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Message from the CIO

After 12 years of publishing our educational bulletin, TTU IT staff and student designers have refreshed the format to enhance readability and better accommodate online delivery. As TTU kicks off another bustling fall, this edition features key technology resources provided to the TTU community — learning opportunities, technology discounts, and TTU IT computing facilities. The Office of the Provost has once again provided our TTU community access to NBC Learn — a massive historical news archive, and we encourage you to use this rich research source. For those engaged in the Pokémon craze, we provide a few guidelines for protecting your personal information. Here's to our first kick-off, cooler weather, and another record freshman class. Wreck 'em Tech!

—Sam Segran, Associate Vice President for IT and Chief Information Officer



NBC Learn @ Tech

it.ttu.edu/nbclearn

TTU faculty, staff, and students will continue to have full access to NBC Learn this year. To access NBC Learn, please visit nbclearn.ttu.edu. You may also access NBC Learn content through the main campus library information search, and faculty may easily import materials into Blackboard courses.

NBC Learn Higher Ed includes:

- Over 10,000 primary source videos, documents, letters, and images;

- Current event videos updated daily;
- Historic news broadcasts and newsreels from the 1930's to the present;
- Closed captioning for all resources; and
- Rights and copyright authorized for educational use.

For more information regarding this service, visit the informational site, it.ttu.edu/nbclearn.

IT Campus Computer Labs

itts.ttu.edu/labs



The TTU IT Division manages computer labs available to faculty, researchers, staff, and students. These locations are ideal for collaboration and group work! All computer stations are connected to the Internet, offer standard Microsoft software, and have specialized software installed (e.g. AutoCAD, Adobe, SPSS, and SAS). We invite you to visit any of our locations:

- ATLC Main: West Basement, University Library building;
- ATLC East: Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed Residence Hall Complex;
- ATLC North: Carpenter/Wells Complex;
- ATLC MCOM: Media & Communication Building, room 363;

- ATLC SUB: Student Union Building;
- ATLC Grad: Graduate Student Center;
- ATLC MVA: The Military Veterans Association in West Hall;
- ATLC KSM: Kinesiology and Sport Management;
- ATLC Honors: Honors College; and
- ATLC Advise: Holden Hall Student Advising Center.

Note that you will need your eRaider username and password to log on to the ATLC computers, and a University ID Card is needed to access some of the remote facilities.



Learning Opportunities

cbit.ttu.edu

TTU IT offers a plethora of in-person and online tools to help you hone technology, management, business, and financial skills:

Traditional ShortCourses

Who: All TTU faculty, staff, and students
What: An assortment of technology skill courses
Where: ATLC facility computer labs in University Library, West Basement
Provided by: IT professionals
Examples: Excel, SPSS, SAS, Adobe Creative Suite, JMP (new)

Online Learning

Who: All TTU faculty, staff, and students
What: 500+ technology, business, management, financial & leadership courses
Where: www.cbit.ttu.edu
Provided by: Industry experts
Examples: Basic to advanced software, Human Resources, Budgeting, Customer Service, Project Management, & Leadership Development

IT Discounts

itts.ttu.edu/software



TTU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible to receive discounts from Apple and Dell for departmental, as well as personal, purchases. Through strategic partnerships with Dell and Apple, the TTU IT Division and TTU Procurement Services have streamlined the process to obtain the best pricing possible on technology hardware purchases. Visit the IT Help Central

website at ithelpcentral.ttu.edu, and click on “Buying the Right Computer” for recommendations, as well as links to the Apple and Dell online stores. You may also visit itts.ttu.edu/software for detailed information about a variety of software provided at little or no cost.



Pokémon Go: Mingling Real and Virtual Worlds

The popular Nintendo game, Pokémon, has recently released the app, Pokémon Go, and the app has grown exponentially in popularity. The game allows players to immerse themselves in the world of Pokémon by travelling to real world places to catch Pokémon and stopping by landmarks called Poké Stops. In its initial release the Pokémon app exposed the google account information of all users. Recently Pokémon released an updated version (1.0.1). To confirm that you downloaded the most recent version:

- Check your google account status by logging into your account and opening the “Connected Apps” tab in the settings menu.

- If Pokémon Go has “Full Account Access”, then you must download the updated version in your apps store.
- In the meantime please take the following actions:
 - » Go back to the “Connected Apps” page on your Google account.
 - » Select the “Remove” option to remove access from “Pokémon Go. This will not erase your game data.

Always embrace good safety practices when playing Pokémon Go. Remember to look up from your device and check your surroundings at all times.

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