL

<http://www.cecil.edu:8080/help/resources.htm#ce>

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Version 4.0?

Ah. Version 4.2!
But that's not the
full story..

Scroll up and we seem to be
at Version 4.3. Click on
"Install Cecil Explorer 4.3 ?"
and we go back to Version
4.2 screen above!

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WebCE

For all Windows users, please use [WebCE](#) from now : ([Instructions in Word](#) for installing and running Cecil Explorer 4.2)

Citrix ICA Clients

- [Cecil Explorer 4.2 for Windows 2000](#) (This is for Windows 2000 only) ○ ○ ○
- To install Cecil Explorer for other Windows versions, such as Windows 95, 98, ME, NT or XP. [Citrix ICA Clients for Windows 9x/ME/NT/XP](#) (with [Instructions in Word](#) for setting up manual connections for Cecil Explorer 4)
- [Instruction for Installing Citrix ICA Clients for Mac](#). (updated 24.03.2003)
(You will need to follow the instructions for downloading the Citrix Client, installation, and set up).
Note: Please contact [Cecil Helpdesk](#) if you are using any other operating system.

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Resources

- New Release Documentation for Cecil Explorer 4.3 | Click [here](#)
- Would you like to install Cecil Explorer 4.3 ? Click [here](#) ○ ○ ○
- Would you like to download the user manual? Click [here](#)
- Would you like to download the (training) worksheets? Click [here](#)
- Would you like to download the (student)pamphlet/poster? Click [here](#)
- Looking for other things? Try [here](#).

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Actually the secret is...

The screenshot shows the 'Cecil Explorer Help' website. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Online Manual', and 'Feedback'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Welcome' section with a description of Cecil, a photo of a child at a computer, and links to 'online manual', 'resources', and 'online tutorial'. The right column features a 'Message of the Day' section with a red header 'Marks Email Error from Cecil'. The message explains an error where marks were incorrectly emailed to users. A red warning states: 'The marks are all still correct and have not been changed (other than the marks that you, yourself, have changed)'. Below this, it says 'This is an annoyance error, and we have the developers looking into it. This error will be resolved for the new release in 2-3 weeks time.' and 'Sorry for the inconvenience.' At the bottom of the right column, there is a 'Cecil Helpdesk' section with a link 'Start WebCE' and the text 'Launch and use CE through your browser.' A speech bubble points to this link with the text 'Ignore the other stuff and click this!'.

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Welcome

Cecil is aimed at supporting academics and their students by providing a highly flexible and reliable system for communication and access to information. Cecil offers useful aids such as self-assessment with immediate feedback, in the form of Online Tests, which help to facilitate successful learning. Cecil is a web based information system available to supplement any course within the University of Auckland.



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online manual

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resources

Support documentation for Cecil Explorer. →
Install the Cecil Explorer 4.0 application →

online tutorial

Check out these online exercises that take you through selected Cecil Explorer functions. →

Message of the Day

Marks Email Error from Cecil

There is an error in Cecil at the moment that when you change a mark in Cecil or even just put a new mark for a student, You will be sent a email from Cecil, explaining that marks for all your students have been changed, even when no mark for the student has been changed.

The marks are all still correct and have not been changed (other than the marks that you, yourself, have changed)

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Cecil Helpdesk

→ [Start WebCE](#)
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Ignore the other stuff and click this!

This is Where Students Might Start

Did you notice this?

Don't click this
it doesn't go
anywhere



access Cecil Explorer (CE) through your Web browser, you simply need your Web browser and plug-ins installed. Note that Cecil Explorer is ONLY available to staff who have access to an account setup with Cecil. To set up an account, please contact Cecil Helpdesk.



For Windows Users (Win32 Client)

1. After installing the plug-in, right click on the Cecil Explorer 4 icon -> Save Target As
2. Then save the ce4.ica file onto the Desktop (or another directory that you prefer)
3. Then double click on the ce4.ica file that you've saved to start Web CE

Having problems starting Cecil Explorer 4 on Internet Explorer? Click [here](#) for details.

To run Cecil Explorer 4 over the Internet, you need

- Netscape Navigator/Communicator 4.7 or higher for Windows 98/NT/2000/XP, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.01 or higher for Windows 98/NT/2000/XP
- Internet Connection
- Install Plug-in

This is what
Staff need

Cecil Explorer
or WebCE?

Email to Don Sheridan 28 June 2001

Don Sheridan wrote:

"Student portal is not the same as the academic access."

Nick Holford replied:

"Very true. But the Cecil login page and the Cecil Explorer page do not give any clue to this distinction. Much to my frustration. 5 minutes work to fix this..."

