A major initiative is underway for a new IPFW Web identity sponsored by Chancellor Wartell and the IPFW Executive Committee. Terry Coonan, Manager for Applications Engineering in IT Services, is the project manager and Bart Tyner, Web Communications Manager in University Relations is the Technical Lead. This joint team effort between IT Services and University Relations has integrated the talents of Web designers, systems engineers and programmers with the communications skills of training and documentation specialists to support the new Web application.

Han Nguyen of University Relations is credited with conceptualizing the fresh and engaging look-and-feel for the new Web site. The project team believes that the sponsorship of the Executive Committee has enabled this endeavor to move forward quickly, stressing that the most important goal was to identify a product that is both exceptionally user-friendly and easily integrated into the IPFW systems environment.

Previous plans for a new Web editing application used by Purdue were discarded when the product was discontinued. This prompted URC web team members to research “Open Source” applications that provided some independence from corporate whims. The URC Web Team spent months evaluating dozens of applications before narrowing the choices down to

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People on the Move

Tom Kruse will be retiring from IPFW after 28 years in Information Technology Services! Tom started in computer programming as a trainee at Lincoln Life in 1969. He came to IPFW on December 7, 1981 (Pearl Harbor day). What Tom has most enjoyed about working here at IPFW has been “the relaxed atmosphere and the minimal overtime, which in the programming field is a big deal.” Tom’s wife, Jan, is also retiring. She has served for 15 years as a secretary in the Math Department. They will retire together on March 12.

Tom recounts that one of the major advantages of working at IPFW together has been that they have only had to drive one car for the last 15 years. This resulted in a big savings for them and has allowed them to do the traveling they love. They began traveling internationally in 1976 and have been to Germany, London and Paris five to six times each. Some of Tom’s favorite places have been Russia, “for its uniqueness” and Sydney, Australia, “for the cliff walks along the beach and climbing the Harbor Bridge (a big deal according to the Sydney locals).” Tom and Jan have also been actively involved with their two children and four grandchildren. Two of their grandchildren and a son-in-law are currently serving in the armed forces.

Tom and Jan are also involved in Division One sports here at IPFW. They have purchased season tickets for all men’s and women's basketball and volleyball games for years. Tom points out that going to Pizza Hut after the games has been a great way to meet and get to know the players, parents and other people in the IPFW community.

The Kruses will retire to Sun City, Arizona, where they have already purchased a home. They will be moving there as soon as they sell their house here in Fort Wayne. Their future travel plans will focus on “our beautiful 50 states.” Although they have already travelled all the states, except Hawaii, they look forward to spending some time enjoying the national parks and other renowned regions of America. Both Tom and Jan will be greatly missed by the IPFW community. Bon Voyage and Good Luck! And send us some post cards from your travels.

Emergency Notification System

Texting Enabled

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) keeps your safety on this campus as a top priority. In order to continue to do that, the university has contracted for an emergency notification system that will allow university officials to contact you in the event a situation arises on campus that could affect your safety and security.

With this option available now, you can have alert messages sent to your mobile phone in case of an emergency. To enable emergency text messaging, log in to my.ipfw.edu. To add your Alert Phone Number to the ENS texting list, in the 'Alert Phone Numbers' box, click the 'Edit' button and enter your phone number. You can choose to receive either text messages, a phone call or both. Simply choose the appropriate check box in front of the desired option.

If you do not want any changes to your current information, click on ‘no change.’ If you want to receive alerts only through e-mail, click on ‘Email Alerts Only.’ More information on Alert Contact Information can be found at the ‘frequently asked questions’ link at the (Continued on page 4, See ENS)
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one product. A major consideration was to provide a broader platform that would include content management and flexibility to integrate Internet-based applications that build on Web 2.0 features, including social media and user-generated content.

