


What's Happening? - Sam Scoma, CIO

Technology Services has been actively working on several projects this fall. The server virtualization project is ahead of schedule with two more servers planned for virtualization during the November 15th system maintenance activity. We have been working with the InService Center in Pelham reviewing their network infrastructure and planning on several upgrades. A portion of the computer lab space located in the Carmichael Library lower level has been reassigned to the Learning Enrichment and Student Transitions office for use as a study and tutoring assistance center. We have been providing remote services to support the new website migration—working with the web committee and web authors in identifying web pages for transition. We helped Joe Walsh, and the College of Education, in the development of a COE tab in ForUM that contains a central repository of information for their constituencies. And several wireless network infrastructure upgrades have been taking place across campus.

Email Access from Off-Campus

The easiest way to access your email from off-campus is via ForUM. On every ForUM tab, your Exchange email account (i.e., your main UM  E-mail email account) is available by clicking the email icon near the top right of the screen. This link will take you straight to your inbox without any additional login required. (Remember, faculty and staff also have a ForUM Email account which is available from ForUM. The ForUM Email icon is very different from the Exchange email icon and is clearly labeled.)



Avoid Using the @ Sign in Passwords

Please do not use the @ sign in your UM Network password. Although the network will accept passwords that include the @ sign, Banner will not. When you login to Banner via "My Banner" in ForUM, your Banner password is synchronized with your Network password. If your Network password has the @ sign in it, it will interfere with your Banner access.



The Top 5 Ways Students Use Technology to Cheat

It was recently reported that Common Sense Media has determined that 35% of students use their cell phones to cheat:

- 26% store information on their phone and look at it while taking a test
- 25% send text messages to friends to get answers
- 17% take pictures of a test, then send them to friends
- 20% use their phones to search for answers on the Internet
- 48% warn friends about a pop quiz with a phone call or text message

As if that's not bad enough, 25% of students consider the above actions "helping" rather than cheating! When it comes to Internet usage, 52% say they have engaged in some form of cheating, though they don't see much wrong with it: 36% don't view downloading a paper as a serious offense and 42% believe copying text from the web is a minor offense.

For more information, see www.higheredmorning.com/the-top-5-ways-students-use-technology-to-cheat.

Instructional Technology Training

During the month of October, Technology Services provided several workshops to UM faculty and staff on the use of Blackboard, Word 2003 and PowerPoint 2003. The same workshops will be offered in the future with the addition of Using Blackboard's Grade Center.

Workshops available during the month of November for Mac Office users on Word and PowerPoint were recently announced as was a workshop with a visual, interactive guide to assist Office 2003 users learn to navigate the new Office 2007 interface. (Check your email for more information.)

We are also planning Office 2007-specific workshops for Word and PowerPoint. Details to be announced soon.

Please send an email to Leris Hambleton (hambletonlj@montevallo.edu) if there is a specific workshop you would like Technology Services to offer.

Save Money By Managing Your Computer's Power Settings

Computers require electricity to operate, and electricity costs money. By managing your computer's power settings, you can conserve energy and, consequently, save money for the University. How much money can you save UM by turning off your computer every night? The following table shows the estimated yearly energy consumption costs for a few of the computer models that are in common use on campus:

Make/Model	Max	Idle	Standby	Off	Inventory
Dell Optiplex 755	\$40.33	\$27.65	\$1.44	\$0.37	89
Dell Optiplex 745	\$63.20	\$42.20	\$1.51	\$0.43	135
Apple 20" iMac	\$66.65	\$37.10	\$1.21	\$0.64	20

(Costs above are based on an estimated cost of electricity at \$0.0634 per kilowatt-hour.)

The **Maximum** column shows how much it would cost to run one of these computers at full capacity for an entire year. **Idle** shows how much it costs to operate the computer while it is awake but not actually doing anything. **Standby** is the mode your computer goes into when it "goes to sleep". Finally, **Off** is how much it costs to leave the computer plugged in but turned off. (Yes, your computer uses electricity even when it is turned off. This is intentional, as it prevents the battery on the motherboard from running down.)

As you can see, allowing your computer to go into **Standby** when not in use can save a lot of money over time. Let's look at the Dell Optiplex 745 as an example. There are 135 of this model computer in use on campus. If all 135 of these computers were left idling a full year, it would cost the University \$5,697.00. In **Standby** mode, it would only come to \$203.85. Note that these numbers represent a range of usage. The cost to operate the campus computers is based on actual usage and will be somewhere in between this range.

By default, Technology Services sets up new computers to take advantage of built-in energy conservation schemes. However, we know that many people get annoyed when their computer goes to sleep too quickly, and it's not uncommon for the energy-saving settings to be disabled. Still, you may find that a balanced power scheme will allow you to use your computer efficiently while saving money as well. On a **Mac**, look for power settings under **System Preferences**. On a **PC**, you can find them in the **Control Panel**.



Next month: "Should I turn my computer off at night?"

Recover Recently Deleted Emails in Outlook

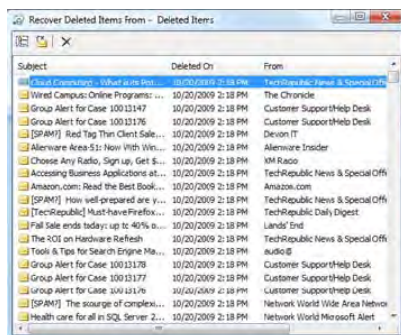
Did you know that you can recover up to one week's worth of

"permanently" deleted emails in Outlook 2007 and 2003?

Simply highlight your **Deleted Items** folder in Outlook's

Folder View, then choose

Recover Deleted Items from the **Tools** menu at the top left of the screen. You will see a list of emails you can recover. Highlight the ones you want, then click **Recover Selected Items** in the top left corner.



ForUM Statistics

During the month of September, ForUM received 70,567 visits from just 7 countries! By far, the greatest number of ForUM visitors were from the United States with 70,245. There were an additional 265 visitors whose country was not set, 29 visitors from Canada, 20 from the United Kingdom, 5 from Nigeria, 2 from Chile and 1 from Cameroon.



Happy Thanksgiving!

The Technology Services staff wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Our office on campus will be closed during the holiday, but the Help Desk be available if needed. Call (205) 665-6520 or (866) 520-2401 any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for assistance or send an email to helpdesk@montevallo.edu.

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