



2008 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

SHOWCASE

204E Evans Library

Thursday, October 23 ▪ 8:50 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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Carol Henrichs, Sally Yang & Melanie Best, Instructional Technology Services

Respondus is an application for creating and managing exams that you can print on paper or publish directly to a learning management system, such as Blackboard Vista. With **StudyMate**, you can create ten Flash-based activities and games using three simple templates. You can use **LockDown Browser** to reduce the potential for students to find outside answers on the Internet or in your class via instant messaging while taking a computer-based assessment. **Impatica** converts PowerPoint files into a compressed format that is optimized for viewing over the Internet—you can even retain original PowerPoint text, graphics, transitions, and narrations in your exported slideshows.

9:30–9:55

Waypoint: Developing Rubrics & Using Peer Review

Candace Schaefer, University Writing Center

Waypoint is a system for developing, processing, and analyzing assessment data to enhance student learning. Waypoint features interactive grading rubrics to assist instructors in creating relevant and timely feedback for complex student assignments, which may include essays, reports, presentations, discussions, portfolios, case studies, and group projects. The system also aggregates course surveys, provides peer-review mechanisms for both students and instructors, and integrates with institutional learning management systems, such as Blackboard Vista.

10:00–10:25

Blogs & Wikis

Nancy Small, Department of English

In our increasingly connected Web 2.0 world, collaborative and open methods of sharing information and ideas have become vital aspects of today's teaching and learning. Learn how to effectively use blogs and wikis to encourage online discussions, post documents, engage students in collaborative learning, and administer group assignments.

10:30–10:55

TurnItIn Plagiarism Detection Service

Nancy Small, Department of English

Websites and other online resources offer an abundance of easily obtained information yet often compound the age-old academic issues of poorly referenced sources and plagiarism in student writing. TurnItIn is an online database system designed to help instructors detect plagiarism in written assignments through word-matching. Students can also submit papers directly from Blackboard Vista to TurnItIn via a PowerLink.

11:00–11:25

Podcasting

Dennie Smith, Department of Teaching, Learning & Culture

Podcasting continues to gain momentum as an effective teaching tool in higher education. It is an approachable and cost-effective way to deliver your

course materials to today's tech-savvy students. Although the ability to record presentations and distribute multimedia online has been available for years, it is time to reevaluate the educational value of mobile learning in the context of our on-demand culture, emerging trends in teaching and learning, and the innovative methods that podcasting allows us to deliver different types of content to our students.

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Introduction to Blackboard Vista

Jeff Kurtz, Instructional Technology Services

Blackboard Vista (formerly WebCT Vista) is the university-wide learning management system (LMS) at Texas A&M for uploading syllabi, managing grades, and teaching courses either in a hybrid format or completely online. Vista is a secure, enterprise-level system and features Grade Books, assignment tools, quizzing and survey tools, chat rooms, discussion boards, email, and content organization components. Get an overview of what you can accomplish with this full-featured LMS in terms of content management, assignments, assessments, and collaboration/communication features.

12:00–12:55

LUNCHTIME PANEL PRESENTATION

Teaching & Learning in Virtual Worlds: A Second Life Experience

Second Life is a 3D virtual world that is fast-becoming a viable and immersive online teaching environment. A group of Texas A&M educators, as well as colleagues from Texas State Technical College, who currently use Second Life in their curriculums will share their experiences and examples during this keynote presentation, both in-person and remotely from within Second Life. In addition, they will provide an open forum for how the Second Life SIM "Aggieland," or virtual region, that Instructional Technology Services recently purchased can best be used by the university.

1:00–1:25

Centra Symposium Webconferencing System

Jill Hughson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Centra is a webconferencing system that allows you to share presentations, websites, and applications; present quizzes and surveys; and use breakout rooms in real-time. Use Centra to present to small or large classes and interact with students with voice over IP, video, and text and also record your presentations for asynchronous viewing. Centra is now available throughout the Texas A&M University System as its standardized webconferencing system.

1:30–1:55

Camtasia Screen Recording

Theresa Murphrey, Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communications

Camtasia records onscreen actions with the ability to add audio annotations and various types of visual callouts. You can save the resulting video in various formats and sizes for online delivery to students. Texas A&M has a site license available through SELL for you to purchase both Camtasia and SnagIt (a screenshot utility) for \$10 at software.tamu.edu.

2:00–2:25

MediaMatrix Audio / Visual Internet Streaming System

Linda Bair & Bob Perez, Educational Media Services

MediaMatrix allows you to upload audio and video files to create customized collections of educational media for students or other viewing audiences. You can limit access to a specific set of people based on NetIDs and even make non-copyright material available to the public. The system supports a variety of media formats and offers robust RSS (Really Simple Syndication) capabilities.

2:30–2:55

eInstruction Classroom Performance Systems (“Clickers”)

Shontarius Aikens, Mays Business School

Student response systems, or “clickers,” are instructional devices that can assist you in engaging students in classroom topics and help you determine if they understand the subject matter you are teaching. eInstruction is the standardized vendor for Texas A&M and integrates with Blackboard Vista to record assessment results to a Grade Book.

3:00–3:25

Technology-Enhanced Classrooms

Stephen Golub, Instructional Media Services

Learn how to get the most from technology-enhanced classrooms on campus. Familiarize yourself with operating a customized touchscreen computer and controlling a classroom projector, DVD/VCR player, and wall-mounted video and document cameras to create dynamic and engaging presentations that you can record for asynchronous viewing.

3:30–3:55

No-Fuss, Fun, Free & Easy Audio Applications

Carol Henrichs, Instructional Technology Services

There are numerous fun and free software applications available online you can use to enhance your teaching. Many of these have low barriers to entry in terms of access and ease of use. This presentation will focus on an array of tools you can use to create audio files. Add some pizzazz to your curriculum and get students engaged in the subjects you discuss.

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