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Information Technology Services' series of monthly emails to all employees aimed at improving communications with campus about tips, information, technology updates and services offered in ITS.
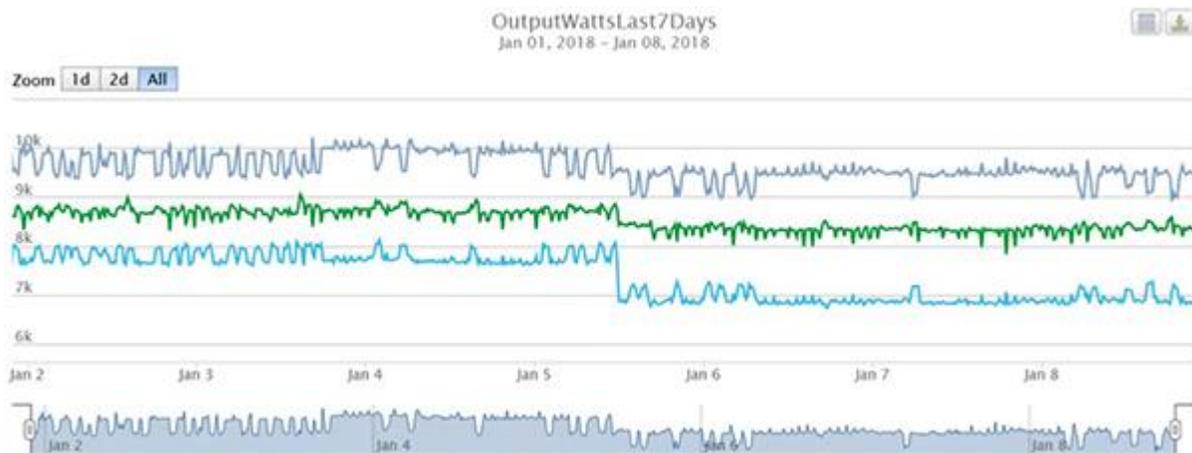

Wireless Video

An internal pilot is underway to add wireless video connectivity to classrooms, conference rooms, and collaboration spaces across campus. This would allow end users to connect to the audio/video system in a room from their laptops, tablets, or phones and share their screen to the rest of the room with no wires or adapters. At any given time, these connections allow for two users to display their content on the screen simultaneously.

Data Footprint Reduction

This past month, the Systems Team replaced half of our aging server infrastructure with more efficient storage. While this was expected to have a positive impact on the amount of time spent maintaining old, failing hardware and that it would have an impact on the data center's space consumption, what was most surprising was the noticeable change in power and cooling consumption. As illustrated in the graph below, the data center is consuming roughly 1500 watts less power today than before those disk shelves were powered down on January 5th.

Machine-based Captioning Available in MediaSpace

Did you know captioning is not only for people who are hearing impaired or deaf? Captioning benefits English language learners, those in sound-sensitive environments, people with learning disabilities, and visual learners. Captions also help learners focus on content, improve comprehension and knowledge retention, and increase student engagement.

Faculty, staff and students can request, at no cost, machine-based captions on videos located in Kaltura MediaSpace. Depending on the length of the video, captions are available in minutes. Unedited machine-based captions will not be compliant for viewers protected by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). However, you have access to an online editor to make changes to captions you requested. Many faculty members and others are using captions to prepare usable video content that accommodate learners with a broad range of learning needs. If you are interested in learning how to caption videos in MediaSpace, please visit the Kaltura web site or contact D2L@stcloudstate.edu. Captioning is another way to ensure student success!

IT Security Tip

Colleges around the country are being targeted by scam/phishing emails. Protect yourself; **avoid clicking on unfamiliar links in emails**.

NEVER give up your password or other private information in response to an email message, it could be a fake login page that is made to look just like the real thing. Use your bookmarks or apps to access sites & services you normally use.

Report all suspicious emails to phishing@stcloudstate.edu

Did You Know?

Did you know that answers to common questions and self-help instructions are available by clicking the Ask St. Cloud State button found on bottom-left corner of all SCSU web pages? This handy tool utilizes a keyword search of our knowledge base to provide relevant results.