Faculty and staff, as well as for installation on campus-owned systems. Facilities so that students can use the software on campus-owned agreements. The licenses may also be used for campus computing and we appreciate their collaboration and support in executing this agreement. The TTU Office of the CIO has successfully negotiated a strategic license for faculty and staff – on campus and at home. Procurement Services and Contracting were instrumental in our negotiation efforts, while vacationing:

Don’t Let Identity Theft Spoil Your Vacation

Vacationers are at an increased risk for identity theft because they often carry credit cards, passports, and other official forms of personal identification. As a result, tourists are routinely targeted by criminals, who are just as likely to target your personal information as your expensive camera or laptop. Travelers should be careful to protect themselves and take extra precautions with items most likely to be stolen while traveling. We offer these tips to help protect your identity while vacationing:

• Don’t travel with all your credit cards -- carrying a limited number of credit cards reduces the chance of loss or theft, as well as the impact if items are stolen;
• Don’t leave personal information in your hotel room; we suggest that you take advantage of the hotel safe;
• If you make travel arrangements using your mobile phone, be careful about the information you input and store in the application; such as, saving your login information, credit card number, or billing address. Your saved information could be stolen along with your phone;
• Protect your computers and mobile devices (including phones) with passwords;
• Avoid accessing personal information from public computers. Public wireless connections are not secure, so avoid using them for secure transactions, such as transactions requiring a login; and
• Stay alert! It is easy to let your guard down while relaxing on vacation, but it’s important to be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.

For more cyber security awareness information, please visit: http://safecomputing.ttu.edu.

TTU Enterprise Agreement for Adobe Products!

The Adobe Creative Cloud products are full versions installed locally onto computer hard drives. The files and projects created with Adobe Creative Cloud applications can be stored, modified, and shared exactly as they were with earlier versions, with the added ability to collaborate and share in the “cloud”. Students can purchase Adobe Creative Cloud for a substantial discount, about $19.99 per month. More information on student purchases may be found at the Adobe Creative Cloud website; http://www.adobe.com/products/creativecloud.edu.html.

Adobe software is available for download from our eRaider website, http://eraider.ttu.edu (click on “Software Download” on the left navigation bar). For more information, please call IT Help Central at 806-742-4357 (HELP).

Online Learning with SkillSoft Computer-Based Training

Today's fast-paced digital world requires continuous, life-long learning to stay competitive. The TTU IT Division recognizes the need for continued learning, whether it’s motivated by on-the-job support, professional development, or continuing education. The TTU IT Division has partnered with SkillSoft to offer Computer-Based Training (CBT) with a catalog of over 5,000 online courses, covering a wide range of business, technical, financial, management, and communication topics. These rich and engaging courses are available at no additional cost to the TTU community. These non-credit, self-paced courses are accessible 24/7 and you can even download courses for offline viewing. Visit http://itts.ttu.edu/training, click “Online Training” and login with your eRaider credentials.

When you login to the site, use the “Search & Learn” feature to quickly locate topical courses, or click on “Catalog” and expand the folders to browse through hundreds of categories and topics. When you find a course, point to the title and click “Launch” to immediately start learning, or click “Show Details” to read about topics covered, time estimate, download information and more. You can also view individual lessons within a course if you only need to learn about a specific topic. For questions or more information contact Technology Support Education Services at iteducation@ttu.edu.
Texas Tech University has begun our campus-wide migration from Blackboard CE 8 (CE8), to Blackboard Learn 9.1 (BB9). We encourage you to migrate or re-create your course this summer so that you can start teaching in the new Blackboard LMS in the Fall 2013 semester. Starting with the Spring 2014 semester, all Blackboard courses will be taught in the new Blackboard platform. For your convenience and reference, we have compiled a set of FAQs to assist you and provide basic information at http://www.tlpd.ttu.edu/content/asp/BBLearn/Migration/MigrationInfo.asp.

Additional information:
- To MIGRATE an existing course from Blackboard CE8 to Blackboard Learn 9.1 click on the following link: http://appserv.itts.ttu.edu/BB9Migration/; Remember to choose only the best instance of the course(s) that you need in the new LMS. This process will take between four and seven working days. To make efficient use of resources, we ask that you remove course materials that you no longer need.
- To RE-CREATE the course from scratch, go to the following link to request a Development Shell: www.tlpd.ttu.edu/blackboard/courserequest.asp. This process will take between four and seven working days.

Again, we suggest that you begin the migration or re-creation process now, and we have staff ready to assist you in the process. Please contact Karissa Greathouse at the Teaching, Learning, & Professional Development Center (Karissa.greathouse@ttu.edu or 806-742-0133) if you encounter any difficulties, have questions about the online forms, or if any technical information needs clarification. The Teaching, Learning & Professional Development Center is working collaboratively with the Information Technology Division to provide full support to faculty during this migration period, and as we move forward in sustaining the new solution. Thank you and we look forward to your partnership as we take a leap in the quality of our instructional technology and online learning tools!

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