Tricks & Shortcuts in iOS 8

Have you recently installed the new iOS 8 on your iPhone or iPad? If so, you may be wondering what is new in this update. Well, wonder no more! Atomic Learning has a series of quick videos to show you what's new in the update and offer tips and tricks for utilizing iOS 8 to the fullest. Click below to read more and watch the videos.

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Canvas replacing BlackBoard

As many of you already know, we have been piloting the Canvas Learning Management System from Instructure during the summer and fall semesters. The faculty and students in the pilot have provided extensive feedback during this evaluation process. This feedback has allowed us to choose the best learning management system for Elizabethtown College.

We will officially switch from Blackboard to Canvas as the learning management system for the college at the end of June 2015. During the winter and spring semesters we will begin converting courses from Blackboard to Canvas, offer training to faculty, staff and students on the Canvas learning management system, and run select courses in Canvas during the winter and spring semesters. Although we would love to flip a switch and begin offering all courses on Canvas, it’s going to take us about six months to make the full transition.

You will get specific information about when your courses will run in Canvas from your instructors and more information about implementing Canvas can be found on the ITS website. In the meantime, check out this video or the Student Quick Start Guide to learn more about Canvas and how it operates. Want to know more about the advantages of Canvas?

See the Advantages »

Spotlight: Josiah Buxton

Each issue of IT Matters will feature a different student worker as a way of highlighting the many talented workers in the department and thanking them for helping make ITS great.

This issue's featured ITS student worker is Josiah Buxton.
The Computer Engineering major is in his Senior year here at Etown and hails from Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. When not cheering for the Oregon Ducks, Josiah spends his time playing guitar and soccer. He's also an active member of Vocalign and studied abroad in New Zealand during his sophomore year. ITS is happy to have him as a member of the Help Desk team for a third year and Josiah’s favorite part of work is helping people solve problems when they come in to the Help Desk. After graduating from Etown, he plans to move to the West coast and get a programming job in Silicon Valley. To find out more about this talented ITS Staff member, watch his Spotlight Video.

Save a Lamp: Power Off

Student Help Desk workers have started weekly checks on podiums and projectors in classrooms and conference rooms. In their weekly quality checks, they've discovered a number of projectors that have been left running or powered on even when no one is using the room. If you are using a classroom or conference room for club meetings, student senate, or group projects, please remember to power off the projector before you leave. Lamps for these projectors are several hundred dollars and even leaving them on after a single meeting can be very costly.

If you notice any problems with a podium or projector, please do not hesitate to contact ITS at x3333 or helpdesk@etown.edu.

Tech Shortcuts We’re Thankful For

As the holidays near, thoughts are turning toward the things we're thankful for in our lives. Here at ITS, one thing we're very thankful for in the tech world is shortcuts! Click below to find out some of our favorite tech shortcuts for iPhones, Android phones, Facebook, and more.

Show the Shortcuts »

Tech Tips from the ITS Blog

Looking for ways to lengthen your iPhone’s battery life? How about converting those resumes from word to PDF? Confused about the transition to Canvas? The ITS Blog has all this information and more with our tech tips! Click on any of the links below to find out more.

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