

EDUCAUSE COMMUNITY GROUPS

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EDUCAUSE Community Groups (CGs) are open, online communities led by members where you can share your ideas and expertise, find solutions to pressing issues you're facing, and explore common interests with your peers. Groups interact throughout the year via online discussions and most meet at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference.

Participate in or follow the conversations happening now by joining one or more of the 60+ groups available below. The groups are identified first by their primary category area and then the full list is provided alphabetically.

Data and Analytics

- [Data Governance and Chief Data Officers Community Group](#)
Issues related to data governance.
- [Evidence of Impact Community Group](#)
Issues related to evidence-based practice in teaching and learning.
- [Higher Education Chief Data Officers Community Group \(Invite Only\)](#)
Issues related to institutional data and analytics program.
- [IT Metrics Community Group](#)
Issues and challenges associated with developing, collecting, and reporting IT metrics in a higher education environment.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- [Asian Pacific American Community Group](#)
An inclusive place where APA professionals and their allies can build professional networks, discuss career and leadership opportunities, and support the advancement of APA professionals in higher ed IT.
- [Diversity in IT Community Group](#)
A platform for open dialogue and creates avenues for collaboration to support group members, provide mentors, and advocate for diversity issues as they relate to members and higher education.
- [IT Accessibility Community Group](#)
Helps to assess the scope of issues of IT accessibility.
- [LGBTQIA in IT Community Group](#)
Issues of interest to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex communities and their allies who are working in higher education IT.
- [User Experience and Service Design Practice Community Group](#)
Discusses the issues and challenges of supporting user experience practices in IT.

- Women in IT Community Group
Collects and disseminates effective practices in the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in higher education IT.
- Young Professionals Community Group
A place where young professionals can build professional networks across institutions, seek advice, discuss career matters, and provide feedback to EDUCAUSE.

Information Systems and Services

- Digital Signage Community Group
Issues and challenges associated with the design, deployment, and management of campus digital signage networks.
- Enterprise, Business, and Technical Architects (ITANA) Community Group
Focuses on developing the skills, tools, and a suite of resources to assist institutions with their enterprise, business, and technical architectural needs.
- Enterprise Content Management / Document Management Community Group
Discusses strategies for selecting, implementing, and supporting Enterprise Content Management (ECM) solutions across your institution.
- Google Workspace Community Group
Provides a forum for higher education professionals to share thoughts and experiences about the Google Workspace suite of services.
- SharePoint and Office 365 Community Group
Provides a forum for higher education institutions to collaborate and share their experiences with SharePoint and Office 365.

Institutions, Schools, and Departments of a Specific Size and Type

- Business Schools and Colleges IT Officers Community Group
Addresses the challenges of providing IT leadership and support to the students, faculty, and staff of business schools and colleges.
- Community Colleges Community Group
Focuses on how to manage technology-based information resources in the community college environment.
- edACCESS Community Group
Issues related to administrative and campus computing environments at very small schools (< 1,000 FTE).
- Health Sciences IT Community Group
Issues and challenges facing IT professionals serving in medical and health-related institutions.
- Schools and Colleges of Arts and Design IT Leadership Community Group
IT leadership and support challenges within arts and design educational institutions.
- Schools and Colleges of Engineering IT Leadership Community Group
Addresses the challenges of providing IT leadership and support to the students, faculty, and staff of engineering schools and colleges.

Small Colleges Community Group

Addresses information technology issues unique to small and liberal arts colleges—those with an FTE enrollment under 5,000—and promotes the sharing of problems, solutions, and successful techniques related to the planning and management of technology-related information resources.

 State Systems Community Group

Focuses on planning, coordinating, facilitating, and/or providing technology services for state higher education systems.

 Student Affairs IT Community Group

Discusses issues related to providing IT services to areas within student affairs.

IT Services and Management

 Administrative Systems Management Community Group

Discusses the types of issues managers encounter in selecting, planning, implementing, managing, and decommissioning administrative systems.

 Business Relationship Management (BRM) Community Group

Discussion of best practices and ideas for Business Relationship Management, management of the strategic interface between IT and IT business stakeholders.

 Cloud Computing Community Group

Learn about and discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with the adoption of cloud computing in colleges and universities.

 DevOps Community Group

Conversation about the DevOps model of IT service delivery, and how DevOps ideas of team management and culture fit in higher ed IT.

 IT Procurement and Supplier Management (ITPSM) Community Group

Focuses on challenges and opportunities associated with higher education sourcing, purchasing, and ongoing supplier management related to IT goods and services.

 IT Service Management (ITSM) Community Group

Discusses adoption and implementation of ITSM (IT Service Management) guidance and the related issues and obstacles that are particular in higher education.

 IT Support Services Community Group

Share ideas and concerns about supporting individual users of information technologies.

 Mobile Technologies Community Group

Discussion and discovery of innovative and functional uses for mobile devices throughout higher education.

 Openness Community Group

Focuses on the emergence and adoption of open technologies, practices, policies, and initiatives.

 Project Management Community Group

Focuses on issues faced by project managers of technical projects within higher education.

 Social Media Community Group

Explores the implications of the integration of social media throughout higher education.

