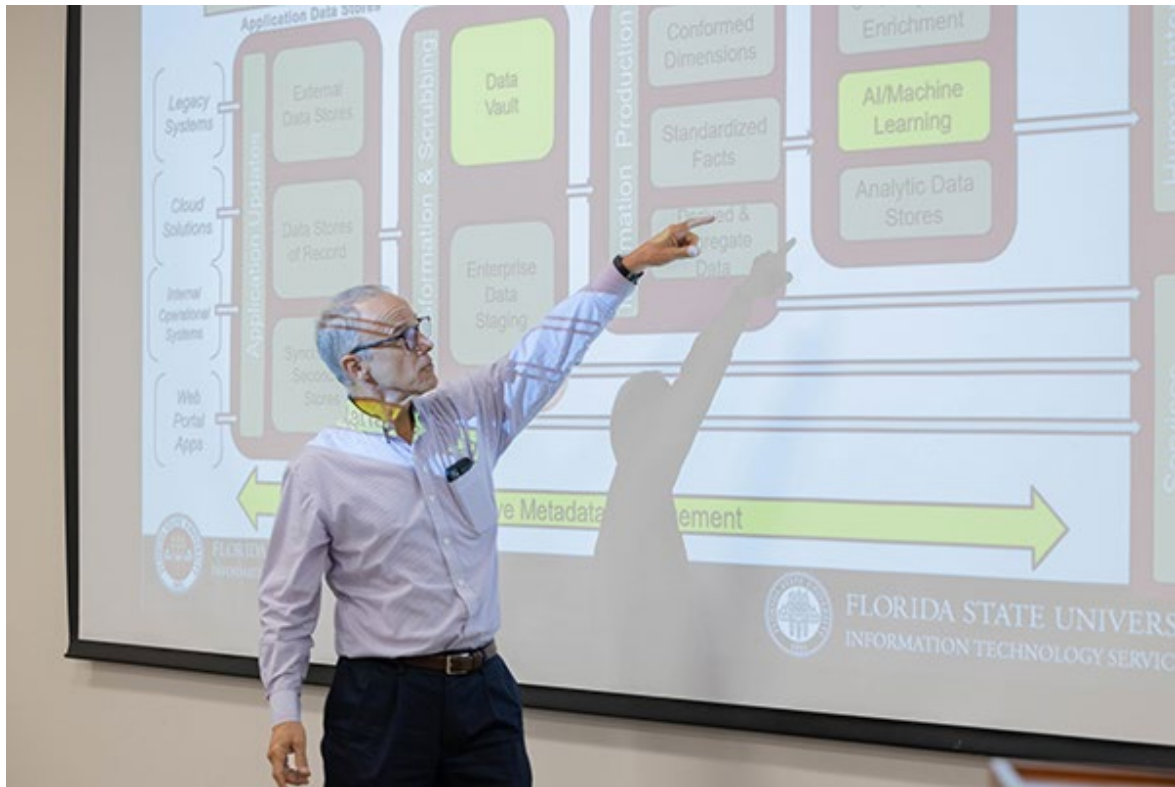


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Spring 2024 At a Glance

Welcome to the Spring 2024 semester! This year promises to be a busy one for ITS, with groundbreaking national pilots and numerous campuswide initiatives. Over the next several months, ITS will work with an international tech giant on a pilot project, deploy a metadata management system, update the wireless network and firewalls across FSU campuses and launch a campuswide cybersecurity training program. And we're just getting started. Get ready to define the future of technology in higher education.

ITS News

Free Laptops for Pell Grant Students

As of Spring 2024, all FSU students eligible for a Federal Pell Grant can receive a free Samsung tablet and four years of wireless 4G services to support them during their academic careers. ITS is proud to partner with the FSU [Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement](#) (CARE) and Public Wireless to oversee the implementation of this nation-wide grant and support students with the resources necessary to be successful.

[Application Form](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Professional development is high on the list for ITS this year. We support continuous growth and advancement of personal and professional skills to keep up with the ever-evolving workplace. Whether you are extending your education and taking an FSU course or pursuing a technical certification as part of the ITS Professional Development Bonus Plan, talk with your supervisor about your aspirations for 2024.

[Professional Development Policy](#)

USPS Performance Evaluations

The 2023 performance evaluations for USPS employees are now accessible in OMNI HR. The evaluation period measures performance from January 1 through December 31, 2023. Supervisors can access the performance documents by navigating to: **myFSU > HR > Manager Self Service > Performance Management > Current Documents**. The deadline for all USPS performance evaluations is March 1, 2024.

