



# TLT NEWS



Fall 2011

The Teaching, Learning & Technology Group at NJIT

With a goal to improve the quality and accessibility of education at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, TLT is a collaborative effort of the departments of **Instructional Technology & Media Services**, **Academic Computing Services**, the **Van Houten Library**, the **Center for Academic and Professional Enrichment**, and **University Web Services**. Through these shared efforts TLT assists faculty and staff to ensure that NJIT students receive the most effective and efficient education possible. [instruction@njit.edu](mailto:instruction@njit.edu)



**Sloan-C** Utilizing Distance Learning fees, NJIT has renewed our membership in the Sloan-C College Pass program. This includes FREE individual memberships in Sloan-C as well as FREE enrollments in a variety on of 2 to 4 week, on-line workshops in a broad variety of subjects.

**To register for this or any other Sloan-C College Pass workshop send an e-mail to [instruction@njit.edu](mailto:instruction@njit.edu). Active participants are entered into a drawing for an iPad!**

- [Dynamic Collaboration, Discussion, and Facilitation Practices](#). September 7 - 16, 2011
- [Avoiding Faculty Burnout](#) September 14 - 23
- [MERLOT 101: An Introduction to MERLOT](#) (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) September 14 - 23
- [Accommodating Students with Disabilities: Leveraging the Online Learning Environment](#). September 14 - 23
- [Supporting and Engaging Students Through Social Networking](#) September 21 - 30
- [Great Web 2.0 Tools to Improve Learning](#) September 21 - 30
- [Copyright Compliance for Online Educators](#). September 28 - October 7

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**eTutor Pilot** This fall, students taking introductory math, chemistry and physics courses can now ask questions 24 hours a day and tutors from the CAPE center will answer them within 24 hours Monday through Friday. Each question and answer session is automatically organized into an FAQ that can contain text answers, audio, and recorded video created with a special tablet that inputs the hand writing into a computer. eTutor is a collaboration between ITMS, CAPE, and the academic departments participating in this pilot program to help students early, often, and anytime they need assistance.

## Camtasia Relay 3.0

This spring a new version of Camtasia Relay is available to all NJIT faculty, students, staff. Relay is the most streamlined way for anyone to record lectures, meetings, and software tutorials in the classroom or at home. Relay only requires a microphone and is PC and Mac compatible. One new feature of Relay is that it now integrates speech to text technology. Videos now include a search function, so you and your students can find exactly where in a video a word or phrase is mentioned. The new version also makes it easier for faculty to assign video projects to students, since accounts are now automatically created. Some faculty have begun using this feature with students to record presentations and projects for ePortfolios. For more information about relay please go to: <http://relaystart.njit.edu>

## AiPUG

(Android/iPad Users Group) meets at 3:30 every other Thursday afternoon in room 1403 GITC (next meeting scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>) and exchanges information regularly on everything iPad (and Android) related on the AiPUG blog <http://blogs.njit.edu/aipug> We are sharing our experiences, studying the usability of the iPad in the classroom and find solutions to the foibles some people are experiencing.

We have also set up facilitators who are able to purchase most apps at half price in quantities of 20 or more. A Google Doc spreadsheet has been set up to take suggestions and for departments to commit to purchasing apps at half price when we identify sufficient numbers. It is at

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?pli=1&key=0AkzaFILFBwU5dDJBWWpTZ0ktRTVUWmw5VkpiY3NfalE&hl=en\\_US#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?pli=1&key=0AkzaFILFBwU5dDJBWWpTZ0ktRTVUWmw5VkpiY3NfalE&hl=en_US#gid=0) to gain access send an e-mail to [instruction@njit.edu](mailto:instruction@njit.edu)

## **Moodle is now NJIT's official Learning Management System**

Spring 2009 marked the completion of our implementation of Moodle. Over the past year ITMS has helped instructors migrate hundreds of courses to Moodle and last spring there are more than 667 courses that use the learning management system. A little over a year ago NJIT completed the transition to Moodle 1.9. In that time Moodle usage has increased dramatically and last spring we had more than 6,200 active users in 679 courses. One of the questions we hear a lot is "what is the next step?" Last November Moodle 2 was released. For most of our instructors Moodle 2 will look a lot like the version that we are all familiar with. Most of the changes take place "under the hood" but you should notice some nice enhancements and the removal of a couple of bugs (e.g. Spell Check, the ability to add multiple attachments to forums, an enhanced WYSIWYG editor).

This fall we will be supporting a small Moodle 2 pilot to help get the support staff familiar with the changes and give them time to create new tutorials. This spring we will open the pilot up to a larger group of early adopters. If everything goes well with the spring pilot we anticipate that all courses will be using Moodle 2 for the 2012 summer semester. If you are interested in participating in the pilot or would like ore information about Moodle 2 please contact [instruction@njit.edu](mailto:instruction@njit.edu). Contact [instruction@njit.edu](mailto:instruction@njit.edu) In addition, we also have created 30 video tutorials for faculty available at: <http://moodle.njit.edu/tutorials/faculty/index.php>.

## **Moodle Blog**

We now have a Moodle Blog (<https://blogs.njit.edu/moodle/>). We will use this blog as a way to regularly communicate with people already using Moodle. Check the blog for updates, tips and answers to frequently asked questions.

**New Synchronous Desktop Conferencing System coming.** Wimba will be going away in June 2012, since it and its main competitor, Elluminate, were acquired by Blackboard which is in the process of combining the 2 into a new product. Over the next year we will be testing different applications such as Adobe Connect and Blackboard/Collaborate. If you would like to partake in any of the testing, please contact Bill Duelly (973) 596-3005; [duelly@njit.edu](mailto:duelly@njit.edu) Watch the TLT calendar for training dates for the spring semester.

## **Site Studio Website Content Management System Training.**

For department websites managed using Site Studio. Spring training schedule for Web Content Officers at <http://www.njit.edu/stratcomm/resources/cms>. RSVP to [Ersal.Aslam@njit.edu](mailto:Ersal.Aslam@njit.edu)

**The IST website** (<http://ist.njit.edu>) offers support and software to the NJIT community. Visit the website often for news about software updates and/or required license renewals for existing software. Check <https://learningspaces.njit.edu/ilt/> for software workshops. Note that you can request a specific workshop if you have 3 participants. Need an answer to a question about computing at NJIT answered quickly? Take advantage of the "Ask NJIT" located on the IST website.

## **New Software** (<http://ist.njit.edu/services/>)

- Microsoft Office 2010 \*
- Visio 2010 \*
- Project 2010 \*
- Microsoft Windows 7 (Default OS in NJIT Computing Labs.)

## **Software Updates** (<http://ist.njit.edu/software/download.php>)

New versions and updates are available for the software listed below:

- McAfee VirusScan Enterprise 8.8 (Virus protection software with spyware and malware protection.)
- Minitab 16 \* (License update)
- MathType 6.7 \*
- Pro/Engineer Wildfire 5 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Aqua Data Studio 8 \*
- Open AFS Client for Windows 1.5.7700

\* Previous version of this software is available for download

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