

POSSIBILITIES

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No such thing as a free lunch

No web service can survive for long without some type of revenue stream. So in this age of "free" services, ask yourself, "If I'm not paying for it, who is?" Usually the answer is a business that wants your information so they can better target you with ads and junk mail. Protect yourself by reading privacy policies for "free" services and being selective about the information you give out.

Get ready for eCampus

Texas A&M instructors and instructional staff are invited to join Instructional Technology Service's Reboot Camp this late spring and early summer. Three separate sessions will provide training on eCampus, the new centrally supported learning management system. Each session will include hands-on open labs in which you get in-person assistance from ITS staff. Sign up at <http://its.tamu.edu/training>.

- Monday, May 20 - Friday, May 24
- Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31
- Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28

How to fix your email address in the campus directory

Make sure your email address is listed correctly in the campus directory at <http://gateway.tamu.edu>. Check your email settings, decide which email address gets published in the directory and select the email account where mail is sent. For more, see <http://u.tamu.edu/doc885>.

Data plan savings tip

Do you get the dreaded "You've used up 80% of your data for the month" message with weeks to go before the next month? A good way to conserve data is choosing what mail downloads to your phone. You can view less urgent messages later at your desktop computer. See your desktop email and phone Help for further instructions.

1. In your desktop email program, create a folder for less urgent messages, such as Listserv subscriptions.
2. Set up a rule (sometimes called a filter) to route these messages into this new folder.
3. On your phone's mail settings, only select the "Inbox" folder. Make sure the folder for less important email does not have a check mark.

New Microsoft Office 2013 for \$20

Yes, you read that right! Microsoft Office 2013 for \$20 at the Texas A&M Software Store (<http://software.tamu.edu>). Eligible employees only (see <http://u.tamu.edu/eligibility>).

Recycle e-waste for Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, Texas A&M IT and the Environmental Issues Committee are collecting old electronics to prevent toxic e-waste from ending up in local landfills. Drop off small batteries, CDs/DVDs, ink cartridges, cables, cell phones and Mp3 players from April 15 - April 25. Collection sites are located in the Student Computing Center, General Services Complex, and the West Campus Library, Read and Blocker computer labs. Be sure to clear personal information before recycling devices. *Please do not drop off university-owned property.* Visit <http://u.tamu.edu/earthday> for more information.

Microsoft updates sent by email? (They're fake)

Don't be a victim of a Microsoft patch hoax. Microsoft never sends out patches or updates by email. There are no exceptions.

Elevate your EDU in 90 seconds

Watch how IT raises the bar for excellence in the 90-second "Elevating your EDU" video featured in the Texas A&M IT Annual Report. Go to <http://IT.tamu.edu/annualreport> and select "Watch our 2012 Highlights."

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