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Goodies in Your “Extended” Folder

SPSS 15

For several years the university has been running SPSS Version 11. SPSS is one of those products where the basic functionality, especially that used by most statisticians and social scientists, does not change very much. This year we decided it was time for an upgrade. According to SPSS the new version promises “enhanced data management and reporting capabilities, expanded programmability capabilities, and new statistical procedures. For enterprise users, SPSS 15.0 includes powerful new capabilities that enable you to share your data enterprise-wide in ways you’ve only imagined.”

If you go into your “Extended” folder (*Start > Extended*) you will find both SPSS 11 and the new Version 15. (In order not to disrupt classes we will continue to provide both versions until the end of the spring term).

Real Player

There are essentially 3 main applications in the computing for playing video files on your computer: QuickTime from Apple, Windows Media Player from Microsoft, and Real Player. The first two are free and readily available on your computer. Most video files that you will encounter can use either or both of these.

There has continued to be, however, a small segment of video content that was created on – and can only be played back on – Real Player. Real Player used to be “free” but no longer. Furthermore, the latest versions of Real Player come with an inherent tendency to interfere with the operation of the other two players. Because of these two facts, obtaining Real Player for faculty that need it and getting it to run without compromising the other two players was a major challenge.

The challenge has now been overcome, however, and Real Player is also available in your Extended folder.

Adobe Acrobat Standard (Full Client)

As the need to “digitize” documents of all kinds has increased, so has the need to create “.pdf” (portable document format) documents. Hamline now has a campus-wide license for the full standard edition of Adobe Acrobat. Some of the things that can be done with the full version include:

- Reliably create, combine, and control Adobe PDF documents for easy, more secure distribution and collaboration. Combine files from multiple applications, such as text files, spreadsheets, presentations, and web pages, into a single, polished Adobe PDF

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- document. Protect sensitive information with passwords and permissions, and conduct collaborative document reviews by e-mail or server.
- Create an Adobe PDF document from Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, or any application that prints. Easily convert and optimize documents, spreadsheets, e-mails, and websites to more secure Adobe PDF files that preserve the formatting and integrity of the original files. Share information with anyone using free Adobe Reader software.
 - Accelerate feedback and approvals with robust tools for initiating, managing, and tracking document reviews. Reviewers can use familiar commenting tools—including sticky notes, stamps, highlighter, pencil, strikethrough, callout, dimension lines, shapes, and clouds—for review and markup of Adobe PDF files. Merge feedback into a single file to reconcile comments.
 - Control access to and use of Adobe PDF documents, assign digital rights, and maintain document integrity. Set document permissions to define whether a file can be printed or changed. Apply passwords to help restrict document access. Digitally sign documents to manage their status and help prevent changes. Certify documents to validate they came from a trusted source. Create and reuse document control policies to precisely manage who can print, save, copy, or modify a document.

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