ITS Monthly Update: July 2022 Part 2

Fall 2022 Computing Image Test Drive

Stop by SSB 103 today to test drive machines with their classroom materials with a beta version of the Fall 2022 computing image.

Many of us are still transitioning into our post-pandemic lives and worlds, and Instructional Support would like to help make that transition easier in the classroom. We welcome everyone to stop in anytime between 8-4pm this summer to chat with us about classroom expectations as they pertain to your course.

For those interested in learning a little more on their own, UM System has several wide-ranging courses and tutorials online available through the Percipio portal. Users may also find resources on Um System’s Microsoft 365 Resources page.

Our own portal can be found at http://www.umsl.edu/technology/iss/ where we host continuously updated classroom information.

If you can’t make it to campus, we can always be reached at ic@umsl.edu.

Windows 11 Coming to Labs and Classroom Environments for Fall 2022

Windows 11 operating systems will be available to users in Fall 2022. Users will notice when using a Lab or Classroom PC is the switch to Windows 11, as the start menu has changed in functionality and aesthetics. IT has tried to mimic some of the familiarity of Windows 10 to ease the transition, but always encourages users to become aware of how it may affect them. Some users may notice the upgrade from Office 2019 to Office 365, both of which rely heavily on cloud services. The robust 365 platform delivers users the ability to view, share, edit files directly from any browser in a variety of different methods. Along those same lines, streaming digital media has continued to grow and is an integral part of daily life - so much so that computers no longer ship with CD/DVD drives.

As supply-chain issues permit, IT continues to upgrade machines and AV equipment in locations to keep up with these trends and the increased demands for fluid pedagogical flexibility. The positive survey results we received have resulted in plans for more HyFlex classrooms, providing maximum flexibility with high-end audio and video conferencing hardware.

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