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### CTC WEBSITE REDESIGNED

The Carolina Technology Consultants (CTC) has a new website and a new URL. ITS Communications has redesigned the site to make the most important information on the site easier to find. We've also added a few features:

- a search engine
- a section for book reviews
- new technical resources
- organized event archive

Please spend some time on the new site and let us know if we've left out information that would be useful to you. We're particularly interested in including any campus technology resources we may have missed. The new address is <http://its.unc.edu/ctc/>.

The CTC is a voluntary, cooperative effort aimed at professional computer support providers at UNC-Chapel Hill. Any permanent EPA/SPA member who provides computer support to a University school, department, or center is eligible to become a full member of the CTC program. For more information about the CTC, go to the CTC website at <http://its.unc.edu/ctc/>.

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### CCI TO RELEASE RFP

The Carolina Computing Initiative (CCI) will release a Request for Proposals to primary manufacturers of personal computers July 1. The current contract with IBM is set to expire this summer. The designated vendor will be announced

October 1, 2006.

CCI requires all undergraduate students at UNC-Chapel Hill to own a laptop computer that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications for their class. All incoming undergraduate and graduate students can purchase an authorized computer model through the CCI program.

"We plan to select a vendor that recognizes the growing importance of mobile computing in higher education," says Charlie Green, assistant vice chancellor for Teaching and Learning. "We are seeking a vendor committed to not only meeting the current computing needs of our community, but to helping us anticipate evolving computing needs as well."

For more information about CCI, see <http://www.unc.edu/cci/>.

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#### 2006 CCI LAPTOP GUIDE

The Carolina Computing Initiative (CCI), the program that lets students purchase personal computers through UNC-Chapel Hill, has released an updated "Laptop Guide" for 2006. This year's version has been updated to reflect changes in computer models, computing policy and other areas.

ITS developed the "Laptop Guide" as an interactive instructional tool designed to educate students about using and maintaining their CCI computers and taking advantage of the available computing resources at the University. The "Laptop Guide" covers topics that range from Onyen authentication services to copyright infringement to malware.

Even though the "Laptop Guide" is targeted toward incoming students, anyone new to computing at the University can use it to learn about campus computing services and policies. To download the "Laptop Guide," visit <http://www.unc.edu/cci/ctops/>.

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#### 2006 UNC CAUSE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

At each annual UNC CAUSE Conference attendees learn about UNC campus technology initiatives, enjoy networking with colleagues, and share technical knowledge and insights. This year's UNC CAUSE Conference will be held in New Bern. For more information, visit the 2006 UNC CAUSE Conference website at <http://www.ecu.edu/cause06/>.

When: Monday, November 6, 2006 - Wednesday, November 8, 2006,

Where: New Bern River Front Convention Center, New Bern, NC

We are now soliciting proposals for the conference program. The deadline for proposal submissions is Monday, July 31, 2006. Suggested focus areas include (but are not limited to):

Technology Leadership/Management  
Digital Communications and Collaborative Tools  
Enterprise Computing  
Education/Research Tools and Support (and Strategies)  
Cybersecurity  
Mobile Technology

The online proposal submission form is at <http://www.unccause.org/cause06/form.php>.

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#### CONFERENCE SHARING: THE TEACHING PROFESSOR

The next LearnIT conference sharing session will feature highlights from the Teaching Professor conference (<http://www.teachingprofessor.com/>). Conference session titles include:

What the Best College Teachers Do  
Understanding the Alphabet of PowerPoint  
The Machine in the Classroom  
To Rate or Not to Rate: The Utility of Student Ratings of Teachers and their Work  
163 Alternative Assessment Ideas  
Creating and Implementing PBL Problems

Engaging Students: Active and Cooperative Learning Strategies in Online Courses  
Student Attitudes and Learning Gains in Tablet PC-Enabled Courses

Discussion of the highlights and questions about other aspects of the conference will be welcomed.

When: 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Where: Room 404, Hanes Hall

To register for this session, go to <https://help.unc.edu/tracs/course-item/5791>. For information about other LearnIT workshops and training opportunities, go to <http://LearnIT.unc.edu/>.

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SEARCH ONLINE FOR NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Want to know what new books have arrived in campus libraries? Too hot to walk over to the library to browse the new books area? From the convenience of your computer you can search through the new books acquisitions listings. Searches can be performed by library, topic, or call number at <http://www.lib.unc.edu/newbooks/>.

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CAMPUS WEBMASTERS JULY MEETING

The Webmasters peer-support group meetings provide an opportunity for attendees to share Web tips and techniques they find useful. The May meeting will feature Wendy Dascoli, ITS Communications division, who will talk about content management systems. What are they? Why do we need one? What are the competing priorities? Where are we with selecting one for our campus?

When: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2006

Where: Room 265, Phillips Hall

Anyone who manages Web servers or sites is invited to join the group. You can join the mailing list by pointing your Web browser to [http://lists.unc.edu/read/all\\_forums/subscribe?name=webmasters](http://lists.unc.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=webmasters).

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SAS LICENSING

The UNC-SAS Partnership allows the use of specific SAS Institute software products by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill under limited terms and conditions for faculty, staff, or students. Instructions on how to get the SAS media are available at <https://help.unc.edu/restricted/?id=4867>.

ITS Software Acquisitions now has new SAS license files. If you already have a working copy of SAS, instructions for downloading just the license file are at "SAS License Renewal Procedures" -- <http://help.unc.edu/?id=5546>.

For more information about SAS software, see <http://www.sas.com/>.

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REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR PYCAMP

Registration is still open for PyCamp: Python Boot Camp. In one week of training, PyCamp takes a programmer familiar with basic programming concepts to the status of Python developer. The training is geared towards scientific and research computing. If you have previous programming experience and want to step into Python programming as quickly and painlessly as possible, this camp is for you. PyCamp covers XML processing, SOAP web services, matplotlib, gnuplot, NumPy, Scientific Python, SciPy, PyMat, RPy, and more.

When: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, August 7-11, 2006

Where: 332 Phillips Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill campus

For more information and to register, go to <http://trizpug.org/boot-camp/pyc1/>.

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WEB BROWSER TIP: SEARCH PLUGINS FOR FIREFOX

ITS Knowledge Management has created search plugins for help.unc.edu and search.unc.edu so that Firefox users can search the sites from the search bar at the top of their browser. Users who install these downloads can search the

UNC-Chapel Hill help and search sites without having to visit these home pages.

These search plugins will appear as additional choices for the search box at the top right of the Firefox application window. By default, Firefox is configured to search Google when text is entered in the text input box. To select a different search engine from among those installed, users can click on the icon to see a drop-down list of the engines, and click on the engine they'd like to use.

For more information or to install the plugins, see <http://help.unc.edu/?id=5627>.

For more computing assistance, contact the Information Technology Response Center, Undergraduate Library.  
Walk-in Hrs: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Submit a help request on the Web: <https://www.unc.edu/ar-bin/remedy.pl>

Tel: 962-HELP -- 24 hours/7 days a week

ITRC website: <http://help.unc.edu/>

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## 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.

Calendar (Oracle): Access and Designate Rights  
June 27

Introduction to UNC-Chapel Hill Webmail  
June 29

Conference Sharing: The Teaching Professor  
July 12

Web Authoring: Page Styling with CSS  
July 12

Web Authoring with Mozilla  
July 19

Managing Spyware at Work and at Home  
July 20

Web Authoring with HTML  
July 26

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

Calendar (Oracle): Getting Started  
July 27

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## 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/>.

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## 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](mailto: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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