

Keep your systems safe and secure: We are all familiar with the little pop-up windows that tell us to update our software. Unpatched systems pose a substantial risk to the College as well as individuals. Information Services automates patching of college owned assets with the latest security and application updates. As an organization we need your help to keep your personal devices up to date, as well. Frequently staff will access College resources from personal devices and if these devices are not kept up to date, they could potentially put the College at risk. Help us

by keeping your personal devices up to date! Software updates offer plenty of benefits. These might include repairing security holes that have been discovered and fixing or removing computer bugs. Updates can also add new features to your devices and remove outdated ones. An example of why keeping systems up to date is so important is the recent Mozilla Firefox vulnerability. This vulnerability is so severe that the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) recommends users immediately update to the newest version. The vulnerability is actively being exploited and could be leveraged to take control of an affected system.

 For more information about the Mozilla Firefox vulnerability visit: https://www.cisecurity.org/advisory/vulnerability-in-mozilla-firefox-could-allow-for-arbitrary-code-execution_2020-004/

Reminder about protecting sensitive data: While working with College data it's important to be familiar with its classification (restricted, sensitive, or public). Take a moment to review the College Data Classification Policy and Operating Procedure. Understand the type of data you work with on a regular basis and where it is appropriate to store it. If there is one takeaway, it is that College data must be stored in locations owned, controlled or licensed by the College. A specific example of a College provided storage location is your JCCC OneDrive account. This storage option encrypts your data when it is stored or transmitted. If you have questions about the use of other storage locations or how to identify for sensitive data, please contact Information Security.

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