Email to Sally Liu 28 June 2001

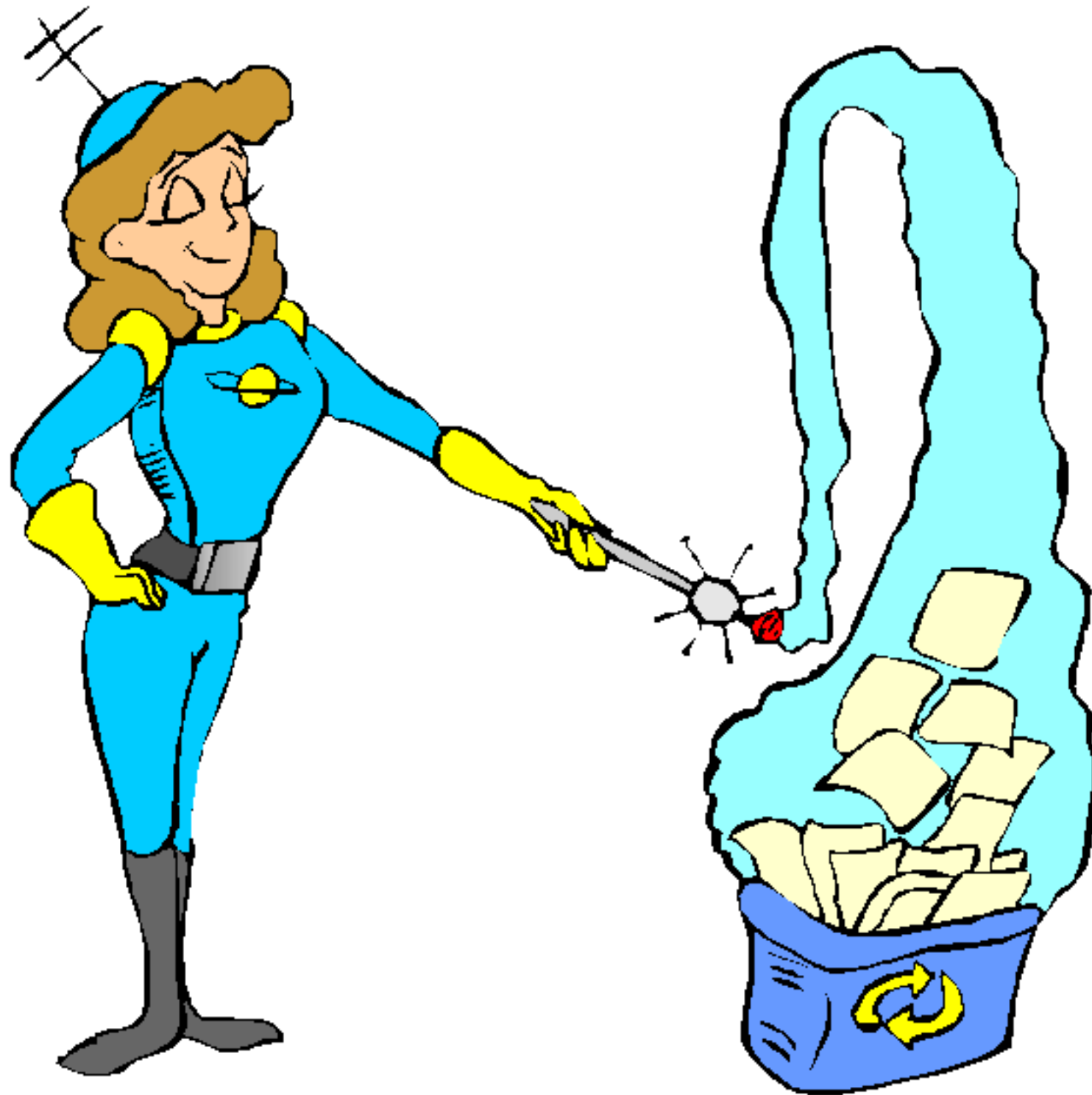
"[I suggest you add] the following to the Cecil Login page:

Students: Use <http://www.cecil.edu> to login to Cecil (Neo interface). You do not have access to Cecil Explorer. This is for Staff only.

