Important IT Service Measures in Academia Sinica

First Half of 2023

The Academia Sinica Vulnerability Assessment Service Platform is coming soon

To enhance the information security, ITS will provide the Host Vulnerability Scan Service Platform for AS institutes and research centers starting January 1, 2023. If you need the service, please contact the IT department officer of your affiliated institute or research center. For detailed information, please refer to the website at https://its.sinica.edu.tw/pages/3608.

Academia Sinica E-mail Services (SMTP, POP3, IMAP4) Stops Supporting the TLS v1.1 Protocol

Academia Sinica E-mail Services (including SMTP, POP3, IMAP4) will stop supporting the TLS protocol (versions prior to 1.1 and version 1.1) effective on January 5, 2023. Some e-mail services or operating systems are outdated or no longer receive security updates (only support TLS v1.0 and v1.1); therefore, these users might encounter error messages or might not be able to send and receive emails. Please check your system version and upgrade if necessary (the OS version should be Windows10 and above or Windows Server 2012 R2 and above).

Revision of the AS voting system

The ITS is revising the AS online voting system to enhance flexibility. The new system is scheduled to be launched in March 2023.

Upgrade of the new Computing Service

To provide better performance and quality of computing services, the Academia Sinica Computing Service (ASCS) will expand the GPU card on January 1, 2023, enabling upgraded computing performance for use in academic research. In addition, the Virtual Compute Service (VCS) and the ability to connect to the TWCC will be launched on August 1, 2023. The existing AS OpenStack service will be retired on August 31, 2023.

Announcement for the list of End of Service (EOS) software

To strengthen the information security of AS information equipment, ITS will compile and announce a list of recently retired software every six months. Please stop using outdated (End of Service) software to minimize security risks. For detailed information, please refer to the Information Security Section of our website at https://its.sinica.edu.tw/posts/167143.

Data integration project for payroll processing

The AS payroll system has been restructured and will be launched in March 2023. It will reduce labor costs and data errors caused by manual inputs, and will improve the accuracy and efficiency of payroll generation.

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