# **Information Technology at UK**

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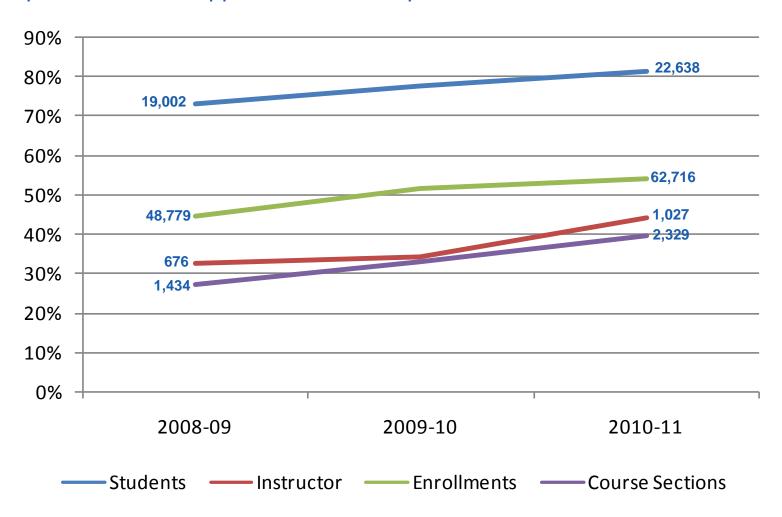


# **Agenda**

- Teaching and learning technology
  - Learning management system (LMS) adoption
  - Lecture capture, class web conferencing, student retention
  - Mobile access to courses and university information
- Infrastructure
  - Wireless improvements, VoIP, campus and regional networks
- Looking towards the future
  - Cloud computing
  - iPads, e-textbooks and open content

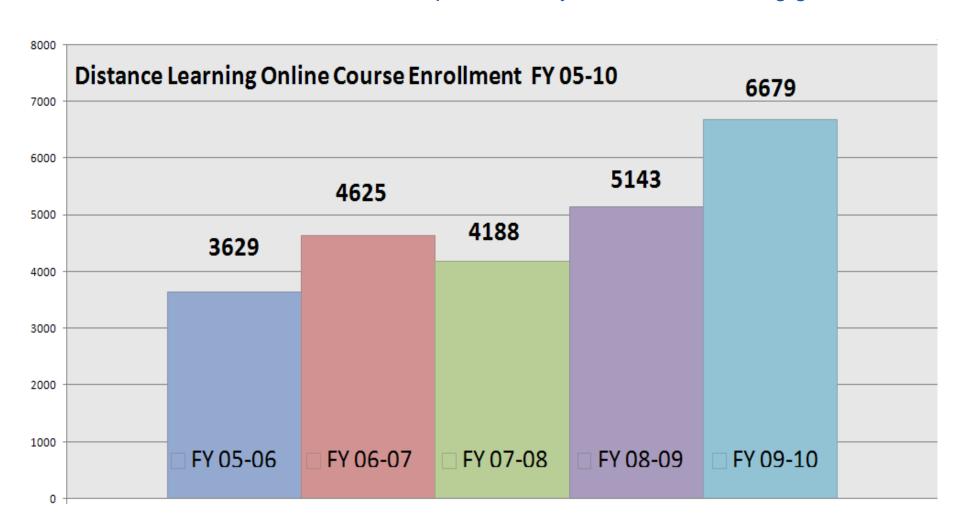
# LMS (Blackboard) Adoption

- 51% growth in instructor use in 2 years, 29% growth in total student enrollments
- Improvements in support, ease of use planned for 2011-2012



