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BLOGGING SERVICES/APPLICATIONS COMPARISONS

In late Spring 2004, CIT and Undergraduate Library staff led a ConsiderIT session, "Engaging Students with Blogs," and attendees requested follow up information about currently available web logging software. In response, CIT staffers Suzanne Cadwell and Chuck Gray have compiled two feature comparison tables that describe three blogging services and four blogging applications.

Blogging Services Feature Comparison

Using a blogging service generally doesn't require any software other than a web browser. Users have no administrative control over the software itself, but have some control over a blog's organization and appearance. Depending on the particular service, blogs can be hosted either on the service's servers or on the server of one's choice (e.g., www.unc.edu). Users purchasing a paid account with a service typically will have no banner ads on their blogs, more features at their disposal, and better customer support from the service. The Blogging Services Feature Comparison chart is available <http://www.unc.edu/cit/blogs/blogcomparison/services/>.

Blogging Applications Comparison

Downloadable blogging applications require the user to have access to server space (e.g., www.unc.edu). Most of these applications are comprised of CGI scripts that must be installed and configured in a user's cgi-bin folder. Although they are packaged with detailed instructions, applications can be difficult to install, prohibitively so for the novice. Blogging applications afford users fine-grained control over their blogs, and most applications are open-source or freeware. The Blogging Applications Comparison chart is available at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/blogs/blogcomparison/applications/>.

"ConsiderIT with Colleagues -- Teaching with Technology at UNC-Chapel Hill" is a series sponsored by the Center for Instructional Technology. Faculty, TAs, and staff are invited to share and discuss selected teaching and learning issues related to technology. For descriptions of previous talks in the series, see <http://www.unc.edu/cit/considerit/>.

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SPACES STILL AVAILABLE IN AUGUST BLACKBOARD WORKSHOPS

Seats for the August dates for the Center for Instructional Technology's workshop "Setting Up Your Blackboard Site(s)" are filling up fast, but several spots are still available. See the ITS Training calendar at <http://help.unc.edu/tracs/> for dates and times and to enroll in a class.

See <http://www.unc.edu/cit/workshops/index.html#bbsetup> for the workshop description and prerequisites.

SECURITY TRAINING ON CAMPUS

During the past year we have all been made aware of the importance of client security. Since August 2003, ITS Security has processed almost 8,000 security-related tickets, encompassing tickets from the main campus network including ResNet, and the Medical School network. Compromises, whether in the form of hacks, viruses, or worms like Blaster, Code Red, Welchia, Klez, and more recently Sasser, have at times crashed our campus network.

In an effort to increase security awareness on campus, we invite you to participate in a comprehensive seminar on Windows 2000 and XP workstation security. This event is provided as a community effort of the UNC-Chapel Hill ITS Security Department, the School of Medicine Office of Information Systems (OIS), and the Department of Pediatrics computer support team. The agenda includes a briefing on recent campus network compromises, a demonstration of a compromised system, and discussion of risks associated with operating systems and common applications and the countermeasures you can take to protect systems.

When: Wednesday, July 7, 2004 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Presentation: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Q&A Session: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: 1137 Bioinformatics Auditorium, Manning Drive

Presenters:

Dianne Gonzalez, OIS
Chaz Andrews, Pediatrics
Jeff Bollinger, ITS Security
Doug Brown, ITS Security

Audience: This important class is open to anyone! Security issues are many, and it's just not possible for any one person to be a global expert. If you feel you have expertise to share, please don't pass up this event. We would appreciate your experiences and opinions. Whether expert or novice, we urge you to attend!

There is no fee for this training. If you plan to attend, you must RSVP by Wednesday, June 30, 2004. For questions or to RSVP, contact Dianne Gonzalez; email: dianneg@med.unc.edu.

CAMPUS SUPPORT OF NETSCAPE ENDS

In October 2003, ITS/ATN announced that support for Netscape would end on July 1, 2004. Development of the Netscape product line has ended and there will be no new versions or updates. ATN will continue to offer the Netscape software via Shareware, for maintenance purposes only, through July 1, 2004. At that time all versions of Netscape will be removed from shareware.

ATN recommends Mozilla as a substitute for the Netscape browser and email client. Mozilla software is available for download from <https://shareware.unc.edu/software.html#m> and documentation on installing and using Mozilla is available through <http://help.unc.edu/>.

