



Parting Words from DE Director Cameron John

As my time as Director comes to a close I'd like to take the opportunity to thank each of you for the support that you have given to Distance Education over the past few years. It has been an exciting time for DE with unprecedented growth in enrollment and the continuation of course development. The success we've enjoyed is due to the quality experience that students are having. We can attribute this to superb faculty and a quality distance education department that provides development, faculty and student support.

I anticipate and look forward to a continuation of what we've witnessed. Departments across campus are seeing distance education as a legitimate form of course delivery meeting student demand. As a result departments are proposing not only courses but full degrees which can be offered through distance education. As our students become more technology savvy we will need to continue to increase our efforts to meet their expectations. Utilizing technology as part of the educational process can provide an enhanced experience for our students as well as assisting each of you as you instruct. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the exciting opportunities that exist in distance education from basic training in WebCT to full course development. I wish each of you well as you continue to do what we came to UVSC to do, teach our students.

--Dr. Cameron John, outgoing Director of Distance Education

WebCT Tip of the Day: Expanded Control Panel

For designers and instructors using WebCT Campus Edition 4.1 the Control Panel is where all major content additions, activity creation, and course management happens. But did you know that there are two views of the Control Panel, *Basic* and *Expanded*? Expanded Control Panel view offers you a much more detailed list of course design and management options.

To activate the Expanded Control Panel:

- Enter a WebCT course and click the **Control Panel** button (near the top-left corner).
- Click **Expanded Control Panel (Figure 1)**. Your Control Panel will reload.
- To set Expanded Control Panel as your default view for this course, click the **Set as default view** button near the top-right corner (**Figure 2**).

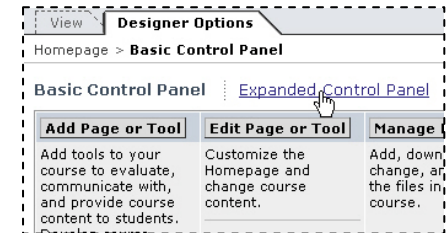


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Figure 3

This Month's Workshops and Trainings

| Title | Date | Time | Place |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|--------|
| WebCT Intro | 1/24 | 3-4pm | CS615B |
| WebCT Editing and Managing Files | 1/24 | 4-5pm | CS615B |
| WebCT Communication Tools | 1/31 | 3-4pm | CS615B |
| WebCT Grades (+Excel!) | 1/31 | 4-5pm | CS615B |

To sign up for these workshops and more, visit our website:
www.uvsc.edu/disted/tetc/workshops

Schedule Training for Your Department

We are now accepting requests for private departmental training on WebCT, Microsoft PowerPoint and Excel, Adobe Photoshop, and more! To schedule training for your department contact Jared at x8929.

Drop By the TETC in CS633

We offer an open-access curriculum development technology lab for all UVSC faculty. Our normal hours are 10am-4pm, M-F. You can drop in and use the equipment, or make an appointment and receive some one-on-one help. We've got slide, print, and document scanners, audio/video equipment, a DVD↔VHS converter, and more!

Did You Know?

Though more emphasis is often placed on the delivery and technology aspects of distance learning, it is the instructional methods that are most critical to the learning process.

On Topic...

Thatch, Liz. (1995). Instructional design and adaptation issues in distance learning via satellite. *International Journal of Instructional Media*, 1995, Vol. 22 Issue 2, p93.



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