



SEPTEMBER 2007

GaETC

The 20th Georgia Educational Technology Conference will be held November 14-16, 2007, at the [Georgia International Convention Center](#). For information about registering please visit: <http://www.gaetc.org/reginfo07.htm> Or for general information please visit: <http://www.gaetc.org/>

**Graduation Coach Training**

Calling all Middle School and High School Graduation Coaches to a free training session! Offered on Tuesday 9/25/07 at the Athens Center from 8:30-10:30 AM or Thursday 9/27/07 at the Gwinnett Center from 9-11 AM or 1-3 PM. Training will be on the following topics:

- The main purpose of the application within the MyGaDOE Portal
- The Applications Homepage
- The Candidate Roster Module
- The Service Session Log

Please visit our website for more information: <http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/>

Science Module Training

The 2007-2008 school year will be the first year Physical Science will be taught in eighth grade classrooms. The Educational Technology Training Centers have been commissioned by the Georgia Department of Education to develop training modules for the implementation of the Eighth Grade Physical Science framework. This training will incorporate differentiated tasks, activities and of course technology. Each of the thirteen ETTCs will be offering these training sessions to science curriculum personnel and teachers beginning in October. We have been working hard and are excited to be a part of this project. More information will be provided soon.

Online Assessment System Training for 2007-2008

The ETTC will be hosting training for OAS on Thursday 9/27/07 at the Athens Center from 8:30-11:30 AM or 12:30-3:30 PM. For more information please visit: <http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/oas/index.html>

**Cool Tools For Media Specialists**

Our Athens Cool Tools classes are well underway! We completed our first sessions on GPS and GSO and Movie Maker with great success and are looking forward to upcoming sessions on Engaging Encyclopedias and Interactive Whiteboards. It's not too late to join us! We will be partnering with the ETTCs in Augusta and Savannah to teach these sessions by video conference. Dates and more information can be found at <http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/cooltools/index.html>

**Fall 2007 - Spring 2008 Totally Technical Workshops**

Our Totally Technical Workshops for the '07-'08 school year have begun with an informative, hands-on session on the new Office 2007. Upcoming sessions include:

- Internet Safety
- Windows Vista

And we want to see you there! Visit our website online for specific class dates and to get more information!

http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/technical_workshops/index.html

Comments from Our Past Participants

“Wireless Networking was one of the best classes I took at the center. The subject matter was not over my head, I felt comfortable asking questions and the material was not intimidating at all. I would highly recommend it to others in the future.”

“I am very excited about what I learned! Can’t wait to implement it in our system!”

Cool Tools for Teachers ‘07-’08

We started off our Cool Tools for Teachers in Gwinnett with an exciting SMART Board session, and we are looking forward to upcoming sessions in October, which include

- Activ Board
- Is it Standard Procedure?
- Say Cheese
- Anyone can be a Movie Maker

Join us as we explore how technology can be used to enable the teaching and learning process! Please visit the website below for dates and more information:

http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/cooltools_classroom/index.html

Spotlight on Georgia

Come and take a look at our online Spotlight on Georgia region winners for Spring 2007:

- Sabrina Schmitt - Duluth Middle School
- Kristin Ruzicka - Carver Middle School
- Larry A. Hoff - Monroe Area High School

- Ian Johnson - Monroe Elementary School
- Tina Mitchell - Loganville Primary
- Betsy Yancey - Monroe Area High School

http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/spotlight/spotlightga_winners.html

To learn more about Spotlight on Georgia or to apply, you can visit:

<http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/spotlight/index.html>

Oconee County School System to Hold Second Annual Technology Fair

Oconee County School System will be participating in its second annual technology fair on Monday, October 8. The ETTCs will be delivering various presentations at the event, which all Oconee County administrators, teachers, and support personnel will attend. The goal of the technology fair is to create awareness among the participants about the variety of educational technologies available today.

Techie Tip: RSS Feeds

There are tons of websites out there, and lots of worthwhile blogs, and who could forget about all the things to search for on ebay? That all takes so much time, though- if only there were a quicker way...

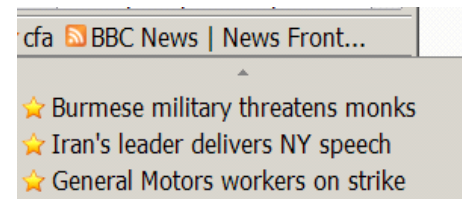
Thankfully, there is. It’s called an RSS feed. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication, and it’s basically a way of getting information about new things on a site, without having to visit the site.

A RSS feed is nothing more than a URL.

The most current versions of the common web browsers support RSS easily. For example, in Firefox, if you go to <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>, on the right-edge of the address box, you’ll see this:



That orange icon indicates that they have an RSS feed. This icon is the same in Internet Explorer 7, too. If you left-click on it, you can subscribe to it. It will pop up a new window asking you how to subscribe to it. You can either subscribe to it with ‘Live Bookmarks,’ which adds it in to your regular bookmarks, or you can pick another program to send it to. You can also store the feed with your Google or Yahoo information, and browse them through their sites. Once a feed is added to the list of RSS feeds, it becomes easier to see what’s new on a web site. For example, here’s a picture of some of the BBC’s news items from its ‘Live Bookmarks’ entry:



There are lots of programs that work with RSS feeds; some are stand-alone, and some are add-ins for your browser or email program.



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