### Distance learning enrollments

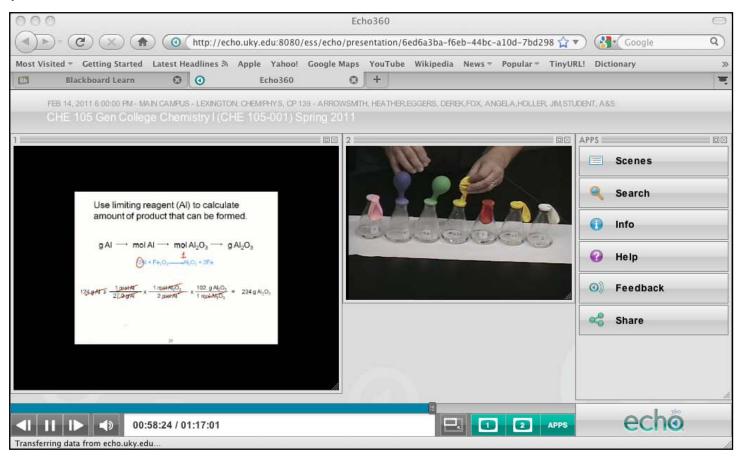
- Provost incentives, dean leadership and faculty interest are causing growth



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# **Course Capture**

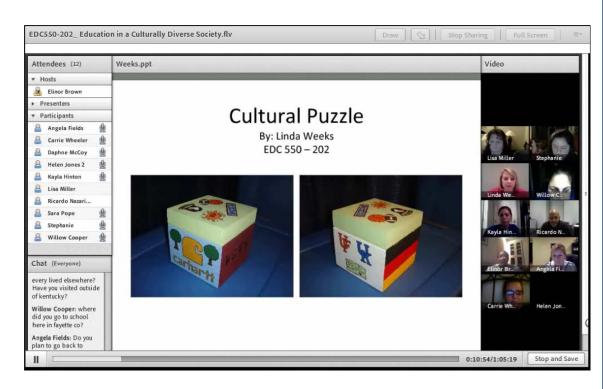
- Makes a recording of class audio, video, what the PC projects, allows students to playback the class numerous times. Piloted in the College of Medicine.
- Installed in 40 rooms sprinkled across campus, 55 by this summer
- To date, 160 course sections have been recorded (3% of total sections),1,402 course captures are available



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### Web class conferencing, student retention

- Web class conferencing
  - Faculty can conduct online meetings with students
  - Since the start of this service in January, we have had 135 sessions held
  - Video, voice, sharing of documents, presentations, sessions can be recorded
  - Good tool for reaching students that can't easily get to campus, professional education



- Student retention and success
  - Early alerts, electronic student communication for monitoring progress
  - Student and faculty access to course materials, grades, discussion boards
  - Leverages wireless devices

### Strong growth in mobile devices

■ Global wireless application market, \$5.2 billion in 2011, is expected to hit \$15 billion this year and \$58 billion in 2014

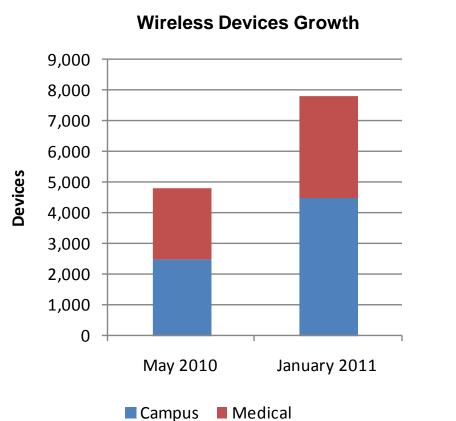
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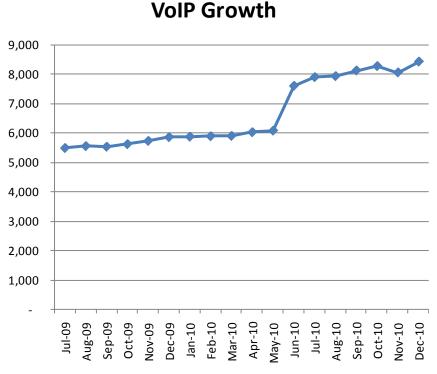
- In November, 2010, we launched UK Mobile application, available on Android, Apple and Blackberry devices. Access to campus maps, phone numbers, addresses, news, course information, Blackboard learning management system (see <a href="http://m.uky.edu">http://m.uky.edu</a>)
- To date: 5,508 active users and growing steadily
- We are partnering with several leading institutions on building new applications
  - Stanford, U of Chicago, Northwestern, Clemson, Emory, Florida State, Seton Hall, Loyola-Chicago, Southern Mississippi



