



IT Systems Unavailable December 29-30th due to Facilities Update

On December 29-30, the Utah Division of Facilities & Construction Management (DFCM) will implement a major change to the power configuration in the WSU Data Center. It will require that ALL WSU systems be turned off beginning the evening of December 29 until Sunday morning, December 30. This may somewhat extend the length of the normal "maintenance window," but if so, it will be by no more than a few hours. Thank you for your patience.

Ourspace.weber.edu is now available!

By Luke Fernandez, Continuing Education

Do you sit on a committee that needs a place to share files online? Do you need a listserv address or a wiki? Would you like to store documents online that you can still access when you are away at a conference?

Weber State is pleased to announce "**Ourspace.weber.edu**," a site which facilitates online collaboration between faculty, staff, students, and your colleagues from off-campus.

Ourspace enables faculty and staff to quickly set up "worksites" and invite other people to participate in these

worksites. A typical worksite contains a place to share documents online and a listserv address that participants can use for e-mail communication. For example, a faculty member might be chairing a committee named "RSPG." After the chair of RSPG sets up the site (an easy 15 minute task), RSPG members can upload and download files from the site, and correspond with each other by sending e-mail to rspg@ourspace.weber.edu.

For more advanced collaboration needs, faculty and staff can also include a number of other **ourspace** collaborative tools in their worksites -- like wikis, discussion boards, blogs, iTunes podcasting, and polling tools. **Ourspace** is already being used at Weber for faculty research, online collaborative editing, and even the occasional Dean search.

To use **ourspace**, go to ourspace.weber.edu and log in with your wildcat username and password (you already have an account!). For a quickstart video tutorial visit <http://tinyurl.com/267ap7>

For more information call Luke Fernandez at x8088.



Watch Out for Phishing Scams!

By Julie Park, IT Security Office

Most everyone by now has heard of phishing (fish'ing) scams which are fraudulent e-mail messages or fake Web sites designed to steal your identity, but few people have heard of spear phishing.

Spear phishing scams are similar to a traditional phishing scams but are personalized and highly targeted with the purpose of gaining access to a company's entire computer system. For example, a spear phisher will send an e-mail that appears genuine because the message might look like it comes from a trusted source (the person who manages computer systems) and could include a request for your usernames or passwords. In reality the e-mail sender information has been faked or "spoofed."

If you respond with a username or password, or if you click links or open attachments in either a traditional phishing or spear phishing e-mail, pop-up window, or Web site, you might become a victim of identity theft and you might put Weber State at risk.

The best ways to avoid becoming a victim are:

- Never disclose personal information in response to an unsolicited e-mail
- Never click on the link in the e-mail
- Always access the website by manually typing in the web address in a browser

For more information on such scams, see this Federal Trade Commission Consumer alert and a Washington State Office of the Attorney General "Phishing" article (www.atg.wa.gov/ConsumerIssues/ID-Privacy/Phishing.aspx). You can report suspected Phishing scams by sending an e-mail to spammaster@weber.edu, spam@uce.gov or by visiting the Federal Trade Commission website (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsite/sidtheft/reference-desk/state-data.html>).

ARCC - A liaison between faculty and IT

By John Armstrong, ARCC

The Academic Resources and Computing Committee has a long history at Weber State helping departments and colleges obtain funding for innovative technology in the classroom. This year, we have expanded our role as liaison between faculty and Weber's IT Division.

ARCC meets once per month during the academic year to discuss issues important to faculty. ARCC also helps coordinate the IT Town Meetings, giving faculty an opportunity to address concerns related to technology on campus.

If you have concerns you would like to discuss with ARCC, please contact John Armstrong (jcarmstrong@weber.edu) or visit <http://weber.edu/arcc> to contact your committee representative.



Training Workshops Available Spring Semesters from T³

By Judy King, T³ Coordinator

The Technology Training Team has scheduled the workshops for Spring Semester in the Training Tracker system. We will have available those workshops to achieve the certification for Basic Computer Literacy, Desktop Security, Desktop Publishing, Communication Technologies, Data Organization and Multimedia & Design.

If you are unsure of the requirements for these certifications, please see the website <http://training.weber.edu/t3/>

If you feel that you have participated fulfilled the requirements on our website after comparing to your Training Tracker transcript, then apply for the certificate via the website. Your transcript will be reviewed and a certificate sent to your office.

We would like to recognize the following employees who have achieved the following certifications:

Basic Computer Literacy

Barbara Talbot, DCHP
Doug Watson, DCHP
Rob Holt, DCHP

Desktop Security

Barbara Talbot, DCHP
Doug Watson, DCHP
Rob Holt, DCHP
Roxanne Holbrook, SSD

Data Organization

Doug Watson, DCHP
Marguerite Simmons, Nursing

Desktop Publishing

Doug Watson, DCHP
Rob Holt, DCHP

Communication Technologies

Barbara Talbot, DCHP
Doug Watson, DCHP
Judith Joy, DCHP

Multimedia & Design

Doug Watson, DCHP
Susan Wood, Sponsored Projects
Judith Joy, DCHP

Additional Software Available to Campus Faculty and Staff

By Shelly Belflower, Technology Services

Since 2006, Technology Services has been providing an operating system and office suite to all campus computers for a bundle charge of \$85. Recently, we moved to extend this coverage to include the Mac operating system and office suite, iWork. Either bundle will be provided at the rate of \$110 to all campus computers as of January 1, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://help.weber.edu/bundlecharge> or e-mail Sbelflower@weber.edu.

You're Invited!

Office 2007 Transition Launch

hosted by Technology
Services

January 4, 2008

12-2pm

Lampros Hall 201

Snacks provided

beginning at 11:45am

Scheduled Presentations

12:00 - 12:30 Word

12:45 - 1:15 Excel

1:30 - 2:00 PowerPoint