



CITations #175

CITations

September 8, 2006
No. 175

CITations is a report featuring information technology-related news of interest to UNC-Chapel Hill faculty members, graduate instructors and the staff who support them. *CITations*, published twice a month, is an electronic service of ITS Teaching and Learning.

[Web Conference Explores Learning Potential of Online Games](#)
[Social Networking Talk](#)
[Tablet PC Pilot Program](#)
[Computer-Based Training Expands Course Offerings](#)
[CBT and Certifications](#)
[Wireless Access Points on Campus](#)
[Scholarly Communication Working Group Meeting](#)
[Project Management Special Interest Group Meeting](#)
[August Issue of TL Infobits](#)
[ITS Acquires Tripwire License](#)
[ITS LearnIT Workshops](#)
[Conference Announcements](#)
[2006 CITations Publication Schedule](#)
[How to Subscribe or Unsubscribe to CITations](#)
[CITations RSS Feed](#)

WEB CONFERENCE EXPLORES LEARNING POTENTIAL OF ONLINE GAMES

There has been a lot of buzz in the academic world about using games for learning. ITS Teaching and Learning is hosting an Academic Impressions Web conference, "Exploring the Learning Potential of Multiplayer Online Games," which will specifically discuss massively multiplayer online games (MMOG). While most MMOGs are designed for entertainment, they are built on powerful learning theories including experiential learning, constructivist learning, critical learning, and flow. MMOGs are quickly gaining popularity and could stimulate learning while increasing student interest and engagement. For more details about this event, see <http://www.academicimpressions.com/pdf/0906-online-games.pdf>.

When: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Where: Room 404 Hanes Hall

Register for this free Web conference at <https://help.unc.edu/tracs/course-item/5969>.

SOCIAL NETWORKING TALK

Ibiblio.org is sponsoring "MySpace, YourSpace, FaceBook, and Social Networking," a talk by Danah Boyd, PhD candidate at the School of Information at the University of California-Berkeley and a social media researcher at Yahoo! Boyd's research focuses on how people negotiate a presentation of self to unknown audiences in mediated contexts. Her talk should be of interest to anyone who has used communication tools -- from listservs to FaceBook -- to establish online communities.

When: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2006

Where: Toy Lounge, Dey Hall

For more information on Danah Boyd, see

<http://www.danah.org/>

<http://www.zephoria.org/thoughts/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danah_Boyd

-- Fred Stutzman, [ibiblio.org](mailto:fred@ibiblio.org)

email: fred@ibiblio.org

TABLET PC PILOT PROGRAM

Ten faculty members will take part in a pilot program this fall that explores the value of tablet PC technology in teaching and learning. Sponsored by ITS Teaching and Learning division and Academic Computing and Systems in the College of Arts and Sciences, the pilot also seeks to build a community of interest in tablet PCs, which are not widely used in classrooms at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Initially, the pilot will collect baseline data on each faculty member to determine his or her level of familiarity with technology and current use of technology in the classroom. Faculty members will then attend an orientation session where they meet fellow pilot participants, receive a tablet PC, learn how to operate it, receive information on simple classroom presentation annotation techniques and learn where additional resources can be found. As the fall semester progresses, the faculty will participate in surveys and focus groups to chart their experiences with the tablet PC.

The tablet pilot team will work with faculty members to identify free software specifically designed for use in certain disciplines. If the pilot is successful, it may be extended into the spring.

-- Kathy Kyzer, Senior Manager

ITS Teaching and Learning

email: kathy_kyzer@unc.edu

COMPUTER-BASED TRAINING EXPANDS COURSE OFFERINGS

Information Technology Services is pleased to announce that additional technical courses are available to subscribers of the Computer-Based Training (CBT) service. Effective immediately, more than 2,800 courses are available -- a significant increase over the approximately 500 courses previously offered.

New technical courses offered to subscribers cover topics such as Java, Oracle, MS SQL Server, programming and Web development, Linux, and project management.

The service is offered through a CBT company called ElementK. After users sign in to the UNC-Chapel Hill's single sign-on server with their Onyen and password, they are directed to ElementK's site and can choose from the thousands of courses available to them.

To learn more about CBT or to subscribe to the free service, visit <http://cbt.unc.edu/>. Allow up to three business days for your subscription to the free service to be completed.

CBT AND CERTIFICATIONS

As part of your professional development you can use CBT to prepare for certification in several areas. The campus CBT website offers certification plans in several areas. A certification plan lists exams needed to obtain a specific certification and a list of courses that can help you prepare for each exam. Plan categories include:

- Cisco
- Databases
- Hardware, Networks, & Operating Systems
- Home Computing, Project Management
- Office Productivity
- Programming & Web Development
- Project Management
- IT Security

To access the available certification plans, go to <http://cbt.unc.edu/> and log in as usual. Select "Certification Plans" under the "Professional Development" menu item.

You can also complete a series of Brainbench exams -- an alternative to other industry certifications. To see what Brainbench exams are available, select "Brainbench Exams" under the "Professional Development" menu item. Select

any of the topic areas to see a list of available Brainbench exams. If you pass a Brainbench certification exam, it will be recorded on your CBT transcript. Printed certificates can be purchased by following the instructions in CBT.

WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS ON CAMPUS

Have you ever wondered where on campus you could get wireless access? While some campus buildings display signs announcing the availability of wireless access, it's not always evident where exactly the access points are located. ITS Telecommunications Networking now has a set of maps showing the position of every UNC-Chapel Hill wireless access point, both on and off campus. The specific room or floor that has wireless access is also listed for each location on the maps. The maps are available at <http://its.unc.edu/netcomm/wireless/campuswirelessmaps.htm>.

For more information about wireless networking on campus, see <http://its.unc.edu/netcomm/networking.html>.

For more information about the wireless access points maps, contact Dee Jarrell, ITS Networking; email: djarrell@email.unc.edu.

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP MEETING

The program for the UNC-Chapel Hill Scholarly Communication Working Group's September brown bag lunch meeting will be a report by Cal Lee, Assistant Professor, School of Information and Library Science, on the 2006 Joint Conference on Digital Libraries from attendees. The Joint Conference on Digital Libraries is a major international forum focusing on digital libraries and associated technical, practical, and social issues. This year UNC-Chapel Hill hosted the conference. For information on the conference see <http://www.jcdl2006.org/>.

When: 12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Where: 2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Davis Library

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this talk.

The Scholarly Communication Working Group is sponsored by the Odum Institute. For more information about the group, go to <http://www.unc.edu/schol-com/>.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING

The topic for the September meeting of the UNC Project Management Special Interest Group (UNCPMSIG) will be future directions of the group.

When: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Where: Room 404, Hanes Hall

Anyone who leads or serves on project teams is welcome to join this peer support group. To subscribe to UNCPMSIG's mailing list, link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=uncpmsig>.

If you have questions about the group, contact Elizabeth A. Evans, tel: 843-0132; email: evans@unc.edu.

AUGUST ISSUE OF TL INFOBITS

TL Infobits is an electronic service of the ITS Teaching and Learning division. Each month TL's Academic Outreach Consultant monitors and selects from a number of information and instructional technology sources that come to her attention and provides brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators. To subscribe go to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits>.

Articles in the August 2006 issue (<http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitaug06.html>) include:

- Technology Literacy Test Reveals Student Deficiencies
- Playing Games
- Sloan Semester Archives
- Obstacles to Educational Use of Digital Material
- Papers on Digital Collections

All back issues of *Infobits* are available on the Web at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/index.html>.

ITS ACQUIRES TRIPWIRE LICENSE

ITS Software Acquisition has obtained a University Site License for Tripwire Enterprise. Tripwire is the leading provider of change auditing software and services, enabling enterprises to prove that their IT change management controls are effective and their infrastructure is safe. The software provides proof of regulatory compliance, instills accountability for change, ensures the security of business-critical systems and increases the overall availability of IT services. For more information visit the Tripwire website at <http://www.tripwire.com/>.

The software is now available for purchase by faculty and staff for \$149 per license. If you have any questions on how to obtain this software, visit the Software Acquisition Web site at <http://software.unc.edu/> or send an e-mail to software@unc.edu.

ITS LEARNIT WORKSHOPS

There are still spaces available in the following LearnIT workshops. To read a workshop description or to register for any of these workshops, go to <http://help.unc.edu/tracs/>. For a list of other workshops, point your Web browser to <http://LearnIT.unc.edu/> and select the link to "Current Schedule of Workshops."

If multiple dates are listed, the workshop is offered on each of those dates.

Research Computing: Introduction to Materials Studio Software
(This workshop will be a one-day workshop with an hour break for lunch on your own.)
September 14

Blogging: Creating your own Blog with Blogger.com
September 26

Teaching and Learning: Exploring the Learning Potential of Multiplayer Online Games (Web Conference)
September 27

Managing Spyware at Work and at Home
September 27

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started
September 28

Calendar (Oracle): Access and Designate Rights
September 28

Email: Introduction to UNC-Chapel Hill Webmail
September 28

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed about technology conferences with the CIT's "Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences" at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html> and "Calendar of World-Wide Educational Technology-Related Conferences, Seminars, and Other Events." The calendar is at <http://confcal.unc.edu:8086/>.

2006 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
April 7 & 21
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23
July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25
September 8 & 22
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15

CITations welcomes announcements from all UNC-Chapel Hill campus organizations involved in instructional and research technology. To have an announcement considered for publication in *CITations*, send email to Carolyn Kotlas, kotlas@email.unc.edu, or call 962-9287. The deadline for submissions is 11:00 a.m. the day before the publication

date.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE OR UNSUBSCRIBE TO CITATIONS

CITations is published twice a month by the ITS Teaching and Learning division. Back issues are available at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/>.

For more information about ITS Teaching and Learning, see our website at <http://its.unc.edu/teac/>.

To subscribe to *CITations*, link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=citations>.

To unsubscribe to *CITations*, send email to listserv@unc.edu with the following message:
unsubscribe citations

CITATIONS RSS FEED

To set up an RSS feed for *CITations*, get the code at <http://lists.unc.edu/read/rss?forum=citations>.
