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# What's New at e-ATS?

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**Did You Know?** For security purposes, Datatel passwords are good for 90 days. You can prevent your password from expiring if you reset it (using XCPW from your menu.)

## The Year in Review

As the year draws to a close, a review of the services and features which have been deployed this year seems appropriate.

The staff under Academic Technology Services will be expanded for next semester with Robin Levesque joining the team. This expansion will enable ATS to more readily assist the growing number of faculty with integrating technology into their curriculum and aid in the use of administrative systems for advisement.

**Blackboard** was enhanced by the addition of language packs. This feature allows faculty to control the language used by Blackboard for text-based items.

**Turnitin** has been incorporated within the Blackboard structure. Due to some incredible feedback from our instructors, especially one in particular, Turnitin has already enhanced the application to meet the needs of faculty at Roger Williams University.

**Apreso**, a video capturing tool, was installed in several classrooms on campus. This tool equips instructors (and others) to record course content. The recording is then able to be released by the faculty to those who were unable to attend the session or for future class review. Apresso can also be used within Blackboard should the faculty wish to do so.

**Vision6** was deployed on the computers in the teaching labs. Vision6 provides faculty a means of controlling lab computer activity. As well as controlling activity, the faculty has the ability to work on a specific computer and even display the work to the rest of the class.

**Secureexam** is installed in the computer teaching labs. This program prevents access to computer programs and services during exams and quizzes deployed within Blackboard.

### Who's Who at ATS

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### Blackboard Training Schedule:

- Thu 1/4: 9 - 11
- Tue 1/9: 1:30 - 3:30
- Mon 1/15: 9 - 11
- Tue 1/16: 1:30 - 3:30
- Wed 1/17: 1:30 - 3:30
- Fri 1/19: 1:30 - 3:30

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