November 2012 MUG Meeting

The following members of the EdTech team hosted the November 27th MUG Meeting:

- Ebony Smith (UTHSC Director of Educational Technology)
- Marc Farmer (UTHSC Educational Technology Specialist)
- Kristy Conger (UTHSC Educational Technology Specialist)

The session focused on mobile companion apps for Adobe Suite and Blackboard. Additional iPad teaching and learning apps were also presented.

Adobe Suite

Ebony provided an overview and demo of both the Adobe Connect and Adobe Presenter mobile apps for the iPad. Ebony highlighted some specific features that would be helpful to faculty including the ability to participate in an Adobe Connect meeting or view Adobe Presenter presentations anywhere, anytime from their mobile device.

Additional information about these apps can be found at:


Blackboard Mobile Apps

Marc provided an overview and demo of the Blackboard Mobile Learn app for the iPad. He highlighted some specific features that would be helpful to faculty including the ability to add announcements and monitor discussion forums from their mobile device.

Additional information about the app can be found at: [http://www.blackboard.com/platforms/mobile/overview.aspx](http://www.blackboard.com/platforms/mobile/overview.aspx)

Educreations and Slideshark

Kristy provided an overview and demo of two additional teaching and learning apps.

Educreations

- A recordable interactive whiteboard app created for the iPad that captures what is written on the screen as well as audio. Recordings can be saved as lessons and shared via the public URL link or embedded into a Blackboard course.
- Additional information about Educreations can be found at: [http://www.educreations.com/](http://www.educreations.com/)
Slideshark

- Allows PowerPoint presentations to be uploaded to a SlideShark account and shared from the iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch. Online versions of the PowerPoint presentations can also be shared for on-demand viewing.
- Additional information about SlideShark can be found at: www.slideshark.com

The next MUG meeting will take place January 2013. The featured presenters will be Brenda Green and Lin Wu from the UTHSC Library. Their session will focus on the NIH gallery of apps.