

Desktop Systems

Installed software in the Skills Center in support of the Transition Center project. We continue to work with the software vendor to complete the installation to the requirements of the Instructor.

Network and Server Systems

Our internet content filter has stopped working after installing the performance upgrades last month. Our vendor Websense is working on the issue. We are filtering internet content, but everyone in the building is currently limited to a “student” restriction policy. This does sometimes hinder some opportunities, but we are working through the issues.

Working with Dell, BroadCom (Dell’s network hardware vendor), and Experts-Exchange (an online technology collaboration forum) we have resolved an issue with our new virtualization server that prevented network redundancy on this system. Dell did not have a supported method to implement Microsoft’s Hyper-V Server on their hardware; while providing a redundant network link. We tested several undocumented strategies found on Experts-Exchange and BroadCom’s website until success was achieved, and then provided these instructions to Dell to publish.

Had a discussed about IPTV (internet protocol television) strategies at the Regional Technology Systems Group meeting at the IU. Conceptually with computers and projectors replacing TV’s and VCR’s at the head-end for multimedia in the classroom, we feel the trends in digital television technology represents an additional opportunity to stream live television across our computer Networks. This could obsolete Coaxial infrastructure in our institutions, reduce the dependency on small televisions, and save us significant money by collectively implementing a solution; rather than individually.

Applications

SchoolDEX, LLC the company that owns the license rights to SchoolDEX 2.0, our current Student Information System has announced the “end-of-life” of SchoolDEX 2.0. As of September 2009 SchoolDEX 2.0 is only being supported “AS-IS” by SchoolDEX, LLC. Their recommendation is to upgrade to their new product Traxxsoft.NET sold under their new company name EDU Solutions Group. We intend to review and present multiple options to the budgeting process to help ensure we have the financial flexibility to make a decision next school year, should it become necessary to implement another product. Currently we believe we can maintain our current process’ in SchoolDEX 2.0.