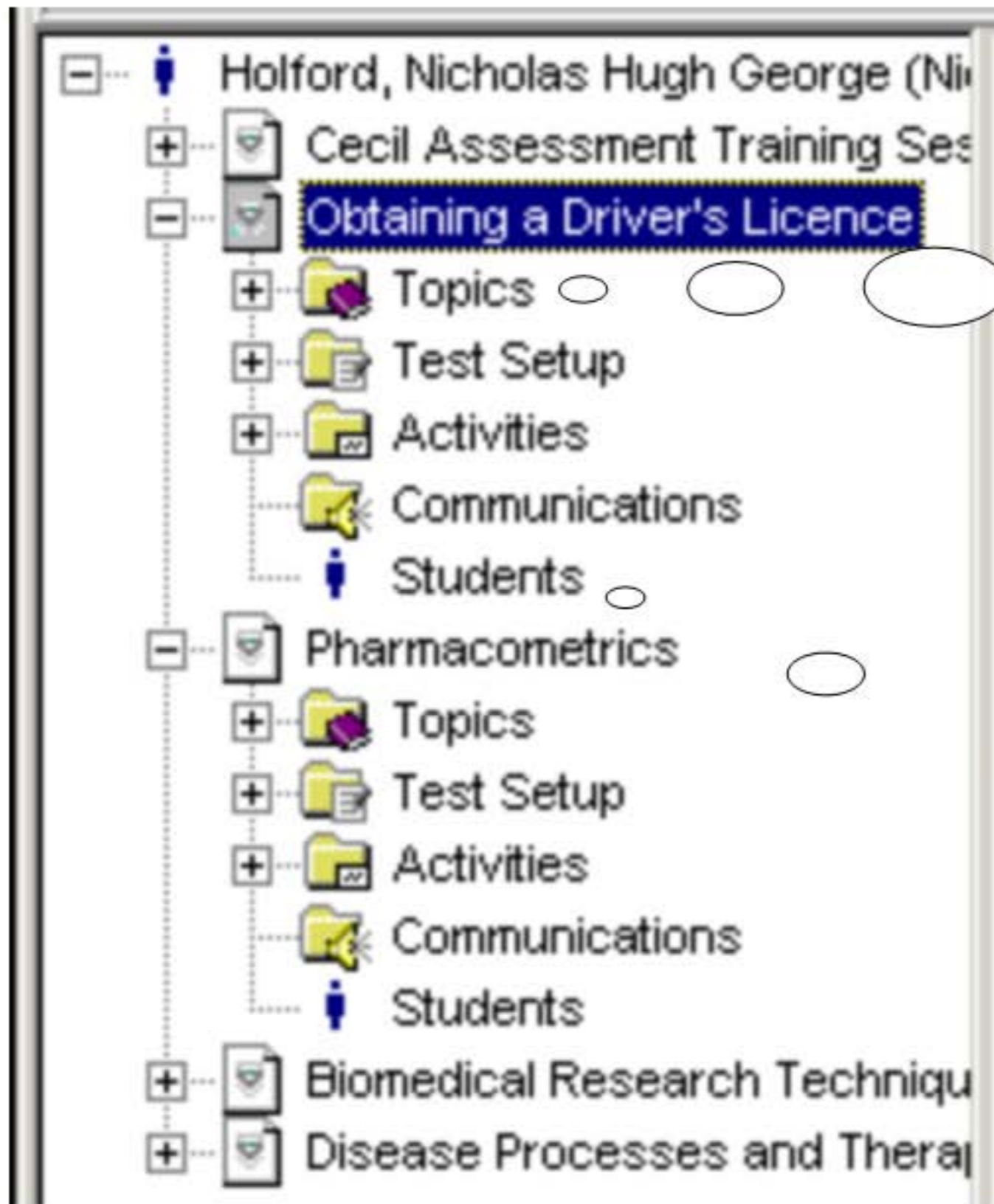
Staff: You will need to use Cecil Explorer to administer the course. Cecil is for students taking the course."

Essentially Unchanged 2 Years Later!

Sally Waves her Magic Wand...



Staff View of Cecil



Topics?
Must be important
because its first on
the list

Students?
Last on the
list...mmm

What is a Topic for?

“The **Topics** section can be thought of as the knowledge base of a course “

http://www.cecil.edu/help/topics_overview.htm

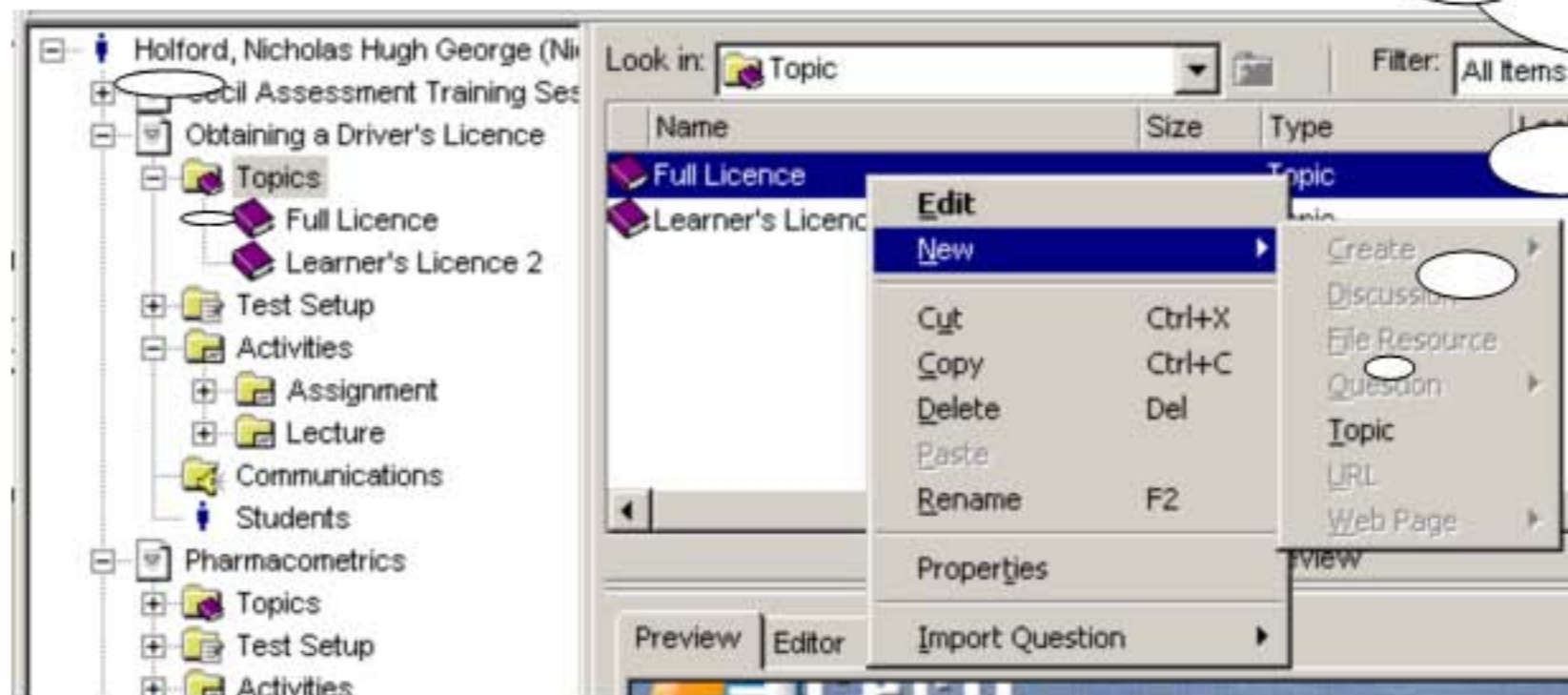
And that's all folks!

