Greetings!!

The Learning Centre (TLC@UTT) would like to thank you for attending the Web-Based Learning Applications Workshops. We trust that you learned much and will implement at least one thing learned. We, and the facilitators, are excited about following up to ensure that we can support you in your adventure to implement technology in your learning environment.

We plan to publish a regular newsletter with items that will be of interest to you. These items may include descriptions of software that address specific educational objectives, articles describing how UTT instructors are using technology in the classroom, answers to your questions and, upcoming events. We also hope that you will contribute short articles that describe your experiences using technology in your learning environment.

Finally, we’ve established a WIKI so that we can interact with each other directly on a regular basis. This is an exciting time; we are pioneers in our attempts to exploit technology for our teaching purposes.

Web-Based Learning Applications Workshops

I’m sure we’d all like to thank Emily Renoe and Catherine Paul for the workshops conducted. They were both exhausted and exhilarated after the four days of back-to-back workshops at four different campus locations. Despite their return to The University of British Columbia, they are still committed to helping us reach our goals.

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Community of Practice (CoP)

Emily and Catherine proposed the creation of a Community of Practice (CoP) at UTT in hopes that we would encourage one another to meet our goals through sharing successes and challenges, questions and solutions, and thrills and disappointments. To this end, I’ve created a WIKI for us to present our ideas, questions, gripes, successes, etc. on a regular basis.

The WIKI currently has four topics for comment, namely: (1) What were your impressions on the workshops, (2) What technology will you use as of Semester 1, 2009, (3) What technologies are you currently using and how are they working for your students, and (4) What technologies would you like to use and why? The address of the WIKI is: http://utttlc.wordpress.com/

During Semester 1, 2009, we plan to create a platform wherein you can share how you are using technology to enhance your learning environment. So get ready to volunteer.

Blackboard (Bb) Workshops

Many expressed a desire to participate in Blackboard workshops. Since no workshops will be offered in August, we have scheduled three introductory Bb workshops during the period July 20 - 29, see below. What is Bb is for those who know little about Bb. We will discuss what Bb is and what it can do for you. Getting Started is a hands-on workshop which covers the basics of Bb. See our website for a list of all of the Blackboard workshops that we currently offer.


You must register for Getting Started—even the day before—as you will have a course shell created in advance and you will need a Bb account. Register by e-mail at support.tlc@utt.edu.tt or call 642-8888 x 21125.

Please note: Bb workshops are normally conducted upon request. If you see a workshop that you like, get a group of five or more participants, select a time and location with good internet connectivity, and then contact us at 642-8888 x 21125. It’s just that simple!

Please visit our website for the latest issue of the last Bb update: http://utt.edu.tt/tlc/blackboard_update_june_2009.pdf
TLC Equipment for Loan

The Learning Centre has purchased and is in the process of purchasing equipment that both instructors and students can borrow. Thus far, we have digital cameras (still/video), web cams, loud speakers, laptops, WOW boxes, a portable PA system with a wireless microphone, and multimedia projectors. We will keep you updated as more equipment arrives. We will also apprise you of the lending procedure before September 2009.

UTT@TLC Workshops

We offer a broad and ever expanding number of workshops to meet your various teaching needs. Please visit our website for details.

1. We currently offer eleven different workshops on the various aspects of Bb.
2. We offer workshops on Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel & Outlook).
3. Beginning Semester 1, 2009 we will offer workshops on podcasting, photo editing, audio/video editing, and more.
4. We also offer workshops on Problem/Project-Based Learning (PBL), Service Learning (SL), Test Construction and more.

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