### Infrastructure: Wireless and VoIP devices

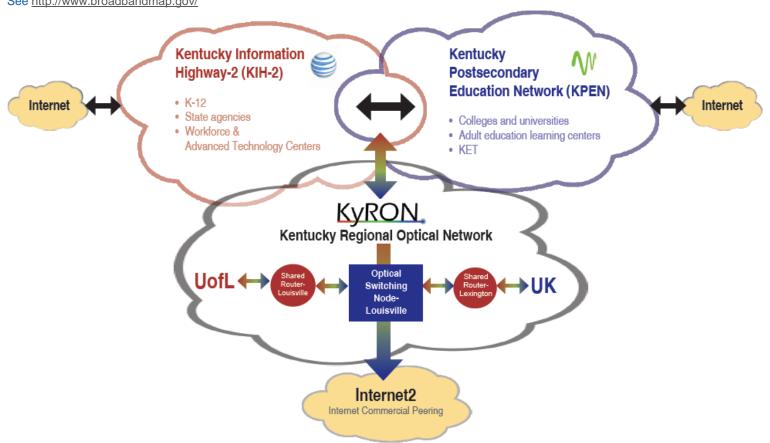
- 62% growth in wireless devices, 180% growth in wireless usage in 8 months
- 80% of all student common areas have wireless coverage, significant hospital growth
- As VoIP grows, we can bring telecommunication costs down (46% is VoIP, 54% to go)
- We can avoid replacing \$200+ million in copper cable plant





#### **Network infrastructure**

- New hospital has state of the art network architecture
  - 100% uptime since construction
- UK continues to help lead in state-wide network planning (KyRON, KPEN)
  - But, Kentucky still lags in broadband adoption, ranked in the bottom 10 states
    See http://www.broadbandmap.gov/



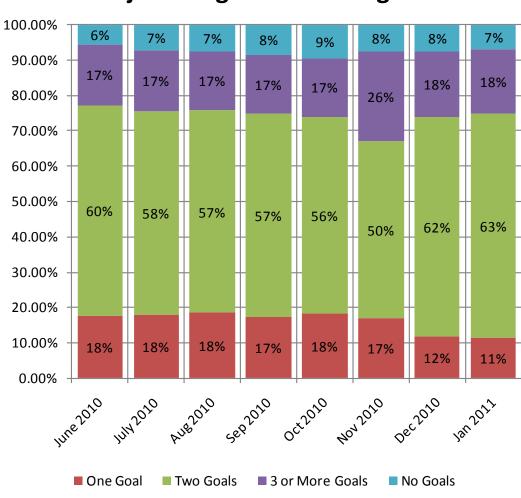
# Looking to the future

- Cloud computing
  - Use vendor data centers and applications on a pay-for-use basis
  - Excellent for handling overflow (seasonal) and special processing
  - Depending on cost, can choose either on premise or cloud computing
  - Currently working on cloud projects in three areas
    - Student email (Microsoft and Google)
    - Enterprise systems (SAP Dell)
    - High performance research computing and storage (Dell)
- E-text books
  - Publishing is quickly going electronic. Text books will be following
  - Open educational content uses electronic material created elsewhere
    - Suited for common, introductory courses
  - A combination of open content and electronic access can reduce the COSTS Of text books (WA State estimates a 25% EOR adoption, \$7 million/year in student savings)

# IT alignment with the strategic plan

- Currently we have 167 active projects across UKIT representing about 89,000 person hours of work
- All labor and equipment costs are measured and monitored
- All projects are aligned with the university strategic plan
- Projects cover academic, research, healthcare and administrative areas
- Key projects focus on process automation, cost savings, TQM

#### **IT Projects Aligned to Strategic Plan**



# **Concluding remarks**

- Digitization in all dimensions is continuing at a very rapid pace
- Mobile technologies are growing rapidly in academic and healthcare environments
- > Transformation in publishing is rapidly approaching
- Information technology infrastructure is critical to UK success in education, research and healthcare
- Executive leadership (President, Provost, EVPs) has been strongly supportive