As the search field narrowed, the one application that kept coming to the top of the list was dotCMS, a hybrid of open source technology which includes commercial support of the product. dotCMS is a robust content management system for organizations with large Web sites. The project team believes “it’s the right tool to take the IPFW Web site to the next level. It’s easier for editors to use while capitalizing on the latest trends on the Web, like video and Twitter.” dotCMS supports promotional marketing that can be shared and incorporated within departmental pages. It also interfaces with Acalog™ so departments can include current course and program content.

Unlike the last conversion to the Web template which took years to complete for more than 100 sites, this conversion is expected to be much easier. The new environment focuses more on word processing, avoiding the complexities of Dreamweaver. dotCMS is easy-to-use and will give departments more control over the content of their Web sites. The only time they will have to ask for the URC Web team’s assistance is in the event of integrating new technology and design. It will allow departments to exhibit the IPFW look and feel but also allow for more customizable pages. The URC Web team wants to be more responsive to user needs, such as supporting a department in promoting marketing campaigns.

The goal for Phase I has been on implementing the design and functionality of the system as well as getting the infrastructure in place to provide a stable system environment. Phase II will begin with the broad university-wide rollout of dotCMS. Training workshops and migration sessions are planned to begin around the end of February. All sessions will be “by invitation only” and will provide hands-on workshops with in-house written materials led by experts from ITS and URC. The systems environment, Web design, training, and documentation as well as standards and guidelines will be in place to provide ongoing support for the conversion of current pages to dotCMS. The focus of standards and guidelines is to promote usability and make it easier for everyone to create and maintain usable Web sites. Phase 3 of the project will delve into the development of more complex features of dotCMS. The entire project team will continue to expand on the features and functionality of dotCMS with the ongoing roll-out of forms, calendars, and more in the user-friendly environment of dotCMS.

A progress update is planned for the next issue of INFOShare. If you are a department Web editor and are interested in getting in the queue to move to the new Web design, e-mail project manager, Terry Coonan at coonant@ipfw.edu and let him know you are eager to begin.

Conversion Checklist
1. run Dreamweaver diagnostics on your existing site:
   Site > Check Links Site wide
   • primary task is to identify orphaned files, as well as to store images & PDFs in their own folders

2. spell check every page
3. archive orphaned files
4. remove old information content from your pages
5. avoid jargon: acronyms, abbreviations, ‘university speak’ (i.e. KT vs. Kettler Hall)
6. do not use ‘click here.’
7. ask yourself, “does my current site bury the answers?”

Remember, Web users read by scanning content (short 2-3 sentence paragraphs, bulleted lists & bolded key words).
employees who wish to migrate to Windows 7 should secure upgrades to applications they might have installed themselves. IT Services will provide a standard Windows 7 installation that will not include applications. You can find a list of available Windows 7 applications at the following link: http://www.its.ipfw.edu/resources/software/

Hardware and Software Requirements for Windows 7

Employees who request Windows 7 for a new or existing computer must have hardware that meets the minimum requirements shown below. For new hardware or computer purchases, we suggest asking for a computer that meets the recommended specifications listed below.

Recommended specifications for best performance:
- DVD drive or better
- Intel Core2 Duo or equivalent or newer processor technology
- 4 GB memory
- 160 GB hard drive
- A separate, dedicated video card with 512 MB RAM

Minimum requirements:
- DVD drive or better
- 2.8 GHz or faster Pentium 4 or equivalent or newer processor technology
- 2 GB memory
- 80 GB hard drive

Applications that will be made available for Windows 7 are listed at:
http://www.its.ipfw.edu/resources/software/

Questions may be directed to the IT Services Help Desk at 481-6030 or helpdesk@ipfw.edu

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bottom of the ‘Alert Phone Number’ section on the ‘My Home’ tab.

Users with multiple accounts, especially students who work part-time on the campus, might find the ‘Alert Info’ tab missing, if they log in through their employee account. Also the ‘Alert Phone Number’ section on the ‘My Home’ tab would say ‘this account is not set up for emergency alerts.’ Therefore, to enable text messaging, they need to log in using their student ID.