NRV advanced networking
Virginia Tech together with Radford University and New River Community College have created a New River Valley multimedia services access point—MSAP. This "2.0" version of the MSAP concept represents a new approach for community area broadband infrastructure development. For the participating institutions, the MSAP helps control costs by sharing access to Virginia Tech’s high performance connection to national and international research networks. The MSAP is located at the community college’s New River Valley Mall site. For a fuller description of the MSAP and its benefits, see http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/news_print/index.php?relyear=2008&itemno=606.

Security resources

Classroom wireless upgrades
CNS has upgraded wireless network connectivity in all centrally scheduled classrooms using 802.11a and g capabilities. The project follows on the pilot project that earned the College of Engineering and CNS a laureate award from Computerworld. The upgrade facilitates incorporation of new forms of technology into instruction, enhancing the educational experience of students. The use of collaborative learning software is increasingly used across university curricula, and the wireless upgrade anticipates increased demand.

“Lessons in Licensing”
PDC availability

Personal digital certificates are no longer restricted to Information Technology personnel and are available to any eligible member of the community of faculty and staff and student employees. For more information on incorporating PDCs into projects or applications, contact Mary Dunker.

MATP, MAX

The Mid-Atlantic Terascale Partnership (MATP) and the Mid-Atlantic Crossroads (MAX) have reached an agreement to expand collaboration and connectivity among partner universities and labs in the Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., region. MAX participants now have direct access to NLR's full spectrum of WaveNet, FrameNet, and PacketNet service offerings.

For more information, see:
- www.nlr.net/about/
- http://wiki.maxgigapop.net/twiki/bin/view/MAX/WebHome
- www.midatlantic-terascale.org/

Project management

Interested in learning more about becoming an IT project manager? Are you interested in learning what is involved in getting qualified/certified as an IT project manager? If so, send an e-mail to Greg Kroll (gkroll@vt.edu) stating you are interested in the 30-45 minute overview presentation that describes:

1. Why are we doing project management?
2. Requirements for becoming a Commonwealth-qualified IT project manager
3. Requirements for becoming a Project Management Institute certified project manager

Your e-mails will help in scheduling presentations using Outlook calendars for availability. So, be sure your Outlook calendar is up-to-date.

If you attended this presentation on October 14, then you need not attend, as this is the same presentation.

Hold the date: the Information Technology Holiday reception will be held at The Inn at Virginia Tech on December 18, 4:30 to 6:30.