[In practice a Topic is almost the same as an Activity but you must use Topics to specify Questions. Strange use of the word Topic.]

Let's Add a Question to A Topic



Hint: Remember this

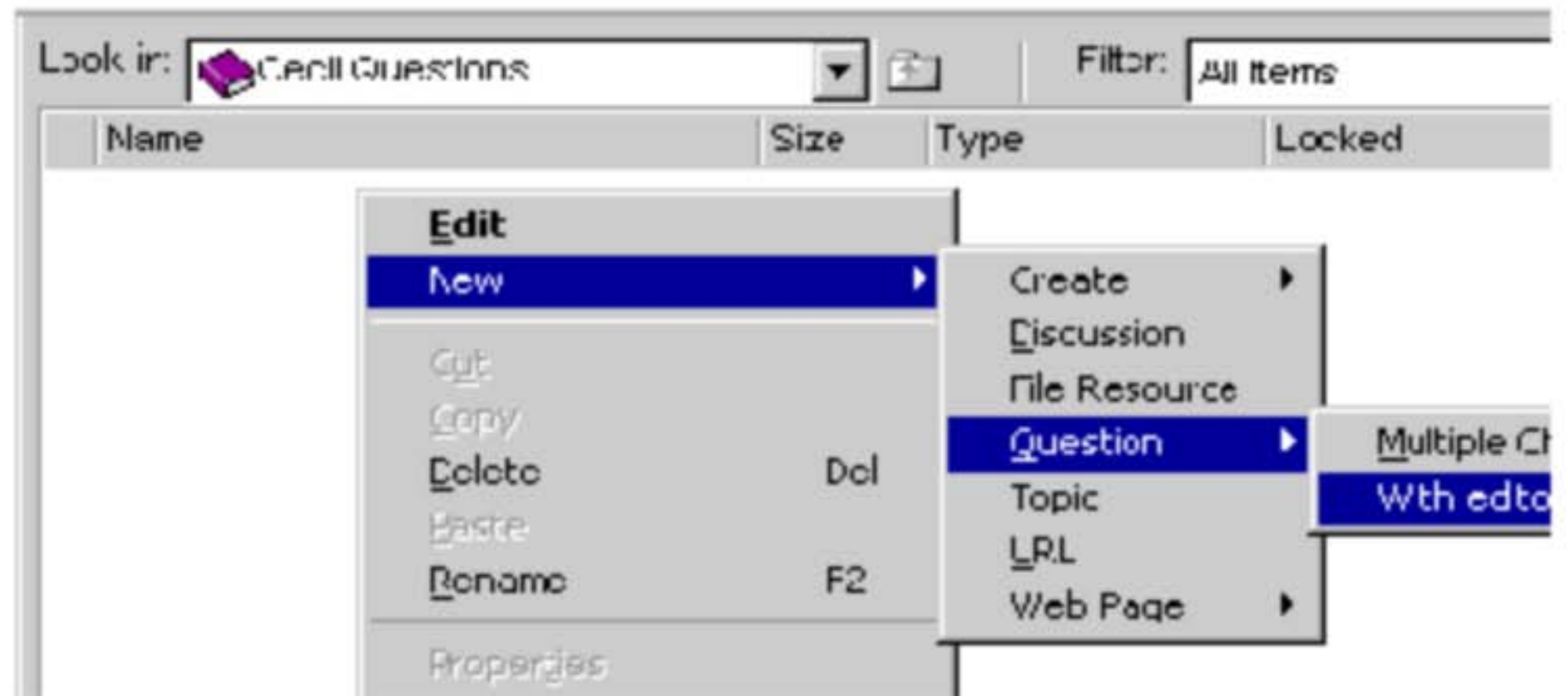
Why can't I add a question?



