### Password Managers

By Brian Weston

Passwords are becoming longer and more complex as we progress in this digital age. We should mix up our passwords for different sites, but it isn’t easy to remember which password we used. We sometimes mix up the years of birthdays with pets and family members to help remember the password choices, but that isn’t the best way to make a password secure. Now there are password managers to help save our memory and really make the passwords unique and complex. A good password manager will let you customize the settings to your style, whether it’s synced across multiple platforms such as iOS, Android, Windows or Mac, or holding all the keys encrypted on a thumb drive. Check out Lifehacker’s top-5 password managers and see if one will work for you.

http://lifehacker.com/5529133/five-best-password-managers

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### Spring Patches Are Here

By Jim Temple

With the start of spring semester, we enter the infamous “Patch” window for Datatel (Colleague/MyCanyons/WebAdvisor). This is our time in the spring when we schedule downtime with the system to load all of the patches and updates that have accumulated since our last patch load back in October. During this window, people from departments all over the campus spend countless hours testing the changes and enhancements to our Datatel system in a “Test” account. Once the testing has been completed, those same patches are loaded into our live Datatel environment. This year, we have tentatively scheduled the patch load for Friday, April 17th. The system will be unavailable on the 17th while the patches are loaded into the live system and members of the various departments retest all of the changes. Typically, the testing is completed and the system is back up for everyone before lunch.
iPhone/iPad Battery Saving Tips!

By Mauricio Escobar

The iPhone gets great battery life and the iPhone 6 Plus gets really great battery life. Apple has done a lot to make everything from their chipsets to their software management extremely power efficient. Yet every feature you use, you ultimately pay for with battery life.

Usually it’s not a problem. If you start running low on power, you can simply plug into USB or an adapter and recharge really quickly. If you’re going to be away from energy for a long period of time, however, there are a few tricks you can use to extend your battery life just a little bit longer. They’ll cost you some fun and convenience, but they’ll get you as far as you can possibly go. The iPhone is LCD, so it doesn’t matter much what color is being displayed, but it matters if the LED backlight is on, how intensely, and for how long. To keep energy output to a minimum, go to Settings > Display & Brightness, turn Auto-Brightness off, and drag Brightness as low as you can tolerate. Apple does a lot to coalesce background updates so the radios don’t light up any more than they have to. But if you don’t need an app updating in the background, go to Settings > General > Background App Refresh and change the settings.

You’ll have to wait for messages or media to refresh when you open the app, but if you don’t open it often, the power savings can be worth it. If your iPhone is hot or your battery is almost drained and you absolutely need to get more time, you have a couple of options:

- Turn off any radio (Bluetooth, Wifi, etc) that are having problems connecting. A lower signal means a higher power output.
- Reboot. It’s a terrible cliché, but for a reason.

Go into Airplane mode. Save your power for when you need it.

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Technology Committee

By Jim Temple

The District’s Technology Committee meets throughout the year to discuss our progress in meeting the goals of the Technology Master Plan, evaluate new technologies, and discuss technology issues relevant to our campus. The committee is open to anyone who would like to attend. Our next meeting for the spring semester is scheduled May 4. If you are interested in becoming part of the Technology Committee and would like to be added to our email distribution list, please email me at james.temple@canyons.edu.

The committee maintains a website on the Intranet where you can review past agendas, minutes, and other handouts providing a good overview of what goes on during the meetings. Technology, both in and out of the classroom, is an important topic. If you would like to be part of the discussion, please join us.