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High Performance Collaboration

3,000 processors, 22,000 GB RAM, and 1 petabyte of disk storage – this is what UIC's new $2.4M high performance computer (HPC) cluster will be composed of, all thanks to a large campus-wide collaboration between the IT Governance Council, Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, ACCC, faculty from various UIC departments, and AITS.

Housed in the Roosevelt Road Building, the HPC is scheduled to be available to participating researchers in early October. The cluster will be overseen by an executive board of participating contributors and is managed by a technical committee of OVCR and ACCC members. The HPC will be used for conducting experiments, developing software, computer programming, and as a teaching tool for students.

We are happy to report that UIC's new HPC aided in the addition of six new faculty members, which was essential to their ability to conduct research. Welcome to UIC's new researchers!

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EVENTS

TechTeach
Join us on October 9, 2013, for a one-day conference showcasing the current successes, challenges, and opportunities in technology assisted learning at UIC. For more information and to register, visit *techteach.uic.edu*

National Cyber Security Awareness Month
October celebrates cyber security. All month long, ACCC will be promoting the theme: STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Go to *accc.uic.edu/service/security* for events and opportunities to learn about cyber safety.

Workshops
Popular fall workshops will feature SPSS and SAS, Blackboard Learn, Box, and Qualtrics. For the full schedule please visit *accc.uic.edu/service/training*

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FEATURED SERVICE

Think Outside the Box

19,555 users at the University of Illinois already do – they use Box, a collaboration and content sharing service that is free, secure, and simple to use. Here is why we like it:

Share Content Anywhere:

- Students, faculty, and staff work together sharing documents, assignments and other materials -- all in a secure space
- Stakeholders receive instant notifications on revisions, comments and updates

Stop Worrying About Lost Content:

- Box Sync ensures files on your hard disk are available from other computers and devices
- Content is protected by industry-leading security and is available with a 99.9% uptime guarantee

Collaborate with your Classmates and Colleagues:

- Quickly and easily create shared workspaces and password-protect shared links
- Use your 50 GB of space to upload content, organize it into folders, add comments, and assign tasks

Ready to join the thousands of other UICers already using Box for free? All you need are a valid UIC netID and common password. For more information, go to: *accc.uic.edu/service/box*

C stop

Work. Recharge. Print. Help.

These are all things you'll be able to do in a C-stop – a modern, flexible space created by ACCC and the Office of Campus Learning Environments. The new, lounge-like work area will provide designated zones for students to collaborate, work independently, get help, print, and even recharge their electronic devices. Two flagship C-stops will be unveiled, one in Student Center West this winter, and the other in the Behavioral Science Building in 2014.

Our goal is to convert ACCC computer labs into C-stops over time. The new, improved computer lab concept was a result of feedback from the Innovation Center Report that indicated that students want a comfortable place to work in-between classes. For more information, visit: *cstop.uic.edu*

GIGantic!

UIC is one of the first universities in the country that has a 100 GB connection to the Internet for high-end research. Contact us at *networks@uic.edu* if you are a researcher with higher bandwidth requirements.

TechQual 2013 Survey

ACCC participated in a survey that measures service outcomes that are expected of university IT-organizations. We hear that you want timely resolutions to problems using campus technology services. This fall, we are excited to introduce a mobile IT cart to provide help where you need it. Support tasks include removing computer viruses, installing campus-licensed computer software, and much more.

The College of Dentistry has already used ACCC's mobile IT cart during orientation to assist new students with connecting their mobile devices to UIC's wireless network. Instructional Development Specialist, Nancy Norman, said that ACCC's mobile IT cart "proved to be a valuable service particularly to the students in our international dentistry program, many of whom are new arrivals to the US. We are very grateful to the ACCC staff who have provided this service and helped make life a little easier for our new students." Stay tuned, you may see more of the mobile IT cart soon!

Get on Board with Blackboard

Cynthia Herrera Lindstrom, CIO welcomed educators, technologists, and leaders from the Midwest to UIC on May 23rd for a one-day Blackboard seminar sponsored by ACCC. Many UIC faculty and students have already embraced Blackboard Learn and Blackboard Collaborate, and the support continues to grow. Did you know that this fall, over 2,000 UIC instructors have Blackboard Learn course sites? Nearly 26,000 students already have access to at least one of these sites, making Blackboard an important teaching tool. To schedule one-on-one or group training for Blackboard or other web-based solutions, contact the Information Technology Lab today *accc.uic.edu/service/itl*

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