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The 2004 spring session of the Information Technology (IT) Orientation for new UF employees was held on March 4. This session was designed to give the attendees an introduction to the vast number of IT resources available to them at UF.

While the orientation is intended for new employees, a poll of the attendees showed a mix of recent hires and experienced staff looking for an overview of available resources.

Speakers from a number of campus IT centers created an interesting atmosphere and lively discussions among the group. Security, wired and wireless computing, training and consulting, university-wide applications, IT resources and organizations, and network administration were among the topics raised.

Fran McDonell of CIRCA, the Center for Instructional and Research Computing Activity, kicked off the morning with an overview of the information technology hierarchy at UF. The theme for her discussion was a question: Where do you fit in the UF IT organization? The answer was as varied as the attendees' home departments, but the organizational chart allowed everyone to see where resources are located and who is responsible for them.

Fran McDonell looks over her notes before IT
Russ Poole discusses networking at UF.
Russ Poole, head of the Building Network Infrastructure section of CNS's Networking Services, spent some time talking about the Wall Plate project, which means having Network Services manage all network infrastructure, right up to (as the name says) the wall plate. Network Services also provides Internet and Internet2 access, dial-up access, Domain Name Services (for ufl.edu), network security, wireless network support, and maintains the campus core network. For more information, please see [http://net-services.ufl.edu](http://net-services.ufl.edu).

Tom Cassarly, assistant director of Information Systems, presented an overview of the myUFL portal ([http://my.ufl.edu](http://my.ufl.edu)) and the ADMIN menu. "People can now get to the ADMIN menu from the UF Portal. There, they can access administrative applications by logging in with their GatorLink account. The main advantage is that there is a single login," said Cassarly.

Kathy Bergsma, UF IT security manager, talked about the responsibilities of IT professionals both in keeping individual machines free of viruses and worms, and in keeping the network uninfected. For more information on this topic, see [http://net-services.ufl.edu/security](http://net-services.ufl.edu/security).

Bryan Garey of Human Resources' Training and Development presented the numerous free training resources that are available to IT professionals at UF. He touched on classes held at the stadium, CITI, and the Health Science Center, and how you can sign up for them via [http://www.hr.ufl.edu](http://www.hr.ufl.edu).

He also discussed the on-line computer courses offered by NETg, available at [netg.ufl.edu](http://netg.ufl.edu). Additionally, special seminars such as the IT Orientation, Peer2Peer, and ITSA Day are offered throughout the year. For information, please see [www.it.ufl.edu/training](http://www.it.ufl.edu/training).

Wrapping up the morning's session was Allan Pither of CNS, who directed attendees to resources for additional information on IT at UF, including a number of links that are available from the IT Training page at [http://www.it.ufl.edu/training](http://www.it.ufl.edu/training).
Tom Cassarly takes questions from the group.

A review of this session, including the PowerPoint presentation and video, is available at

- http://www.cns.ufl.edu/it0304.pps;
- http://real.video.ufl.edu/~video/itstaff1.ram; and

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