



Faculty Technology Tips e-Newsletter

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Faculty Technology Survey:

Look out for the Information Services Faculty Technology Survey coming this spring. The objective of the survey is to....

- Gather information on perceptions and challenges in using technology in teaching
- Determine levels of satisfaction with the available educational technology
- Assess and identify needs regarding educational technology training and support
- Identify trends in the use of educational technology
- Identify level of interest in emerging technology

New Semester, New Learning Opportunities!

This spring there are some great new training classes being offered for you. They can be found on the SAT website <http://www.wcupa.edu/infoservices/clientservices/sat.asp>. These classes offer some great tools and tricks to make your classes easier to manage, more interesting and fun! There are some introductory classes to learn about the new software and there is also a new format for several of the classes, a "Make and Take" session where participants can come work with the new software with some help and support from an instructor as well as other participants.

First, learn about something new in our introductory classes in Clicker technology, Media Site, and Camtasia. Come back and create something in a "Make and Take" workshop for Clickers, and Media Site or learn how to grade your exams quickly and easily with Scantron test scoring. There is something for everyone!

Looking forward to seeing you in class!

Curious about Windows 8?

There are two Lenovo touchscreen computers wall mounted in Anderson ground floor hallway that are available for faculty, staff, and student use of the new Windows 8 operating system. Information Services is still in the testing phase of the new OS so there is no deployment date set for W8 at this time.

Activate your D2L Courses:

All D2L courses are set as **"inactive"** upon creation

Students DO NOT have access to "inactive" courses

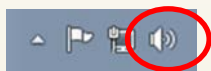
The below process **MUST** be followed for *each course section at the start of every semester*:

1. Click on **"Edit Course"**
2. Click **"Course Offering Information"**
3. Check the **"Active"** checkbox
4. **Click Save**

Making Sound Judgments:

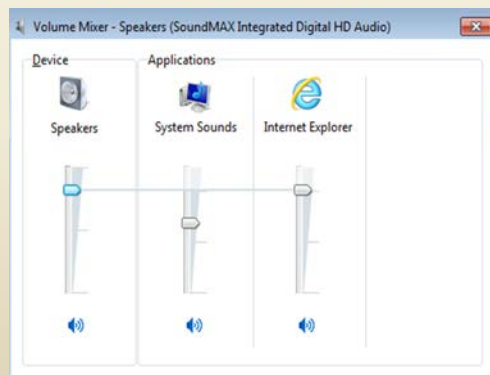
Did you ever sit down at a computer that had the sound cranked way up? Have you ever wanted to hear something on the computer but you couldn't because the volume is turned down too low? Here's what to do when you judge the sound on your computer to be wrong.

Go to the "Task Bar" at the bottom of your desktop screen. Look for the little gray speaker symbol on the right hand side and left click on it.



This window should appear on your screen and give you the opportunity to change your sound level or mute it by checking the speaker icon box at the bottom.

For a more speaker options right click on the speaker symbol in the Task Bar. Then select "Open Volume Mixer" to make adjustments to this menu:



If you only have the speaker that is in the computer to work with (no external speakers) the sound quality is probably pretty low already. Making adjustments to this menu might not be of any use to you.

WCU Wireless Times:

Are you confused about wireless technology on campus? When did it start? Where is it now? Where is it going? Check out [WCU Wireless Times](#) for a wireless update, Q & A's and wireless terminology.

New Dropbox Feedback Feature in D2L Version 10.0:

In previous releases of D2L, as soon as feedback was entered and saved for a student's dropbox submission, that feedback was immediately available to students. Unlike other assessment tools such as Quizzes and Discussions, Dropbox feedback could not be withheld. Now instructors can withhold feedback so they can review and revise grades, rubrics, comments, and attachments. Publishing feedback allows students to see feedback from their submission history in the dropbox and updates any associated grade items. Instructors can publish feedback to all students simultaneously after they have finished assessing submissions or on a student by student basis.

Widget Bar:

Do you know about the widget bar on the WCU website? It provides instant access to Campus Connections and Campus Announcements. [Check it out!](#)