

# SalukiTECHNews

## NEW ALERT SYSTEM FOR SIU CAMPUS

SIU is in the process of switching to the Rave Mobile Safety alert system to send emergency text messages to your cell phone and to your campus e-mail address. As in the past, the message may alert you to an emergency situation, ask you to take action or both.

Some weather warnings, including severe thunderstorm, tornado, flash flood and winter storm, will continue to be sent with this system. Since the messages are short, you may need to go to another source of university emergency information for more details.

This service will alert you quickly to emergency situations on campus, including if the university is closed. To receive emergency text messages, you must provide a current cell phone number through the Human Resources Self-Service system. Once you log on, click on SIUC Employee Online

Services, then click on “Personal Information” so you can enter or update your cell phone number. Your SIU e-mail address already is automatically entered into the alert system.

We are implementing this new system as part of our commitment to campus safety. Emergency notification also is required of colleges and universities under the federal Clery Act, and we will continue to use a multi-layered approach that



also includes the university’s home page, social media, and local media outlets.

For further information, visit [dps.siu.edu](http://dps.siu.edu) or contact SalukiTech at 453-5155 or via e-mail at [salukitech@siu.edu](mailto:salukitech@siu.edu).

## New Password/ Passphrase Policy

A new password/passphrase standard is now in effect for all faculty, staff and students. The new standard supersedes the network ID password/passphrase guidelines from April 2013.

The new standard is driven in large part by a recent audit review, as well as the desire to strengthen the construction and use of passwords/passphrases by campus constituents. Systems affected include Network ID, SalukiNet, SIS/Banner and AIS. One of the highlights of the new standard, which will take effect with any password/passphrase reset or account creation, includes passwords/passphrases, including those for Network ID, SalukiNet, SIS/Banner, and AIS must include at least one special character: ?.] [{}-!\*+\_~.

The new password/passphrase standard can be found at [http://oit.siu.edu/\\_common/documents/SIU%20Password%20Standard.pdf](http://oit.siu.edu/_common/documents/SIU%20Password%20Standard.pdf). Direct any questions to the Information Security Team at [security@siu.edu](mailto:security@siu.edu). The responsibility for security rests with all of us. Security of information and systems can only be successful with the cooperation and support of each SIU Carbondale faculty, staff and student.

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NOTES

## **EndNote**

The university has purchased a site-licensed copy of EndNote, a reference, citation and bibliography tool, that is licensed for faculty and graduate students of SIUC and SIU School of Medicine. EndNote can be downloaded directly onto computers or tablets. Obtain your copy today at <http://oit.siu.edu/software/licenses/endnote.php>. EndNote may be synced to EndNote Online (<http://www.myendnoteweb.com>). An EndNote workshop is scheduled for November 13 in Morris Library.

## **MOVEit**

MOVEit offers both a web interface accessed from a browser and a Java-based program to upload and download files. MOVEit is not a replacement for file shares/services. Its major purpose is to allow information to be securely transferred and shared. MOVEit has an Outlook plugin which will allow Outlook users to securely send files from within Outlook.

MOVEit can be accessed at <https://moveit.siu.edu/> using your Network ID and Password. A MOVEit User Manual is available at <http://oit.siu.edu/infosecurity/services/MOVEit.php#moveit>. If you have questions, contact Information Security at [security@siu.edu](mailto:security@siu.edu).

## **Onthehub Personal Software Purchasing**

1. Onthehub (powered by Kivuto) now utilizes SIU credentials through Shibboleth. This means users are no longer

required to set up an account with Kivuto, request and verify entitlements, etc., before placing an order. Simply login with an SIU e-mail address and password to view the web store. The address is: <http://siu.onthehub.com>

2. Because of the above, some users who placed orders with the old system had two accounts (with and without SIU credentials) – these have now been merged so users can view past orders with the old system using their SIU credentials. Login to “old” accounts is no longer possible, or needed.

## **Microsoft Office for Employees**

Employees may buy Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 for home use. The cost is \$9.95 and includes Word, Powerpoint, Excel, OneNote, Outlook, Access, Publisher, InfoPath and Lync. To download: Log on to [siu.onthehub.com](http://siu.onthehub.com). Register or sign in. Buy the software and download.

## **Students**

Additional software, including some site-licensed software previously limited to faculty/staff will be distributed in the near future. This includes programs such as ArcGIS, Autodesk, SPSS, SAS and Mathematica. This information will be posted on our software site.

## **Retirees**

Most software contracts are written to the audience of current faculty, staff and students. As a result, retirees and others who break official ties with the university are not eligible for most of our

software offerings. This includes all software through the Onthehub site, such as discounted Microsoft Office and operating systems, in addition to all other requests for site-licensed software. We are working with the various software companies to determine if emeritus who maintain academic and/or research ties to the university can be included.

## **Additional Software Requests?**

If you have a user with an academic or research software request, send a message to [software@siu.edu](mailto:software@siu.edu). In the message, have the user state what software they are interested in and why. These messages are kept and used for potential future offerings. On a similar note, the university is exploring options with Adobe for some of their products, but no information on if, when or how much is available at this time.

## **Keeping Up to Date**

A software alert distribution group has been made for users who want to keep up with software offerings, version updates, conferences and other information. Users can join by logging in through their webmail account ([mail.siu.edu](mailto:mail.siu.edu) or [office.siu.edu](mailto:office.siu.edu)) and searching for “software” in the distribution group listing. We are working to streamline the request, approval and distribution of software. Whether this will be electronic forms, SharePoint, Onthehub or some combination. This and other information will be posted on the OIT website.