



# It's a Canvas, it's a Graph – No... It's a Wacom-Bamboo Tablet!

From iPod to iPhone, the benefits of multi-touch technology continue with the Wacom Bamboo Tablet.

“The Wacom Tablet is a lightweight, sleek device about the size of a notebook pad,” explains Lynn Lane, OTS technical trainer. “Using a USB connection, you can connect it to your computer – desktop or laptop, PC or Mac. It can be linked to a variety of programs including Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Outlook – just to name a few.”

“The uses are almost limitless,” she continues. “The tablet turns your computer into a virtual canvas where you can create digital artwork, draw on your PowerPoint presentations, create an electronic signature, review electronic documents, diagram pictures, and even create how-to-videos when used with video capturing software such as Camtasia.”

The tablet comes with an electronic pen that can be used with, or in place of a mouse. To move your screen cursor, don't touch the tablet with the pen, simply hover the pen slightly above the tablet and move the direction you want the cursor to go, or place the pen over the tablet where you want the cursor to be.

Because it has so many uses – the technology is applicable to a variety of subjects. “For instance in a math class, an instructor can solve a math problem, just as he or she would on a white board,” Lane continues. “However, with the Wacom, the instructor could take it one step further and create a step-by-step, how-to video that students could go back and view again.”

English instructors can provide feedback and edit a document overhead, an art instructor can utilize drawing software and explain how to create portraits, while tech instructors can display an



*Bill Hatch, SJC art professor, shares the creative aspects of the Wacom Tablet with his students.*

engine or piece of equipment, label parts, and save it for students to view again electronically.

“The creative options with the Wacom Bamboo Tablet are endless,” says Bill Hatch, SJC art professor. “I can change brushes with a click and paint with a variety of colors – all without any messy mixing or cleanup!”

Students can take handwritten notes in a class, and the program will convert their handwriting into text.

Other benefits include the fact that the tablet is small enough to travel with, and from an ergonomic standpoint, the pen used in lieu of a mouse can reduce carpal tunnel or tennis elbow. It's also easy to learn to use.

“The only challenges may be that the pen may take a little getting used to, similar to how we had

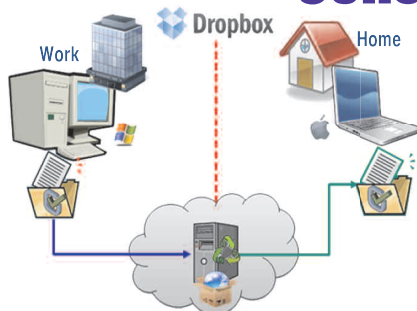
to learn about clicking and dragging when the mouse first came out,” Lane says. “And, if you do a lot of drawing you may want to upgrade to a larger tablet.”

The Wacom Bamboo Tablet comes in different sizes – with a basic model costing around \$60, and the higher end, larger models costing approximately \$200. It comes with a tutorial, which is easy to follow.

SJC faculty and staff interested in purchasing a Wacom tablet, can contact Gaylyn Harris, OTS administrative assistant, at 566-4321. The tablets are purchased utilizing individuals' departmental funds.

For further information about the Wacom Bamboo Tablet and its uses, check out the online site at [www.wacom.com/bamboo](http://www.wacom.com/bamboo).

## Consolidate, Organize – Drop it in Dropbox!



Imagine having one task list that two people can edit on separate computers – and then synchronize both automatically. A free internet application called “Dropbox” can do just that.

When the application is installed, a new folder called “Dropbox” is created. The original task list is saved in this folder. This same Dropbox is shared so both people have a synchronized version on their respective comput-

ers – no matter who edits it. On the go? Access your Dropbox files via the internet. Other uses include sharing files between work and home computers as well as iPhones or iTouches, syncing games across multiple computers, backing up files, and collaborating – to name a few.

To download or find out more, go to <http://www.dropbox.com/>.

TECH TIP

# From the CIO —

## Check Out the New Portal

I trust everyone's semester has gone well and you are looking forward to warmer weather and the summer months ahead.

