



TCC Hotline



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Phishing and Passwords

In recent weeks, hackers have sent out email claiming to represent NMT departments or US Banks and asked users to provide their passwords or have their accounts terminated. **NEVER** respond to such phishing attempts. No department at NMT would ever request you to email them your password. (In the field of computer security, **phishing** is the criminal process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as usernames and passwords, by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.)

Software for the Spring Semester

The following software upgrades are planned for the Spring Semester. If you need any additional software to teach your classes, please inform us. Requests for new software that are received by December 12, 2008, will be installed at no charge. Requests received after December 12, 2008, are not guaranteed to be done and will be billed to the requestor.

ActiveState language (Perl, Python, Tcl)
Arc GIS 9.3
Bamboo tablet drivers
EndNote 2.0.1
Firefox/Thunderbird/SeaMonkey
GNU Gimp
Google Earth

Maple 12.01
Matlab 2008b
RealPlayer
SAS 9.2
Visual Studio 2008
VLC media player
XWin32

WebCT version 8

As part of Governor Richardson's eLearning initiative, NMT will make available access to WebCT version 8 (now known as Blackboard) to pioneers willing to test the system. If you would like to teach a course and use WebCT version 8, please contact the TCC by January 20, 2009, at 835-5735 to discuss your needs. Please note that the TCC still offers access to WebCT version 6 locally. (Version 6 and version 8 are almost identical from the user interface, but version 8 has better support for different web browsers.)

Encanto Supercomputer

NMT has received an allocation of time on the new Encanto Supercomputer located in Rio Rancho. The supercomputer consists of more than 3,500 of Intel's four-core Xeon (Clovertown) processors, 28TB of memory and 172TB of storage. Users should first get their codes working on the 176 processor Exemplar computer located at NMT. (The Exemplar is the same architecture as the Encanto.) If you would like to obtain time on the supercomputer, please contact Lorie Liebrock at 835-6729 or liebrock@cs.nmt.edu.