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Message from the CIO

Another glorious summer on the South Plains is upon us, and we hope that you are taking time to enjoy some well-deserved rest and leave time. For those traveling, we offer **cybersecurity tips for vacationing**, to aid you in protecting your devices, data, information, and identity while you vacation. As we begin to gear up for the new academic year, we provide information about **Compliance Sheriff**, a new resource to aid campus web content managers with designing accessible and effective web pages. Lastly, we provide information about an increase in the **license cost for SPSS**, statistical software used by many faculty, staff, and students. Note that the increase only impacts faculty and staff purchasing individual licenses. We hope you enjoy the remaining weeks in the summer, and remember to practice safe computing in all that you do. Go Tech!

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



— The TTU Office of the CIO — “Excellence in IT Innovation Award”

In December 2017, at our annual Year in Review, we launched the TTU Office of the CIO “Excellence in IT Innovation Award,” created to recognize TTU areas and departments that have demonstrated exemplar use of innovative technology.

For Fiscal Year 2018, we invite any Texas Tech University Faculty or Staff Member to nominate an innovative, technology-based project, based on the following general criteria:

- Project substantially completed by TTU faculty, staff, and/or student worker(s)
- Majority of project implementation occurred during the nominating fiscal year
- Project supports institutional operations and business needs
- Project provides tangible benefit to TTU and project must involve innovative technology or highly successful technology-based service implementations

Please visit <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/infotech/apps/it-innovation/> to learn more or submit an eligible project—**all nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14.** Our award selection process:

- Early Summer: Nominations Open
- Mid-September: Nominations Close
- Fall: The Chief Information Officer will lead a review panel that will determine award recipient(s).
- December 4, 2018: Award Recipient(s) Announced at our Annual IT Division Year in Review Event

Fiscal Year 2017 Award Recipients



TTU Athletics
Teamworks Implementation



TTU Operations Division
Planning Initiative



TTU Advising
Retention Tools



TTU Parking Services
Vehicle Identification System

We thank you in advance for your nominations and look forward to recognizing the outstanding technological advances our TTU areas and departments have made this year.

For questions regarding the nomination process, please contact itevents@ttu.edu.

Compliance Sheriff



After competitive market analysis and a successful pilot with several TTU areas and departments, the TTU Office of the CIO has purchased

Compliance Sheriff as a resource for campus web designers. The automated tool can “crawl” public-facing webpages and report an

assessment of the accessibility of your web pages. The tool also provides information on broken links, grammatical errors, and other quality assurance information. Compliance Sheriff will help TTU adhere to state and federal regulations, as well as with keeping websites refreshed.

We invite all TTU web content owners to use this valuable tool at no cost to the campus community. If you wish to use this tool, simply request automated reports:

- Visit <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/itts/web/webquality/request.php> and request an automated report, indicating the specific website addresses; and

- For additional training and information, including the interpretation of the reports you will receive, please visit <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/itts/web/webquality/>.

Please note that if your website is not currently in OmniUpdate the TTU Web Team will be happy to assist you with migrating your content and providing training in your area. For assistance, contact us at itteamweb@ttu.edu. Thank you for your partnership as we work together to provide web information that is accessible to **all** TTU faculty, staff, and students.



SPSS Statistics Software Pricing Increase

Following IBM's purchase of SPSS in 2009, the licensing cost for this software has increased significantly for the entire campus community over the past several years. Even with these contractual increases, the price to TTU SPSS users remained constant. However, beginning with the new Fiscal Year (FY19), on September 1, 2018, the purchase price of IBM SPSS Statistics software will increase to \$170.00 for TTU faculty and staff licenses. Students will continue to have SPSS access through our TTU Citrix environment at no additional cost to them. The new TTU pricing model:

IBM SPSS Statistics is a robust software solution used to help examine data, analyze trends, forecast trends, validate assumptions, and inform decision-making and research. TTU faculty and staff may purchase IBM SPSS Statistics by visiting www.depts.ttu.edu/itts/software/index.php.

For more information, please contact ITTS Licensing at itts.licensing@ttu.edu

SPSS Pricing	TTU Historical Price (last 8 years)	TTU New Price (effective 9/1/2018)	Individual Education Cost (if purchased outside of TTU Agreement)
New Subscription	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$259.00
Yearly Renewal	\$80.00	\$170.00	\$259.00



Cybersecure Vacationing

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 camera or laptop. To help protect your confidential information, the TTU IT Division recommends the following practices when traveling:

- 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.

Many of you may also be involved in foreign travel, business or pleasure this summer. For those traveling abroad, we have some additional recommended practices:

- Don't travel with all your credit cards—carrying a limited number of credit cards reduces the magnitude of loss or theft;
- Take advantage of the hotel safe, rather than leaving personal information in your hotel room;
- If you make travel arrangements using a mobile device, avoid storing transaction information; such as, login information, credit card number, or billing address. Remember that saved information could be stolen along with your phone;
- Protect your computers and mobile devices (including phones) with passwords;
- Public wireless connections are not secure, so avoid using them for secure transactions, such as transactions requiring a login; and

- Prior to your travel, be sure to visit <https://travel.state.gov/> to obtain country background, updated travel advisories, and the current political situation of the countries being visited;
- Do not travel with any unnecessary information or current research on a laptop;
- Do not leave your laptop unattended; and
- Do not continue to use a laptop that begins to run slowly, or acts strangely, especially after taking it overseas.

For more cybersecurity awareness information, please visit cybersecurity.ttu.edu. Safe travels!