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SOFTWARE LICENSE INFORMATION:

The Web site which provides information on University-licensed software now features a searchable database.

MATHEMATICA:

A recent seminar on the symbolic and graphical mathematics software Mathematica was conducted to coincide with a new campus license.

FACILITIES NETWORK:

A new computer network is being implemented to enable effective management of campus heating and cooling systems.

Mathematica

During Spring quarter, faculty, research staff, and graduate students from a number of schools and departments attended a training workshop on the use of Mathematica, a comprehensive symbolic and numerical mathematics software package. The workshop was hosted by NACS and presented by Dr. Hooshang Tahsiri of California State University, Long Beach. With Mathematica, users can perform a single task -- like analyzing data or solving a tricky differential equation -- or develop an entire solution, prototype, or application.

The workshop coincided with the new, two-year license agreement with Wolfram Research, Inc. for the use of Mathematica at UCI. The software can be installed in computer labs, as well as desktop systems. Faculty who purchase a Mathematica license for their campus computer can, at no additional charge, acquire a license to use Mathematica on their home computer.

Under this agreement, Mathematica can be licensed for any computer owned or leased by the University and installed in a University-owned facility at the UCI campus. There is no distinction between usage for instruction or research. Automatic upgrades, free faculty home-use access, and expanded technical support make this program a good value for UCI. To request more workshops or obtain pricing and information about the latest version of Mathematica, please contact NACS.