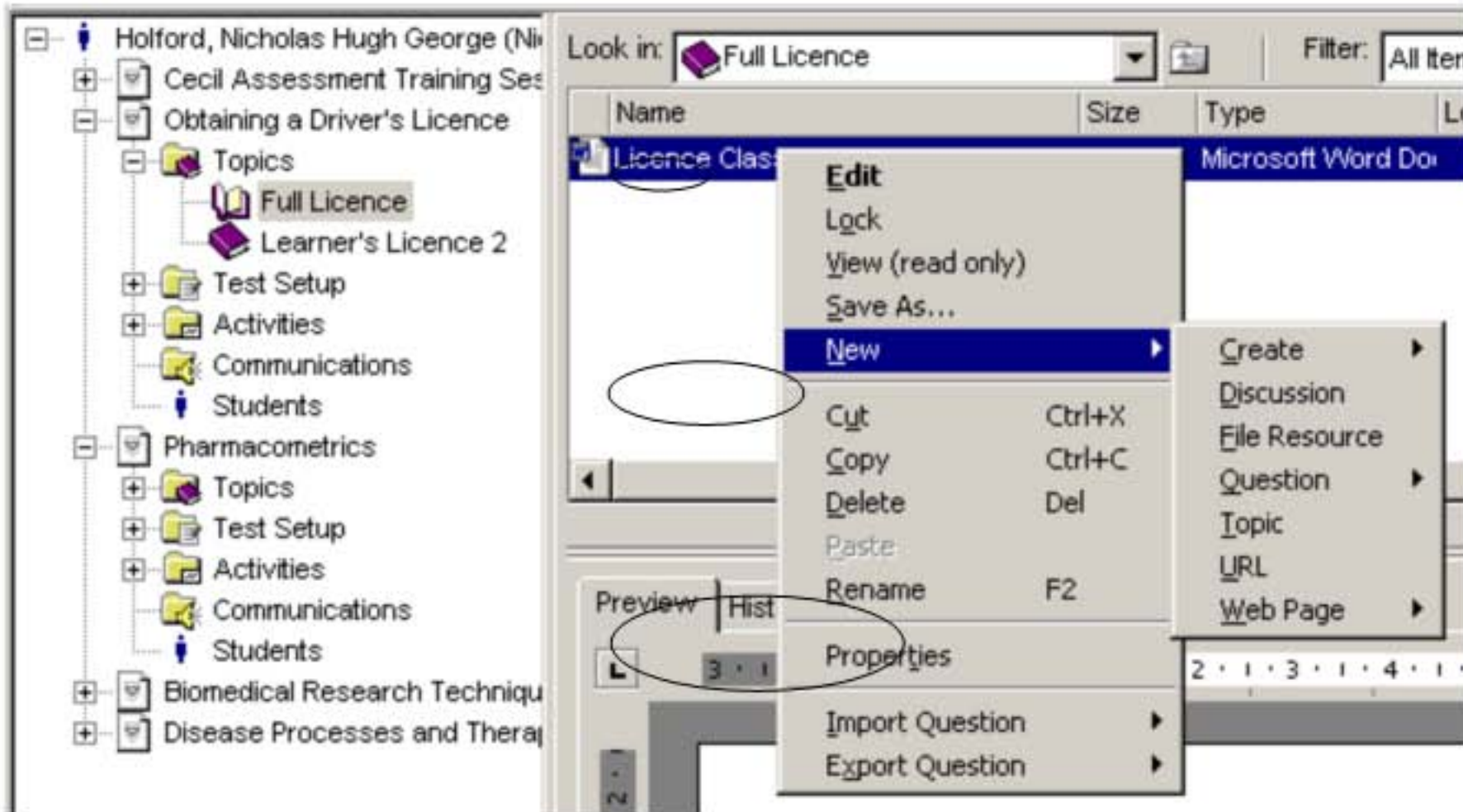
I was stumped by this at the CECIL Training Course this week.

What does Cecil Help say?

1. Click on the  next to the Course Number of the course that you wish to create the question for.
2. Click on the  next to **Topics** and select the topics folder that you wish to store the question in.
3. In the right pane right click and select **New > Question > With editor** from the pop-up menu [Figure 1]



Spot the Difference?



Right clicking on the highlighted (*looks like its selected to me*) Topic Item in the right hand pane isn't enough if the Topics folder in the left hand pane is closed.

Note there are no menu items for Topics. You must use right clicks. Most users don't think of doing this.

How CECIL Could Help FMHS Students and Staff

HUMANBIO 251 Disease Progress and Therapeutic Principles

2003

Last updated: 03 Jun 2003

[Therapeutics Workshops](#)

[2002 Term Test with Answers](#)

[2003 Term Test Molecular Medicine Pathology Answers](#)

[2003 Term Test Clinical Pharmacology Answers](#)

[2003 Term Test Marks](#)

[2003 Exam Format](#)

Therapeutics Course Work: Due 30 May 2003 3:00 pm

Final Exam: To be Announced

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Sessions

Lectures will be held in the Robb Lecture theatre. See [Groups](#) for other session locations.