MYUNC PORTAL UPGRADE

On Monday, June 28, the MyUNC portal will be upgraded to the latest version of the software and will run on a newer, faster machine. The upgrade will start at 8 a.m. and should take two hours. The MyUNC portal will not be available during this time. Due to cache considerations please make sure to restart your browser before accessing the new portal.

The new software provides a new portal architecture (which is more robust and faster), an enhanced development

environment, and enhanced security. This new version also makes use of the new ITS single sign-on.

Currently available in the MyUNC portal are library services, Student Stores purchasing, and StudentCentral. The MyUNC portal can be reached at <https://my.unc.edu/>.

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SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION GROUP SEEKS PROGRAM IDEAS

The UNC-Chapel Hill Scholarly Communication Working Group is a multidisciplinary problem-centered group with a broad concern for all dimensions of contemporary scholarly communication. These include, but are not limited to, the economics of publishing, the evolution of scholarly disciplines and its effect on publishing, information policy, copyright, the interactions of academic reward systems and publishing, and new communication technologies and their potential for providing relief from the crisis in scholarly communication.

Each summer the Working Group's program committee seeks program ideas for our Fall and Spring semester monthly meetings. Your suggestions do not obligate you any way -- we just need more and fresh ideas for the nine meetings that we will be planning for the 2004/05 series. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, send them to kotlas@email.unc.edu.

-- Carolyn Kotlas, Scholarly Communication Working Group

MAY 2004 ISSUE OF CIT INFOBITS

CIT Infobits is an electronic service of ITS/CIT. Each month the CIT's Information Resources 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 link to <http://mail.unc.edu/lists/read/subscribe?name=infobits>.

Articles in the May 2004 issue (<http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitmay04.html>) include:

Multimedia Matrix for Distance Learning
Distance Education and Development
Current IT Issues in Higher Ed
Papers on Libraries and Museums in the Digital World
Information Design Blog

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

MAY/JUNE 2004 ISSUE OF UNC LINKS NEWSLETTER

UNC Links, published by The University of North Carolina's Division of Information Resources, offers a bi-monthly update on IT initiatives from the sixteen constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. The publication serves as a vehicle for information technology dialogue among IT colleagues, chancellors, and others.

The May/June 2004 issue is now available online at <http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/ir/newsletter/archives/2004/contents0604.htm>.

NEWS FROM IBIBLIO

ibiblio is a collaboration between the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the Center for the Public Domain. For more information and links to all ibiblio collections, see <http://ibiblio.org/>.

New resources of local interest include:

Alliance for Improvised Music
<http://www.ibiblio.org/aim/>

AIM is a non-profit organization based in the Triangle area dedicated to increasing local awareness of improvised music, through presenting performances, running an email list, and offering this website.

North Carolina Treasures
<http://www.ibiblio.org/nctreasures/index.html>

A site dedicated to the rich history of the state of North Carolina. This site was created by Piedmont Community College first-year students in the Digital Effects and Animation Technology Program.

Threshold Rehabilitation Program

<http://www.ibiblio.org/threshold/>

Since opening its doors in June of 1985, Threshold has served over 450 Durham County adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Threshold works to improve the quality of life for adults with serious mental illness in Durham by facilitating meaningful work and meaningful relationships in an environment filled with social, educational, recreational, and vocational opportunities.

North Carolina Museum of Art Contemporaries

<http://www.ibiblio.org/ncma/>

The North Carolina Museum of Art Contemporaries group is composed of young Triangle professionals in the 20- to 40-something age range whose goal is to promote the Museum and increase membership by sponsoring lively social and educational fundraising events.

Music Maker Relief Foundation

<http://www.ibiblio.org/musicmakers/>

Music Maker Relief Foundation, Inc., based in Hillsborough, NC, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the true pioneers and forgotten heroes of Southern musical traditions gain recognition and meet their day to day needs.

UNC Wesley Foundation: United Methodist Campus Ministry

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

The Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist Campus Ministry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

CITations Tips Archive

The ITRC, CBT, and Listserv tips published in *CITations* are archived on the Web, so you can locate tips without having to search through all the back issues. The tips archive is at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/citations/tips.html>.

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/>.

2004 CITATIONS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 9 & 23

February 6 & 20

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

May 7 & 21

June 11 & 25

July 9 & 23

August 13 & 27

September 10 & 24

October 8 & 22

November 5 & 19

December 3 & 17

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.

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