

Technology Updates for Spring 2012

Campus Computing

Windows 7 Operating System and Office 2010 – Beginning this spring, Technology Services will be working with individual departments and divisions to upgrade all existing Windows based computers to the Windows 7 operating system and Microsoft Office 2010. This update includes all Windows based classroom computers and computer labs. Visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/Windows7.cfm> for more information.

Computer Rotations – The next round of computer replacements will take place this spring. Technology Services continues to work with deans and department chairs to be sure that all staff computers are replaced on a standard schedule.

New Email Filters – New hardware devices were purchased and are in the process of being installed. These devices will provide River Falls with a more robust spam, anti-virus and anti-malware filtering for our email system.



Lookout on Outlook: Have you received our weekly tips for using Outlook? Watch for them to continue this term! Have suggestions on topics we could cover? Send them to dots@uwrf.edu

A NEW Mobile Device: Did you receive a NEW mobile device for the holidays? If so, you can access email and calendar services from it. Visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/OutlookEmail.cfm> for more information.

Professional Development Opportunities

LTDC Northwest Regional Showcase – “Tools for Teaching” will be held at UW Eau Claire on February 24th. Watch Falcon Daily for more information.

Online Teaching Institute (OTI) - Over the last three years, the Online Teaching Institute has provided individual assistance to over 40 faculty members interested in redesigning existing courses for online delivery. This popular program continues. Interested faculty and instructional academic staff members are encouraged to visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/Online-Teaching-Institute.cfm> for more information.

Upcoming sessions:

Spring 2012 - Cohort started Monday, January 9

Summer 2012 - Cohort starts Monday, May 21

Fall 2012 – Cohort starts in late August 2012

Online Course Redesign Mini-Grant FY 2012 – This grant opportunity provides funding and instructional support for faculty and instructional academic staff members interested in reconstructing a significant portion of a course currently offered online. Applicants should clearly identify a significant teaching or student learning challenge that currently exists in an online course and provide a detailed plan for redesigning the course to address this issue. Visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/courseredesign.cfm>

Excellence in Teaching and Learning Series - The Excellence in Teaching and Learning Series continues this term highlighting the incredible work being done at the UWRF related to teaching, learning, and research. Session presenters will provide an opportunity to discuss how their approaches can be used in your courses. View a complete listing of this term's sessions by going to <http://www.uwrf.edu/FacultyDevelopment/>



Division of Technology Services, Teaching and Learning Technologies, UW System's Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) and Office of Professional Development (OPID) provide many online tutorials, suggestions for utilizing technology within your teaching and opportunities to collaborate with colleagues across the system. Check out these sites: <http://www.uwrf.edu/dots/> , <http://www.uwrf.edu/dots/tlt/>, <http://www.wisconsin.edu/olit/ltdc/> and <http://www.wisconsin.edu/opid/>

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Classroom Technology Updates

Interactive Whiteboards - The College of Education and Professional Studies worked with Facilities Management and Technology Services to increase the number of available interactive whiteboards available on campus. Two additional whiteboards were installed over J-Term in WEB 123 and Karges 123. There are now five permanently installed interactive whiteboards on campus. If you are teaching in one of these classrooms and would like individual assistance using the interactive whiteboards please contact the Division of Technology Services at dots@uwrf.edu.

Updated Rooms – Over J-Term, the classrooms in Karges were updated to provide the same level of technology as all other TECs. This includes new projectors and cabinets with controllers and cable cubbies for laptop connections. As part of the \$1M UW-System project, Agricultural Science 200 will re-open with a new look and new technology.

Single Platform - Technology Services collected data on computer use from the last three academic semesters. This data reflects that the use of the existing Mac mini computers in South Hall classrooms was very limited (less than two times in many classrooms). To better utilize these resources on campus, Technology Services repurposed the Mac mini computers from South Hall to other campus classrooms that are in need of updated Mac computers. All faculty teaching in South Hall classrooms were notified of this change to address any curricular needs that might have been impacted.

Presentation Devices – A pilot is being planned to investigate and test different presentation devices that would replace the current KeySpan devices. The pilot will start sometime after spring break. Watch Falcon Daily for further information.



New to campus? Want to learn more about our services or classroom technology? Visit our web sites <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/ForFacultyAndStaff.cfm> and <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/Support.cfm>

New Educational Technology Tools

Desire2Learn Upgrade – Our campus course management system, Desire2Learn, was updated to version 9.4. As you may be aware each UW-System institution has its own instance of Desire2Learn that is operated and managed by a UW-System technical team in Madison. Watch “Tips You Desire2Know” for more information on this update. Check out the ‘blue’ widget found on the lower right of the home page inside D2L.

Respondus LockDown Browser – Technology Services worked with the Instructional and Learning Technology Committee of Faculty Senate to approve the installation of the Respondus LockDown Browser for use within Desire2Learn. The LockDown Browser is intended to increase the level of security provided to online quizzing. As a faculty member, you have the option to enable the LockDown Browser on a quiz within Desire2Learn. By doing so, students attempting the quiz will be required to login to D2L, attempt the quiz, and see quiz results using the LockDown Browser.
<http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/lockdownfaculty.cfm>

New Checkout Equipment – Technology Services has increased our inventory of equipment available for checkout. The new items include mini video cameras with small tabletop tripods, headsets with microphones, and USB web cameras. Check out this equipment by visiting the general access computer labs in the Davee Library or Wyman Education Building.



The DoTS web site has many resources related to teaching and learning with technology. Check out our support documentation and the technology for faculty pages:
<http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/ForFacultyAndStaff.cfm> and <http://www.uwrf.edu/DOTS/Support.cfm>

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