

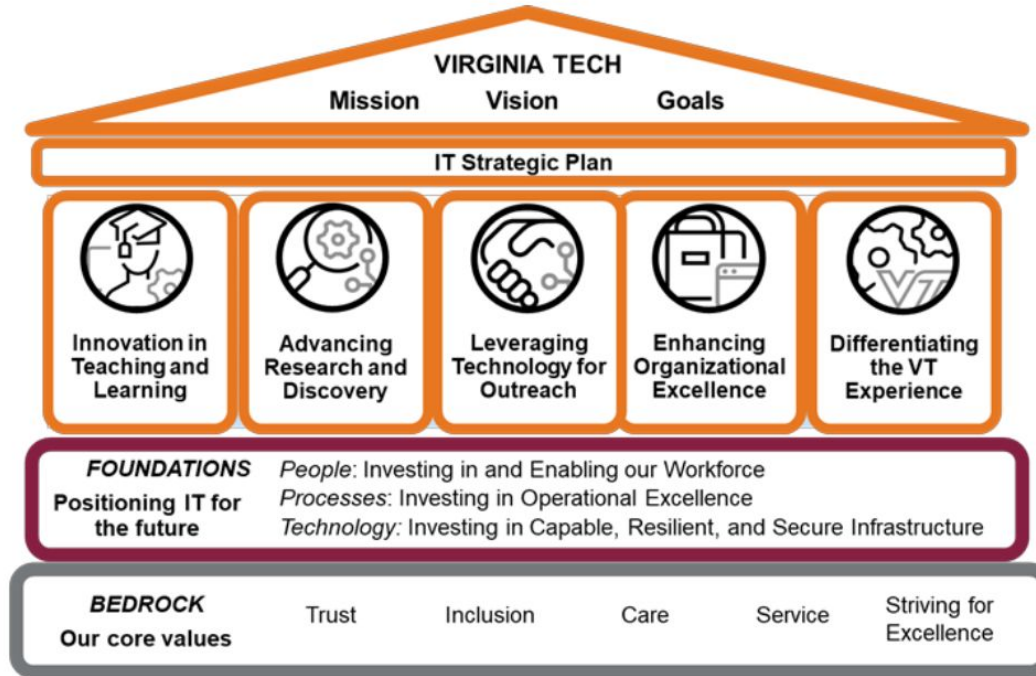
# Common Platform Initiative

Departmental Computing Support Symposium

April 8, 2020

# IT Strategic Plan

**PILLARS**  
Supporting the  
vision, mission,  
and goals of the  
University



# Process Improvement Initiatives

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Three focus areas identified and possible initiatives were crowd-sourced:

1. Working in partnership with stakeholders to ensure our work is aligned with Virginia Tech strategic priorities
2. Identifying and eliminating barriers, unnecessary work flows and duplicative and/or redundant effort, processes, and steps
3. Using best practices to deliver our services

# The Common Platform

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## Initiative

Establish an organizational unit that provides application technology infrastructure and shared services for all app dev teams.

## Outcome

- Teams will leverage a single common platform on which to run apps
- Shared app development/deployment services will be managed by a single team

# How are we going to get there?

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- This effort has been green-lit by Dr. Scott Midkiff
- The starting team!
  - Michael Irwin - leading the technical effort
  - Justin Strickland - leading the HR/administrative effort
  - Several folks from the NI&S systems administration team being used to seed the effort
- Completing “senior leadership roadshow” now
  - Starting work to identify beta applications
- Start engagement with the larger community to discover needs

# How do I learn more?

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- Join the Common Platform Town Hall!
  - Friday, April 17 at 3:00pm
  - Zoom details to be sent out over TechSupport, it-g, Slack
- Join the Slack channel!
  - #it-common-platform - available for public discussion, etc.
- Reach out to me anytime!
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