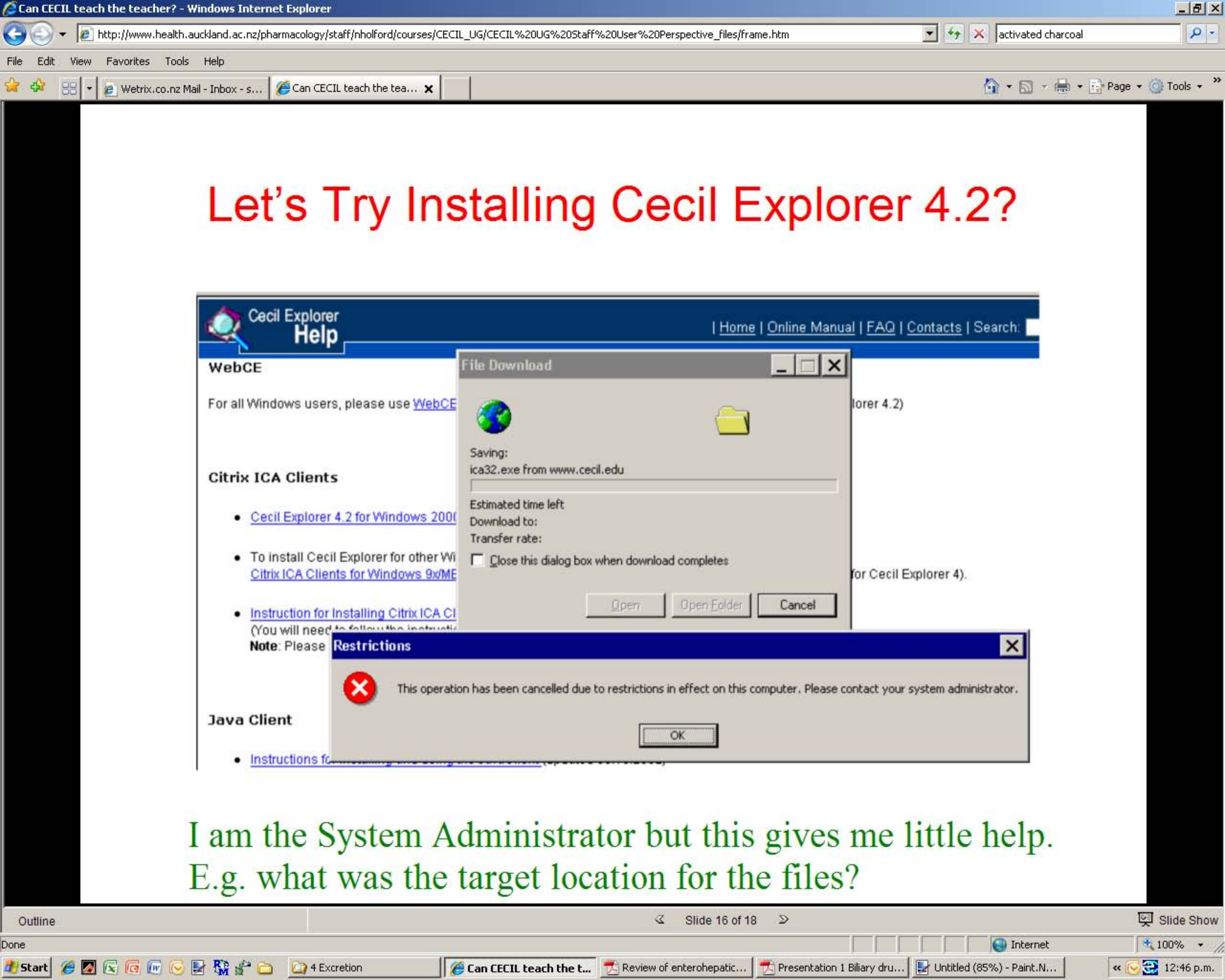
3 Schools, 21 lecturers
67 Lectures and workshops
6 streams, 130 students
Help!

Session	Date	Day	Time	Duration	Venue	Type	Staff	Title	Groups	Discipline
1	04-Mar-03	Tue	9:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Peter Browett/Nick Hofford	Introduction to DPAT course		DPAT
2	04-Mar-03	Tue	11:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Wayne Elmsly	Methods of pathology		MolMed & Pathology
3	05-Mar-03	Wed	8:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Kathy Crosier	Genetic basis of disease		MolMed & Pathology
4	06-Mar-03	Thu	9:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Jonathan Zwi	Disorders of growth		MolMed & Pathology
5	07-Mar-03	Fri	8:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Graeme Finlay	Cell injury		MolMed & Pathology
6	07-Mar-03	Fri	12:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Graeme Finlay	Cell necrosis and apoptosis		MolMed & Pathology
7	11-Mar-03	Tue	9:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Roger Booth	<u>Introduction to inflammation</u> [or <u>QMB PDF</u>]		MolMed & Pathology
8	12-Mar-03	Wed	8:00	1.0	Robb	Lecture	Wayne Elmsly	Chronic inflammation		MolMed & Pathology

We've been trying to get CECIL to help with this since January 2002...

SWOT

- **Strengths**
 - CECIL knows about courses and student enrollments
 - Web based access for Staff administration and Student teaching
- **Weaknesses**
 - CECIL is (almost) inaccessible to Staff who use CECIL Help
 - CECIL user interface is confusing and unintuitive
 - No examples of well designed, real CECIL courses available to Staff
 - Unresponsive developers
- **Opportunities**
 - Provide a high level overview of what a Staff member should plan to do when using CECIL - teach by example
 - Attempting to implement a CECIL based course on using CECIL as a teaching tool would perhaps help the developers understand what Staff really need
- **Threats**
 - Slow network speed means wasted time and unhappy users
 - Alien user interface alienates Staff



Let's Try Installing Cecil Explorer 4.2?

