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<p>Security and Internet Services</p> <p>Security home</p>	<p>E-MAIL UPDATE It's up to you: fine tuning spam control features. Now that spam-fighting mechanisms are in place, an overview of the features that you can control will be online later this month; the topic is featured in the June OIT newsletter: http://www.umn.edu/oit/newsletter/</p> <p>SECURITY NEWS Have you ever heard of spyware? If you browse the web, chances are good that you already have some on your computer. Spyware can end up on your computer as a result of installing a new program or as a virus. Even some web cookies can be used as a form of spyware. Here's an interesting link that talks about spyware: http://www.cexx.org/problem.htm . . . [MORE]</p>
<p>Network and Telecommunication Services</p> <p>NTS home</p>	<p>FISCAL YEAR 2004 RATES The NTS rates for F04 will remain unchanged from the F03 rates. This includes all voice, data, and long distance services. If you have questions, please call the NTS billing helpline at 612-626-2000 or send mailto:billing@nts.umn.edu</p> <p>MAJOR NETWORK UPGRADE PROJECT Over the past months, we have been anticipating and planning for a major Twin Cities campus network upgrade. We are excited to announce that we now have the approvals required to make this an official project and are actively moving forward to plan for, purchase, and implement the new network architecture and services. Our current task is to put an RFP (Request for Proposal) on the street for vendor response. The New Network implementation is expected to begin in fall 2003. More information will be available in the coming months and throughout the implementation. Stay tuned!</p> <p>JUNE 24: TELEPHONE AND VOICEMAIL ORIENTATION This free seminar introduces telephone and standard voicemail features available at the U; it's held 2-3 pm at 2218 University Ave. Registration required: http://training.micro.umn.edu/ShortCourses/ClassDetail.cfm?ClassID=1347. You can also arrange to have this seminar delivered on-site to groups of 5 or more by calling 612-625-2005.</p> <p>JULY 8: NETWORKING BASICS SEMINAR This free seminar introduces basic networking concepts and is intended for anyone using a computer connected to the U's network. Prerequisites are basic familiarity with the Windows or Mac operating system. The seminar is held 1:30-3:30 pm. Registration is required; more details at: http://training.micro.umn.edu/ShortCourses/ClassDetail.cfm?ClassID=1354</p> <p>UPDATE: APPLTALK-IPX Soon Appletalk and IPX traffic will not be available with the campus modem pool; it will be decommissioned on July 1, 2003. Appletalk-IPX decommissioning is progressing across campus. Most campus buildings on the St. Paul campus and the East and West Banks are completed or scheduled. All Health Science areas will be completed by August, 2003. If you still need help with this project, send mailto:appleipx@umn.edu. Or check out the information on: http://www.umn.edu/oit/appleipx/</p> <p>UPDATE: DNS and DHCP DNS Management Software Upgrade and DHCP Service change - NTS is currently upgrading the software that supports the management of DNS and DHCP services. The current software, QIP, will be upgraded from version 5 to 6.0. Included with this is a new hardware architecture that will deliver these services more efficiently and deliver additional functionality for customers. To minimize training needs during the upgrade, we don't plan to change the available functionality used by most QIP department administrators at this time.</p> <p>SYSTEM STATUS REPORTS The System Status Report page is updated to report any system outages, problems and functioning status; this report is available wherever you find the "System Status" link on OIT web pages. Status reports are maintained for a wide variety of U of M operations, such as the telephone system, data services, e-mail, voice mail, modem pool, Techmart, and WebCT. To be included in NetOps, an e-mail list for NTS voice and data status related notifications, send mailto:NTS@nts.umn.edu</p>
<p>Academic and Distributed Computing Services</p> <p>ADCS home</p>	<p>MICROSOFT CAMPUS AGREEMENT OIT is awaiting approval of a campus-wide, all-campus Campus Agreement that will provide Microsoft's most popular software for use on any computer that is owned by the U of M. This includes Windows upgrades, MS Office XP Professional, Office for Macintosh, Front Page, Publisher, Core server CALs, and SQL CAL. When we have full details, More information will be published at http://www.umn.edu/adcs/ and in the OIT July newsletter: http://www.umn.edu/oit/newsletter</p> <p>WEB CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM In May the University purchased FileNET, a web content management system. FileNet runs on the development side and allows many content contributors to easily input and/or change content. ADCS will run the content management server. Others can participate in using the product . . . [MORE]</p> <p>EXTENDED: DELL AGGREGATED VOLUMN DISCOUNT The Aggregated Volume Discount Program on Dell Systems has been extended to June 15th on the Dell B2B site through Techmart. Due to the amount of systems the U of MN has purchased on this program, Dell extended the expiration date on the SIX SPECIAL OFFERS. To take advantage of this program, go to http://www.techmart.umn.edu</p> <p>JUNE 30: GET WEBCT HELP FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES Discuss technical and pedagogical concerns in an informal setting with other instructors and site designers who use WebCT course management software at the next meeting of the WebCT Group: June 30, 2-4 pm, 210 Walter Library. See http://webct.umn.edu/webct_group/</p> <p>ORIENTATION FOR CLASS OF 2007 OIT is again involved in orientation sessions for new students. These sessions are a follow up to the "Welcome" CD that has been sent to incoming freshmen since the summer of 1998. Between June 11 and July 18 over 5,000 freshmen may show up, and OIT staff are prepared to answer questions and help them set up their University e-mail accounts. Students and their parents can also attend sessions that provide an overview of how to access all campus computer services and resources. More orientation information at http://www.ofyp.umn.edu/</p> <p>SOLVE SHORT-TERM TECH PROBLEMS Due to uncertain times and diminishing departmental budgets, UCS has received an increase in calls from departments feeling the effects of downsizing technology departments, and they are unsure of where to turn for technical support. For a nominal fee, U-Rent-A-Gurus provide short-term software consultation, troubleshooting, and installation services, whether it is a one-time service or a project that will take a few weeks. Details at http://www.umn.edu/ucs</p> <p>PEOPLESOFT PROBLEM SOLVING TIPS Clear the Internet cache; if you're using Internet Explorer (IE), look for clear temporary internet files; in Netscape look for "clear memory cache" and "clear disk cache." . . . [MORE]</p> <p>JULY 30: DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL ISSUES WITH COLLEAGUES Discuss common educational technology support issues in an informal setting with others who create digital course materials as a part of their jobs. Attend the next meeting of the Educational Technologists Forum: JULY 30, 3:00-4:30 pm, 402 Walter Library. See http://dmc.umn.edu/etf/etf.shtml</p> <p>GET READY TO TEACH WITH TECHNOLOGY! . . . IN SUMMER TEL SHORT COURSES: Faculty members may take free technology-enhanced learning courses beginning in June, including the new Designing Learning Objects: Producing Media-Rich Learning Activities and Enhancing Learning with Technology: Active Learning with PowerPoint. See http://dmc.umn.edu/services/training.shtml . . . BY MEETING WITH DMC CONSULTANTS: Digital Media Center consultants can help faculty members plan and design educational technology activities and materials such as course Web sites, online discussions, and streaming media resources. Schedule a free appointment now to get ready for fall semester. See http://dmc.umn.edu/services/consultations.shtml</p>
<p>Enterprise</p> <p>Enterprise links</p>	<p>PEOPLESOFT AND FALL 2003 REGISTRATION Did you know that our student registration system is one of the fastest in the country? 95% of the transactions take less than 5 seconds. That speed may have contributed to the "critical processing errors" some students experienced during fall semester registration. . . . [MORE]</p>

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