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Under Construction with SharePoint!

By Peter Hernandez

The college website is undergoing an exciting transformation this fall with Microsoft SharePoint. SharePoint is a powerful new web content management system, which will enable webpage editing from a simple browser window and will be replacing Microsoft FrontPage as the campus wide website tool.

Keep a lookout for upcoming workshop announcements and see what this new technology can do for you and your department’s website!

Bye bye, Datatel Query Builder!

By Mike Brezina

With the advent of moving to WebUI, Datatel’s Query Builder will be going away. But don’t fret, a new web-based product, called Informer, has been purchased to replace it. Informer is more user-friendly, web-based and still provides real-time access to information from Datatel.

Some of the features include:

- Easy navigation and dynamic linking for reporting
- Intuitive web-based user interface with drag and drop, auto-complete capability, and in-place editing
- Create calculated columns to derive new values using existing values.
- Ad-hoc data analysis including pivot tables, drill downs, interactive sorting and grouping, dynamic visualizations and aggregate data analysis
- Multiple export options including Excel, PDF, and HTML
- Option to use LIVE Excel as your interface to the data using Informer as the conduit
- Comprehensive report management, including tagging, searching, and archiving
- Schedule reports to run automatically with various alert and publishing options
- Flexible and comprehensive user and group security — control function and data source access

If you need your queries turned into Informer reports, please submit a work order by sending an email to helpdesk@canyons.edu

Look for Informer workshops coming soon from Professional Development.

For Technical or Audio Visual Assistance
Dial:
x3953 (Valencia)
x3533 (CCC)
Technology Tips and Tricks

How To: Quickly change or move a meeting time in the Calendar app for iPhone or iPad
By Maurico Escobar

- Launch the Calendar app from the Home screen of your iPhone or iPad.
- Along the bottom, select the Day option and find the day of the appointment that you'd like to change.
- When you've found the event or appointment you want to move, simply tap and hold on it.
- You'll now notice anchors that come up. You can now drag it up and down to change the time on that given day or left and right to move it to a different day altogether.
- Once you're done moving it, just tap anywhere else on the screen and the event will be moved to where you placed it.

Blinded by the light?

By Brian Weston

F.lux helps your eyes adjust to the computer screen depending on what time of day it is. The program does this by changing from blue light in the daytime to a warm tint at night and in the morning to simulate our natural sunset/sunrise.

In 2012, the American Medical Association's Council on Science and Public Health stated “exposure to excessive light at night, including extended use of various electronic media, can disrupt sleep or exacerbate sleep disorders, especially in children and adolescents.”

Give F.lux a try, and when the sun starts setting outside you should see your own sunset on your screen as the temperature of the screen color slowly adjusts.

http://stereopsis.com/flux/

Fall Hours

The fall support hours for Information Technology (Computer Support and Audio Visual) are:

**Valencia Campus (Help Desk X3953)**
- Mon-Thursday: 7am-9pm
- Friday: 7am-5:30pm
- Saturday: 8am-2:30pm*

*The Technology Center is closed Saturday but technical support is available

**Canyon Country (Help Desk X3533)**
- Mon-Thurs: 7am-7pm
- Friday: 7am-5pm
- Saturday: CLOSED

Calls made to the Canyon Country helpdesk outside of their operating hours are automatically forwarded to the Valencia office.