

Assignment 14 / Basic News Release

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OU'S D2L MOVING TO A NEW SERVER

The University of Oklahoma's Desire2Learn (D2L) will be moving to a new hosting facility in order to increase stability and improve performance in April before finals week begins.

OU IT has considered the inconvenience that may be caused by D2L's unavailability during the server transfer for students and faculty from 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, to the evening of April 24.

OU IT's manager of community experience, George Thomas, says, "OU IT is working hard to offset any inconvenience to students and faculty. For example, we're offering professors support in modifying courses and assignment due dates. And we're urging students to use the Binder app to view course content offline."

OU IT understands this switch is inconvenient, but is making the switch now to ensure top performance of D2L when students and faculty will most need it.

George Thomas states, "The timing for the switch was unfortunate but unavoidable. There's a real danger that the severe spring weather or summer heat could cause D2L's server to fail - perhaps even during dead week or finals."

Bandwidth Place presents research on how severe weather affects internet servers, "High winds can knock out power lines...Damage to power, phone, or cable lines can impact your connection."

OU IT wants to help ease the inconvenience by keeping students and faculty informed during the switch by posting updates on their Twitter @OUD2L and Facebook /OUD2L.