EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE CONSULTING

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What We Support: Enterprise Educational Software

Enterprise: Purchased by the university for use by all university instructors and students

Educational: Applications used wholly or mostly for the delivery of instruction and/or assessments

Software: We call the same people you do when our computers break!
What We Don’t Support (And Who Does)

University-purchased computers: Your department or school’s IT staff, or Pitt IT

Classroom Technology: Depends on who “owns” the classroom. ClassroomServices@pitt.edu can help find out.

Your Pitt Account: Zoom: Pitt IT (412-624-HELP)

Microsoft Products:
Important Information

• For the most part, a Pitt ID is required to access Pitt educational software, including Canvas courses.

• All courses in the course catalogue are automatically given a shell in Canvas several months prior to the start of the term.

• If you do not see your course in Canvas, it is likely you have not been enrolled by your department as the instructor yet.
Important Information

The Faculty Center is where you:
- see info about your course and roster
- record final course grades
and is part of PeopleSoft.
What Educational Software is Available at Pitt?

• Canvas is our Learning Management System

• Most other educational software at Pitt integrates with Canvas but can also be used stand-alone.

• Student experience is enhanced by having a standardized and limited number of different technologies they need to learn to use.
What should I use for...

...communicating with my students before and during the term?

Before your course is published in Canvas, send emails out of your Faculty Center roster. After you publish, use Canvas Announcements and Inbox Messages.
What should I use for...

...making videos at home in order to share them with my student to watch on their own time (asynchronous video)?

Panopto is Pitt’s video creation, hosting and streaming platform. You can make videos with the recorder or upload videos you’ve already made to easily share in your Canvas course.
What should I use for...

...having online class meetings or virtual office hours with my students?

**Zoom** is available for all faculty, staff and students. It integrates with Canvas so your students can easily find the links to the meetings being held in each of their courses.
What should I use for...

...providing a recorded version of online class meetings for students who were unable to attend live?

**Zoom** and **Panopto** are integrated! All recorded Zoom meetings are automatically uploaded to Panopto. Pitt IT has more info on where to find those uploaded recordings.
What should I use for...

disciplines where paper-and-pencil work is still important, but students may not be attending my class face-to-face?

Gradescope allows either you or your students to upload images/scans of their paper-and-pencil work for you to be able to grade online with a dynamic rubric tool.
What should I use for...

...polling my students during class, or involving them in active learning?

Top Hat is available to all Pitt courses as a student response system that works either live in the classroom or online.