- Sustainable IT Community Group
Discusses the opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through our IT infrastructure.

IT Staff and Leadership

- CIO Community Group
Discusses the issues and challenges affecting chief information officers in higher education.
- Corporate Community Group
For corporations and vendors serving the higher education community to give their input on issues and ideas and recommendations on new programs from the association.
- Digital Transformation Community Group
Focuses on issues and challenges related to the digital transformation of higher education and the exchange of information and ideas among campus leaders seeking to advance digital transformation initiatives.
- Emerging Companies Community Group
For start-up and emerging IT companies serving the higher education community to discuss challenges, network, and share ideas.
- IT Communications Community Group
Addresses the challenges that IT professionals and organizations face in communicating strategically and clearly to user communities, internal and external constituencies, campus leadership, and within the IT organization itself.
- IT Governance Community Group
Provides a gathering place for professionals interested in, responsible for, and part of IT governance to exchange information.
- IT Strategic Planning Community Group
Issues and challenges associated with developing, renewing, and managing IT strategic plans.
- Library/IT Partnerships Community Group
Issues related to the partnerships and collaborative efforts between librarians and information technologists.
- Professional Development/Staff Management Community Group
Issues related to IT staff management, including recruiting and retaining staff, training and professional development strategies, best practices in organizational structure, and other human resources issues.
- Web Professionals Community Group
Discusses the use of the Web as both a productivity and a public relations tool for institutions.

Research, Networks, and Infrastructure

- Communications Infrastructure and Applications Community Group
Focuses on the challenges that higher-education institutions face with respect to enterprise communication, collaboration, mobility, and networking.
- Network Management Community Group
Share ideas and concerns about managing and supporting networks, including the expanding area of wireless networks.

- Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (RPAS) Community Group
Focuses on building community among drone pilots, stakeholders, and managers who authorize flight requests, and sharing ideas and resources.
- Research Computing and Data Community Group
Discusses IT support for institutional research missions.
- Wireless Local Area Networking Community Group
Focuses on all forms of wireless local area networking in the unlicensed spectrum, focusing on issues pertaining to 802.11x as well as emerging broadband and high-speed technologies.

Security, Privacy, and Identity

- HECVAT Users Community Group
A forum to share information, best practices, and strategies for using the Higher Education Community Vendor Assessment Toolkit (HECVAT).
- HEISC Awareness and Training Community Group
A forum for information security professionals, privacy professionals, and IT communicators to discuss information security and privacy awareness, training, and education efforts on campus.
- HEISC Governance, Risk, and Compliance Community Group
Information security topics pertaining to governance, risk, privacy, policies, legal issues, and compliance.
- HEISC Technologies, Operations, and Practices Community Group
Practices, tools, and procedures that higher education institutions have found to be practical solutions to preventing or responding to security problems.
- Higher Education Chief Privacy Officers (HE-CPO) Community Group (Invite Only)
A supportive and collaborative environment for campus CPOs to share information and speak freely regarding privacy issues, news, laws, concerns, and best practices.
- Identity and Access Management Community Group
Topics related to identity and access management, including procedures, technologies, products, administration, prototypes, projects, business models, and many other areas.
- Privacy Community Group
Discussions about privacy issues and challenges in higher education.
- Security Community Group
A forum to identify problems and share strategies or solutions as colleges and universities continue to improve information security programs.

Teaching and Learning

- Blended and Online Learning Community Group
Exchanges information related to the field of online and blended teaching and learning.
- Digital Competencies Community Group
Provides an opportunity for members to discuss the concept of digital competencies and how institutions can adapt and adopt different frameworks to meet their institution's goals.

- Digital Transformation (Dx) Community Group
 Focuses on issues and challenges related to digital transformation in higher education and the exchange of information and ideas among campus leaders seeking to advance digital transformation initiatives.
- eTexts Community Group
 Discusses the rapidly evolving domain of digital textbooks, multimedia supplements, tutorial websites, e-reader/annotation software, and related materials.
- Games and Learning Community Group
 Dedicated to the discussion and development of games for learning.
- Instructional Design Community Group
 Provides a forum for discussion of how to effectively gather, analyze, and apply student data to inform and quantify the efficacy of instructional design decisions and processes.
- Instructional Technologies Community Group
 Provides a forum for the exchange and archiving of information and for discussions of key issues relating to information technologies. Topics range from learner-centered principles to technology selection.
- Learning Space Design Community Group
 Provides a forum about the way we use space and how it impacts teaching practices, learning activities and effectiveness, student interactions, and the campus sense of community.
- Microcredentials and Badges Community Group
 Discusses all aspects of research, design, and implementation of microcredentialing and/or digital badging systems.
- Student Success Analytics Practitioners Community Group
 A forum for those who are actively planning or implementing analytics initiatives that are aimed at improving student success.
- Taking STEM Online Community Group
 Provides a venue for sharing and gathering tips and tools related to conducting high-quality STEM courses, including labs, in an online or hybrid/blended format.
- XR (Extended Reality) Community Group
 A forum for a broad discussion around XR and the impact of these technologies on higher education, including the changing landscape of XR technologies and best practices for their use and development.

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