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Citrix ICA Clients

- [Cecil Explorer 4.2 for Windows 2000](#)
- To install Cecil Explorer for other Windows versions, please use [Citrix ICA Clients for Windows 9x/ME](#)
- [Instruction for Installing Citrix ICA Client](#)
(You will need to follow the instructions for Cecil Explorer 4).

Note: Please [contact your system administrator](#) for more information.

Java Client

- [Instructions for Installing Java Client](#)

File Download

Saving:
ica32.exe from www.cecil.edu

Estimated time left:
Download to:
Transfer rate:

Close this dialog box when download completes

Open Open Folder Cancel

Restrictions

This operation has been cancelled due to restrictions in effect on this computer. Please contact your system administrator.

OK

I am the System Administrator but this gives me little help.
E.g. what was the target location for the files?

Next Day...Install of CE 4

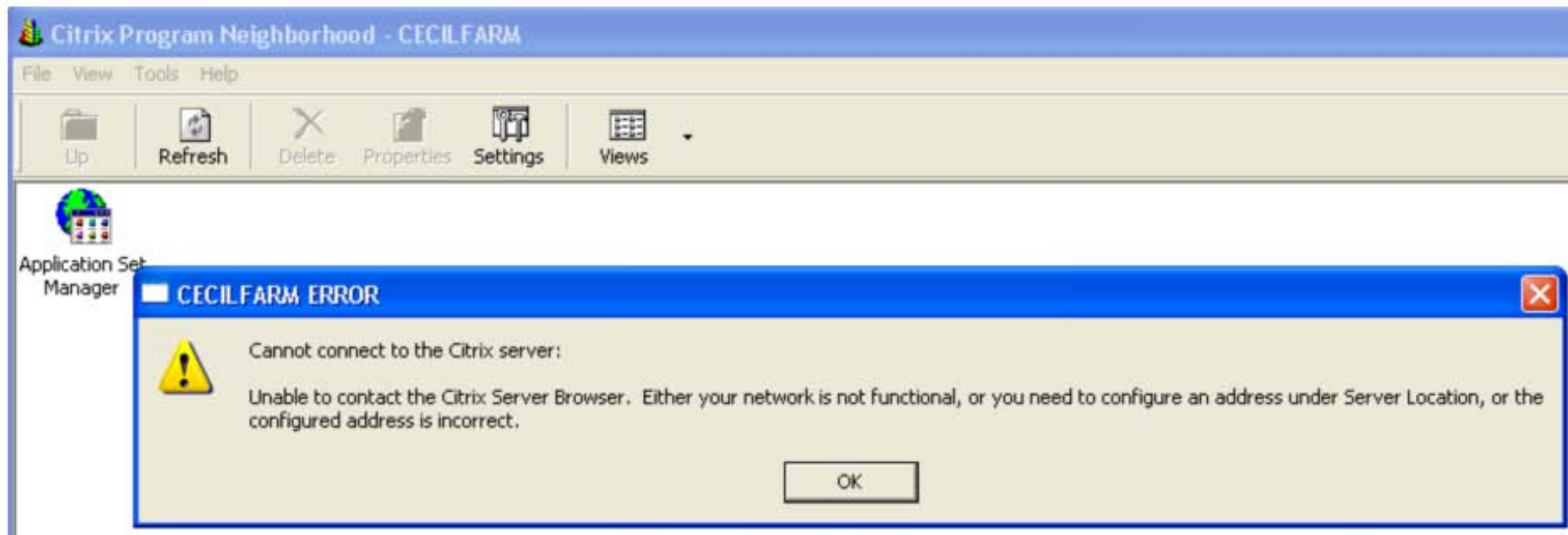
Step 2: Adding Cecil Explorer 4:

1. Double click on **Citrix Program Neighborhood** [Figure 4] on the desktop. Or Click on **Start** (down the left hand bottom) -> **Programs** -> **Cecil Programs** -> **Citrix Program Neighborhood**