With help from the Web Advisory Committee and many of you, OTS has been diligently working on the new portal, which provides seamless access to Colleague and to other campus resources. I'm pleased to report the new portal, called MySJC, is currently available for campus use. The link to the portal is: [www.sanjuacollege.edu/mysjc](http://www.sanjuacollege.edu/mysjc).

MySJC is role based, meaning the portal displays different information to the user based on their role as student, faculty or staff. For example, students will see their 'MS live' email accounts and have access to WebAdvisor registration menus and ANGEL, while faculty and staff will integrate with Exchange and have access to the WebAdvisor functions such as grades and financial information. Anything you have access to in WebAdvisor you will have access to through the portal from home or on campus, including your 'H' and 'S' drives.

The rollout of the new portal was timed for new student orientation and to allow users time to get accustomed to the new layout and features before the start of the fall semester. OTS looks forward to your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Thank you for your support, and please let us know how we can improve our communications to best serve you.



**Tim Warren**  
Vice President of Technology



***“Camp counselors” Scott Michlin, Marty Hill and Laura Kerr, along with others, will take OTS Summer Training campers on field trip excursions that will add a fun twist to the classroom or presentations.***

## Go to Summer Camp with OTS

OTS takes its training to camp this summer with fun field trips that are sure to have you singing by the campfire (or at least by your computer)!

Lynn Lane, OTS technical trainer and “camp director,” will begin the summer with help from SJC “camp counselors,” who will guide participants on short field trips that will provide ideas to add fun to your classroom or presentations. Field trips and leaders include: Capturing Video Clips with Marty Hill; Interviewing Radio Style with Scott Michlin; Taking Photos with Rhonda Schaefer; Taking Video with Machell Day and Windows Movie Maker with Lynn Lane.

“After we spend a few hours on the field trips gathering the raw footage, we’ll complement that with the summer camp trainings by incorporating multiple technology tools and programs such as Flickr and Photoshop,” Lane explains. “At the end of the camps, participants will have a complete end product that can be taken right into the classroom.”

Two of those camps and camp counselors include: Applying Universal Design with Jacki McFarland, and Digital Story Telling with Lynn Lane and Laura Kerr. Additional camps include an Excel Boot Camp; Learning by Scenarios and Officer ANGEL Training.

Summer field trips and camps begin in May. Watch SJC *Clips* online newsletter for a listing of dates and times. Throughout the summer, Lane will also offer opportunities for staff and faculty to ‘create your own’ workshop.

“If there is a particular piece of technology or software that you’d like to learn more about, or if you’d like a repeat of a workshop that’s already been held, we are providing time this summer for staff and faculty to tailor a class specific to their needs,” Lane continues.

The workshops may include everything from taming your inbox and using clickers to creating a learning podcast and keys to spreadsheet success. A listing of previously held workshops is also available at [https://files.sjcportal.com/stu\\_data/Technology\\_Training/2010SummerTechCamps.pdf](https://files.sjcportal.com/stu_data/Technology_Training/2010SummerTechCamps.pdf). To request or sign up for summer field trips, camps or workshops, e-mail Lane at [lanel@sanjuacollege.edu](mailto:lanel@sanjuacollege.edu) or fill out a yellow workshop request card, which are available at various locations throughout campus.

### SPEED UP YOUR PC – Spring Clean Your C Drive

Spring often inspires us to clean out our closets and drawers – but if you really want to de-clutter your “storage” areas, how about cleaning up your computer’s C: drive? The freed up disk space will help your computer run more efficiently. Here’s how to use the Disk Cleanup tool:

#### *For Windows XP users*

1. Click Start, point to All Programs, point to Accessories, point to System Tools, and then click Disk Cleanup. If several drives are available, you might be prompted to specify which drive you want to clean.
2. In the Disk Cleanup for dialog box, scroll through the content of the Files to delete list. Choose the files that you want to delete.
3. Clear the check boxes for files that you don't want to delete, and then click OK.
4. When prompted to confirm that you want to delete the specified files, click Yes.

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