Preparing for spring, IT training, getting status updates, and IT updates.

Using Fall Term Learning to Guide Spring Term Teaching

With the fall term coming to an end, planning for spring term has begun. We have a semester of Flex@Pitt under our belts and have learned a lot that we can apply to next term. Here are Pitt IT’s top suggestions:

- **Contact the Teaching Center** for additional training. Canvas and Flex@Pitt workshops continue even after students leave campus.

- Create or modify your courses in the [Learning Management System (Canvas)](#) with the challenges and successes of fall term top of mind.

  **NOTE:** CourseWeb (Blackboard Learn) will be fully retired and no longer available after Friday, Dec. 11. Transfer all course and student content before this deadline.

- **Reach out to Pitt IT** to discuss your technology needs or concerns.

Pitt IT wants feedback about Flex@Pitt and other technology, so we can support faculty, researcher, and staff efforts even better. Plan to attend an upcoming IT Town Hall:

- **Pitt IT Town Hall for Staff:** Mon., Dec. 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Pitt IT Town Hall for Faculty:** Wed., Dec. 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Bridging the Digital Divide

In today's society, reliable Internet access is a necessity. Pitt has joined a non-profit cooperative to launch Every1online. Together, we'll beam free Wi-Fi to in-need communities from atop the Cathedral of Learning to combat the digital divide.

Fall Term IT Training

Virtual training seminars on your favorite Office 365 apps are being offered in December. Sign up for classes on Teams, Word, or PowerPoint at pi.tt/it-calendar.
Status Check: Operational

Check [status.pitt.edu](http://status.pitt.edu) to view known service disruptions and planned maintenance for Pitt IT services. You can also click [Subscribe to Updates](http://subscribe) to receive alerts for services of interest to you. If you experience an issue that’s not listed, please report it to the [24/7 IT Help Desk](http://24/7).  

Bits & Bytes

Virtual Desktops for Remote Work URLs

**Changed on Oct. 31**

The URLs for Virtual Desktops for Remote Work have changed as of Oct. 31. They are now:

- [https://rdweb.wvd.microsoft.com/api/arm/feeddiscovery](https://rdweb.wvd.microsoft.com/api/arm/feeddiscovery) (desktop client feed)

[More details.](http://more)

Recording via a Web Browser with Lecture Capture (Panopto)

[Panopto](http://Panopto) now enables Panopto Capture for creators to record audio, video, and screens/app windows using the current versions of Chrome, Edge (Chromium-based), and Firefox browsers on current operating systems. [Learn more.](http://learn)

Switch Devices Mid-Meeting With Teams

Need to switch devices in the middle of a Teams meeting? Just log into Teams on the other device, and you'll see a notice that a meeting is in progress. You can [Add this device](http://add) (the meeting will show on both) or [Transfer to this device.](http://transfer)

IT Threats Are on the Rise

Hackers have been busy lately, with ransomware schemes targeting health care providers and phishing scams posing as DocuSign alerts or job offers. Follow @UPittIT on social media, visit our website, and receive IT alerts to stay informed: pi.tt/subscribe.

[Read the Panther Bytes blog](http://read) for IT topics that impact you!