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I hope your spring semester is off to a great start! Below you will find the CTO report for January. Please let me know if you have any questions, or comments as I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at [tom.wolf@wmich.edu](mailto:tom.wolf@wmich.edu) or (269) 387-3838. Go WMU! Go Broncos!

**Culture and engagement:** The Office of Information Technology recently formed a culture and engagement committee in support of our newly created sixth strategic goal titled "Culture and Engagement" which encourages and supports an organizational climate of inclusion, engagement and cohesion to cultivate a culture of learning, achievement, collaboration, service, respect and health. More information may be found on our [strategic plan website](#).

**Eduroam:** eduroam is on schedule to be released campus-wide in February. Watch the IT website and the WMU Today emails for more information. eduroam is an international roaming service for users in higher education. It will appear as another wireless network option on campus. People from other eduroam compatible institutions are able to login to WMU's eduroam environment using their home school's login criteria and conversely, WMU students, faculty and staff are able to login using their Bronco NetID and password at other eduroam compatible institutions.

**George Kohrman is retiring:** In February George Kohrman will be retiring from Western Michigan University after a 63 year relationship with WMU. George enrolled in WMU's laboratory elementary school as a second grader, eventually graduating from University High School and Western Michigan University before starting what became a 46 year career with WMU's Academic Computer Center (now the Office of Information Technology). George had an amazing technology career at WMU that included ground-breaking computer work with WMU's 1970's football teams, the creation of the first computer networks on campus and in the state, the introduction of Voice over IP phone systems and the highly successful implementation of a 2002 wireless environment that garnered WMU national attention and awards. Thank you George for your many years of technology leadership!

**Google Apps for Education:** In January we released this new service and over 1,400 unique users logged into it. Thank you everyone for getting this new service off to a great start. [See more information](#).

**Symantec 12.1.5:** The GoWMU software downloads channel now contains version 12.1.5 of WMU's faculty and staff anti-virus and malware detection software product, Symantec Endpoint Protection. Version 11 is no longer supported or receiving updates and version the existing version 12.1.4 server will be de-commissioned in August at which time all users should be on the 12.1.5 client and a new production server. All faculty and staff should contact their unit IT support person to request an upgrade. The new version has clients available for Apple's Yosemite OS, Linux and Windows 8.1.

**Reminder:** The Office of Information Technology offers Web conferencing as a service to all WMU employees by way of Adobe Connect Pro's cloud-based conferencing rooms. The Faculty Technology Center administers this service and [more information may be found on their website](#).