[Start Evaluations](#)

HPC Software Upgrade

A major upgrade to the High Performance Compute (HPC) cluster was completed in early December. The upgrade included a new operating system and upgraded versions of numerous software packages. **Research Computing Center** users are encouraged to check their submit scripts and jobs to ensure they are running properly.

[More Info](#)

RCC Spring 2024 Workshops

The **Research Computing Center** offers a robust workshop schedule every semester. This spring, they are partnering with FSU Libraries and the College of Education to deliver a variety of technical workshops to the FSU community, including an all-day Python Bootcamp.

[Register for Events](#)

New Device Security

The holidays ... family, festivities and new gadgets. If you received a new device over the holiday break, take a minute to ensure you have addressed basic cybersecurity measures, including setting a passcode and activating the Duo Restore feature.

[Get Tips](#)

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Student Tech Fee Spotlight: Ruby Diamond Audio System

New cameras, digital mixers and audio interfaces allow the [College of Music](#) to capture and archive quality recordings of any concert, play or event that occurs in the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. “I get to be the guy who is capturing it and making sure it’s not just this one-time performance that the audience gets to see. It stays on record ... so that these awesome performances are not lost when the curtain comes,” explains music student and stagehand Cameron Burns. The technology, purchased with [Student Technology Fee](#) funds, gives students hands-on experience and helps the College of Music livestream concerts. “There’s no substitute for experience,” sums up music student and recital technician Miranda Fuller. To learn more about the Ruby Diamond Audio System, visit the [ITS YouTube channel](#).

FSU Researcher Dr. Bin Ouyang Explores Novel Energy Materials

Dr. Bin Ouyang, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and his research team are exploring the beneficial properties of new energy materials. Using **Research Computing Center (RCC)** resources, Dr. Ouyang’s team explores hundreds of thousands of chemical compounds. His research team develops high-throughput computation, data mining and machine learning tools to better understand the relationships of these energy materials. “The software and libraries in RCC are diverse and up to date, which guarantees maximum compatibility of the platform with various computational code,” explains Dr. Ouyang. Ultimately, Dr. Ouyang hopes his research of novel energy materials will leave a lasting impact on the world. Learn more about his groundbreaking research on the [OUYANG group website](#).

We Are IT



We Are IT | Meet Katie Townsend!

Katie Townsend has two worlds—an IT world and an arts world. As the business relationship manager for DSA, she helps steer and inform technology strategies and business processes for the department. As an arts enthusiast, she fills the rest of her time with teaching art history and engaging with the local arts community. And as a mom, you'll find her scanning the night sky for planets with her son Maddox.

[Meet Katie](#)

Welcome to ITS!

New year, new faces. Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the ITS team: **Shemon Jenkins**.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy work anniversary to all the ITS employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with FSU this month.

10 Years

Gregory Adams
William Abbott

5 Years

Kevin Bundage

1 Year

Kiture Burke
Sophia Elliot

Isabella Limbo
Kyla Cacoilo

William Starling

Tashon Fleinor
Anna Piedrahita
Grace Bayliss
Joseph Nieves
Sridhar Vaggu

Lauren Andre
Peter Aldino
Sarah Avvenire
Losias Israel

Shout Outs

NCT Problem Solves During Final Exam Week

Commendations to the **Network and Communications** (NCT) team for their critical network support efforts in mid-December. When University Center A lost power due to a water leak, the NCT team worked around the clock over the weekend to run power cables and restore the network in a building without power. Their efforts enabled students to turn in final semester projects, making a true impact on university operations during a hectic final exam week.



“I hope you realize that your contributions are pivotal to FSU’s overall success. You shape the landscape of technology not only for our campus community but for the entire state of Florida and at our global locations around the world.”

Jonathan Fozard, Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer

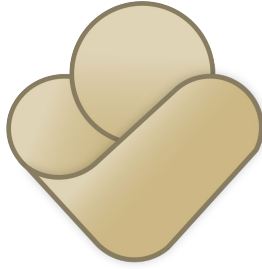
By The Numbers

3,304

number of classroom support technology requests addressed in 2023

Viva

What are your learning interests?



As we begin the new year and set goals and plan to learn new things, Viva Learning is the perfect tool to help you achieve your learning goals. One way you can receive learning suggestions tailored to you is to pick your interests within Viva Learning. With 104 interests to choose from, there is something for everyone to help get personalized content recommendations. It's a new year. Let's set a goal to use Viva more!

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Join IT

Join our team! Browse IT [job openings at FSU](#).



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- [Enterprise Architect](#)
- [Virtualization Specialist](#)
- [Database Administrator](#)

Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming ITS important dates.



**ITS Freeze
Period Ends**
01/19



**IT Professionals
Meeting**
02/01



**Python
Bootcamp**
02/20





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