

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

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Introducing the **GV Technology Summit**—a university-wide celebration of technological progress and innovation. Sponsored by Information Technology and developed in collaboration with colleges and departments across the university, this event welcomes faculty, staff, and students alike.

Date: October 2, 2025, 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health (DCIH)



Connect, collaborate, and contribute to the conversation about the future of technology at GVSU. Whether you're a seasoned expert, an emerging innovator, or simply curious, your participation will make this event a success!

The GV Technology Summit builds on the university's [Reach Higher](#) initiatives, showcasing innovative work that advances its values and goals.



Share Your Ideas, Secure Your Spot!

Have you been part of an exciting project or technology initiative that would make a great presentation? We'd love to hear from you! [Submit a proposal](#) to become a presenter and share your insights with fellow faculty and staff.

Interested in attending? [Register now to secure your spot!](#)

Stay informed by [bookmarking the event webpage](#) — we'll be updating it regularly with new details about speakers, topics, and more.

Do you have an event question? [Email us to connect!](#)

[Start Your Climb to the GV Technology Summit Here!](#)

Windows 11 Rollout Continues at GVSU Resources for Faculty and Staff

GVSU IT has started rolling out the Windows 11 upgrade across the university in designated phases. This update applies only to Windows computers and is not required for Mac computers. The transition is necessary as Microsoft will end support for Windows 10—including updates and security patches—on October 14, 2025.

Resources are available to support faculty and staff before and during this transition.

Windows 11 Webinars

We encourage faculty and staff to attend an upcoming Windows 11 webinar. This training will overview Windows 11 features, preparation steps, best practices for file backup using OneDrive, and action items to ensure a successful upgrade.

[Register now to secure your spot!](#)

Windows 11 Resources and Information

The Service Portal offers a variety of [Windows 11-specific Knowledge Base articles](#), and the [Windows 11 @ GVSU](#) webpage is a great resource to bookmark for ongoing updates, current information, and helpful links.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to provide access to the latest tools and technology, enhancing productivity, efficiency, and security across the university.

If you have any questions about Windows 11, contact IT Services via the [Service Portal](#), at it@gvsu.edu or 616-331-2101.



Revolutionizing Education with Augmented Reality Event - April 4 In Person or Virtual Event for GVSU Faculty

Are you interested in integrating cutting-edge Augmented Reality (AR) experiences into your courses? Join the IT Innovation + Research team for an engaging in person meet up and webinar, hosted by Innovator in Residence Joseph Van Harken, featuring an early release of the innovative *LessonsAI* platform, designed to make AR content creation accessible to all educators.

Date: Friday, April 4, 2025

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Location: X>STUDIO in the futurEDlab (CEC) | John G. Russell Leadership Center, 120 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 and ONLINE via Zoom

Why Attend?

- Gain valuable insights into the latest advancements in AR technology for education.
- Learn how to create engaging and interactive AR learning experiences for your students.
- Contribute to the development of an innovative tool that is transforming online education.

[Learn More & Register Today!](#)



Lab Software Requests and WinLab Upgrade

WinLab Transition and Upgrade:

On May 1st the current virtual Windows computer lab (WinLab) will be retired and replaced with a new hosted solution from our partners at [Propeller](#).

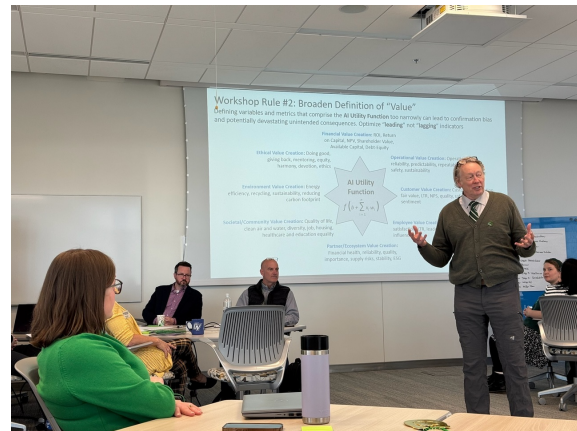
The new environment will offer increased capacity, enhanced computing power, and greater flexibility to adapt to the needs of our faculty and students. The winlab.gvsu.edu url will continue to work and will be adjusted to provide information on the available environments and how to access them.

This environment provides access to resource intensive applications like SolidWorks, Ansys, ArcGIS Pro, and others that leverage GPU's for advanced work which the current environment lacks; allowing work that currently requires specialized hardware in limited physical labs to be done from anywhere. Whether for use during instruction, for homework, or research, the environment provides more robust and scalable solutions for all of GVSU.

All university computer labs, both physical and virtual, will be upgraded to Windows 11 during the Spring/Summer 2025 semesters. These upgrades will be completed before the Fall 2025 semester.

Academic Computer Lab Requests:

Reminder, it's never too early to submit [software requests](#) for next semester!



Exploring Innovation, Data, and AI: Dell Technologies Visits GVSU Two-Day Event Featured Workshop and Guest Lecture

On March 17 and 18, GVSU IT brought Dell Technologies to campus to discuss how data and artificial intelligence can contribute to innovation at the university.

During the first session, held on Monday, an AI Accelerator workshop focusing on student success and retention was held in the futurEDlab. Bill Schmarzo, Customer AI and Data Innovation Strategist and Dean of Big Data, facilitated the workshop, which allowed faculty and staff to engage in design thinking and brainstorm ideas to enhance the university's efforts to support students.

On Tuesday, Bill Schmarzo presented a guest lecture for faculty, staff, and students that explored AI-driven innovation through four pillars: economics, design thinking, data science, and cultural empowerment.

[Couldn't Make It?
Watch the Guest Lecture Here!](#)



Meet Justin Melick Senior Instructional Design Specialist, IT eLearning Technologies Team

Justin joined the eLearning Technologies team in 2014 as an Instructional Designer. Since 2018, he has also been an adjunct faculty member in the College of Education and Community Innovation, where he develops and teaches courses in Educational Technology.

Before coming to Grand Valley, he taught high school social studies. A proud Laker, Justin holds master's degrees in Educational Technology and Adult and Higher Education from GVSU.

Technology in the classroom is at the heart of Justin's work. He collaborates with faculty to design streamlined, effective courses that enhance student learning. One of his most notable contributions is pioneering the use of the [lightboard at GVSU](#)—a transparent writing surface that allows instructors to face their students while creating engaging, dynamic visuals. He believes technology, when used intentionally, can foster community and enrich the educational experience for both instructors and learners.

Outside of work, Justin stays busy with his "weekend job" as an official for the IndyCar Series. He also enjoys running and restoring his 110-year-old house.

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