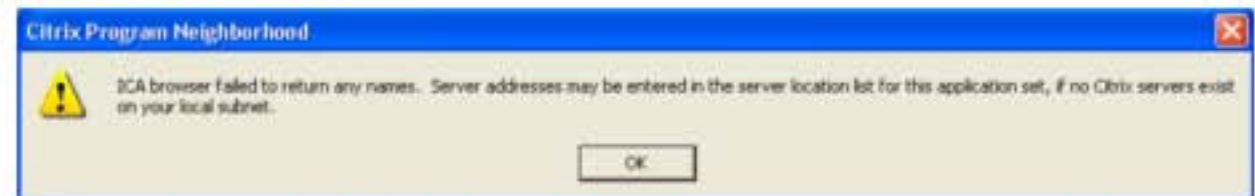
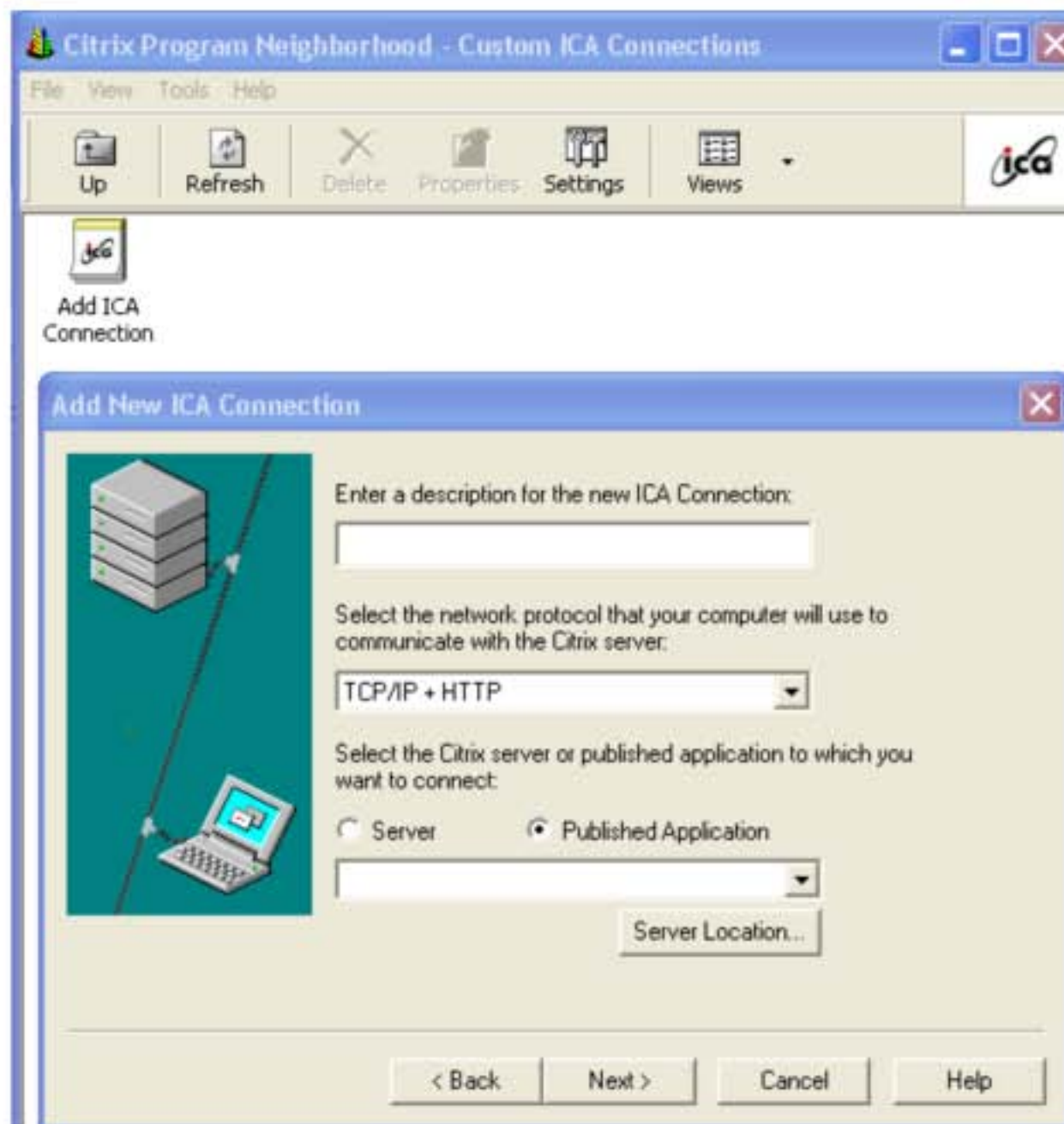


Figure 4

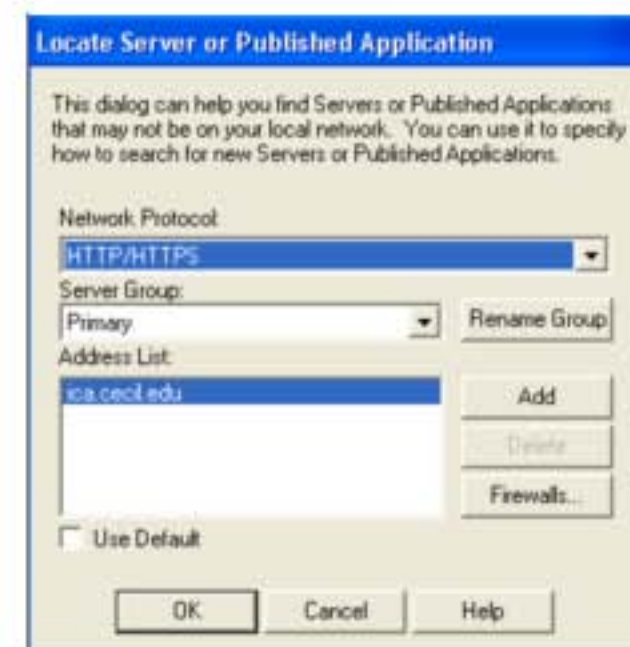
Note: Please note that the background colour might be different.



Let's Try The Application Set, Add ICA Connection Method



So then fix the server...



This eventually worked (2nd try)