Secure IT-When Anti-virus software isn’t enough

In 2014 Kaspersky Labs detected more than 1.8 million unique malicious objects with their anti-virus software. Despite this anti-virus software has a significant design flaw. It is only able to detect viruses that researchers have found, analyzed, and developed virus signatures. Given that there are thousands of new malicious files developed everyday this is an impossible model to sustain.

The best method to protect yourself from viruses is to use caution when reading email and web browsing. Be very cautious of email attachments, or links contained in email messages. Either of these items can consistently contain or link to malicious files, and are the most common way to obtain a virus. When web browsing, avoid clicking on advertisements, installing unsolicited software or browser plugins, or clicking on popup windows. Also make sure keep your browser updated as they regularly contain security vulnerabilities.

If you suspect that your machine has a virus or would like to schedule a virus scan please contact the Service Desk. For help verifying the legitimacy of an email message please forward the message as an attachment to abuse@creighton.edu.

DoIT Shares and DoIT Cares

In 2014, DoIT pulled together and participated in several outreach community events. DoIT collected toilet paper, food, clothing, water, baby items, Christmas presents, school supplies, coats and supported several organizations – Kellom Elementary School; Open Door Mission; Salvation Army; Stephen Center; St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry; Heartland Ministries. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents and treasures with these communities.

Preview of DoIT Shares and Cares opportunities for 2015:
1st Quarter – Table of Grace; Spotlight Service Project: Project Homeless
2nd Quarter – Diaper Drive; Spotlight Service Project: Kellom Field Day
3rd Quarter – SAC Backpack drive; Spotlight Service Project: TBD
4th Quarter – SAC canned food drive; Spotlight Service Project: TBD
Christmas – Kellom Elementary School – Adopt kids and purchase/wrap gifts
DoIT Key Contributor Awards!

Pictured, Tim Brooks, VP IT & CIO, Individual Award winner, Tim Farkas

Pictured, Team Award winners, Denise Handrock, Debby Halstrom, Tim Brooks, VP IT & CIO, Kathie McCann, Cindy Freese and Amy Hansen. 

https://doit.creighton.edu/about-doit-main/about-doit/key-contributor-awards

RaD Lab Update!

Pictured, parts for the proof of concept traffic counter.

The RaD Lab in partnership with the Creighton Libraries has developed a proof of concept for an innovative low cost traffic counter to count the utilization of various points on campus.

Enterprise Applications Update!

Refinements to the creighton.edu home page were made the afternoon of Thursday, January 15th. The refinements are based upon user feedback and are designed to better represent Creighton’s offerings and help a variety of visitors easily find the content they need. Any other sites that have been migrated to the new Drupal site were updated on January 19th with the new look and feel. These sites include Law, Nursing, CCAS and Academics.

The changes included:
1. Color palette changes site wide. This included the TYPE03 sites.
2. Audience selector added in hero image area for user to self-select from the 4 student “buckets,” giving a better representation of the professional, graduate and degree completer students in addition to the high school graduates.
4. In order to highlight Creighton’s focus on mission content was added to the center section for Faith and Giving to bring those higher up on the page.
5. Restructured footer for a more organized look.
6. Further defined the tablet and mobile views for the home page for easier navigation

The members of the DoIT team that support these changes are Nick Stankus, Josh Wester and Ben Leduc. They work in partnership with the MarCom Web Strategy Team.

Useful Links

https://doit.creighton.edu/doit-project-dashboard
https://doit.creighton.edu/O365
https://www.creighton.edu/cualert
https://doit.creighton.edu/dont-get-phished

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