

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, CIIT LAHORE

News N Views

CU ONLINE SOFTWARE

The CU software may have inherent shortcomings. One which is glaring and most annoying is the attendance sheets that teachers use for attendance of the

so close to each other that there is a great likelihood of error on the part of teacher. Often students come to me and when they look at my filled attendance register they are greatly surprised to know that they were present on a certain days and I have marked them absent. Now I have photocopied the blank sheets with maxi-

mum enlargements and so there is some relief.

I wonder if each campus on discovering some problems with CU online can tweak the software and do its repair as is wanted. Mr Akhtar of CS department of CIIT Lahore is participating in its upkeep with great enthusiasm.

CUonline Web application



CUonline logo

student. The names and roll numbers of the students on the sheets are extremely small (maybe font 8 or less than that) and consequently the rows are



Director CIIT Lahore

NEW DIRECTOR'S ACTIVITIES

There is a general feeling that new director is doing well. He has earned many feathers to wear on his hat. Bravo.



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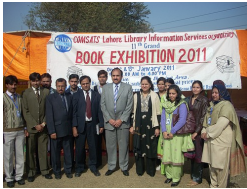
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World Book Day



Students Posters



“Computers are useless. They can only give you answers.”

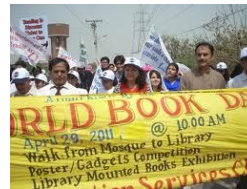
By Pablo Picasso

WORLD BOOK WALK

A walk was arranged at the CIITLahore from its mosque to the library on 29th of April 2011, the day of the royal wedding. This was the first such walk, I believe, in the history of the campus. Students also participated. Their classes were suspended for some half an hour, 15 minutes at the close and 15 minutes at the beginning of a class time. The procession started at 10:00 AM. Some 150 students had gathered to begin with and with the

passage of time congregation increased.

Book Day Walk



The congregation walked up to the library where each department of the campus had arranged a stall to display their re-

search achievements, books and other write-up that the department colleagues had written. Dr Talat, acting director of the campus, presided on the function. Prizes were distributed by Dr Abasii. Surprisingly when I took my class after attending a initial part of the activities and asked my class if they thought any good benefit resulted from it their response was vociferously negative. **Do we need to rethink it**

Poem: A Book

A book, I think, is very like
A little golden door
That takes me into places
Where I've never been before.
It leads me into fairyland
Or countries strange and far
And, best of all, the golden door
Always stands ajar.
By Adelaide love

Books



Cartoon of the month



“The Printer ran out of paper again”

BRAIN DRAIN and HEC

Colleagues come to me for reference letters for admission to higher academic programs in other universities. I have an inkling, I wish I could be proved wrong, that a partial brain drain seems to have started. The rules regarding the prospective PhD students need to be tightened to make sure that after finishing their higher degrees they come back to serve their country rather than serve themselves by stay-

ing in the foreign country for the sake of money and ease in life.

Someone told me some people were happy to know that HEC is breathing last gasps. They thought that they any bond they have filled with HEC will not have to be honored. They are certainly wrong because if there is a bond there must be some rule which still can bring the sword to their necks.

God forbid; but why such an idea was in the first place generated. Poor HEC. Poor HEC or bubbling HEC. A new report says they have got status quo though for few months.



Founder of HEC— Dr. Ata-ur-Rehman

A Poem About Technology

A computer was something on TV
From a sci fi show of note.
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the cousin of goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And gig was a job for the nights.
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bytes.

An application was for employment.
A program was a TV show.
A curser used profanity.
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age.
A CD was a bank account.
And if you had a 3 1/2" floppy
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire.
Hard drive was a long trip on the road.
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife.
Paste you did with glue.
A web was a spider's home.
And a virus was the flu

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head.
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash,
But when it happens they wish they were dead.

HEC Pakistan



AIT's computer science dept organizes Open House 2011

KARACHI: Aligarh Institute of Technology (AIT)'s computer science department organized an Open House 2011 on Monday. Around 11 projects and 19 posters were put on display. Speaking on the occasion Chancellor ZA Nizami said that to meet the significant challenges of repair, maintenance and support of technical infrastructure in the country, the institute also offers mid level technological program of associate engineering, besides offering BS programs.

Pooling resources for renewable energy stressed

STAFF REPORTER ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs a strategy to pool its resources and expertise available with public sector organizations to initiate local production of solar lighting and electricity generation system. This will help boosting the national efforts to overcome power shortage.

LUMS Open Day

The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) organized the Computer Science Open Day on Monday. The session included an information session about the programme, one-to-one talk with faculty members and dean and also a display of major researches carried out by faculty members.

Computer Science Department Head Dr Sohaib Khan, along with various other faculty members, shed light on the various initiatives and projects undertaken by the department. School of Science and Engineering (SSE) Dean Dr Shahab Baqai also addressed the session and answered queries of the attendees.

Microsoft Joins WIPO

The Microsoft Corp has joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in recognizing World Intellectual Property (IP) Day. This day calls upon the IT industry, governments and consumers to speak out about the importance of IP rights. Strong IP protection is central to instilling a culture of innovation, which can spur economic growth, create jobs and increase revenue for the broader industry and government organizations.

Efforts on to promote software exports

The government of Pakistan is making efforts to promote software export and the IT industry can contribute immensely by bridging the trade gap.

“The demand for software in the world is growing at a fast pace and they could take advantage from it and IT and the emerging technologies could work well for rural development and educational sector reform,” Sindh Minister for Education Pir Mazhar-ul-Haque said this while inaugurating a two-day International Conference on Computers and Emerging Technologies here last week.

PSEB pulls entrepreneurs to incubator programme

The Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) officially launched its Incubator Programme at TieCon 2011 last week where a large number of IT companies participated with full potential.

“We are encouraging young entrepreneurs and companies to visit PSEB incubators programme to come and participate in our initiatives meant to promote and introduce the potential of the IT companies,” said the PSEB MD Zia Imran told the media on the occasion.



Renewable Energy



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