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IT@Sam performs a variety of services to support the lifecycle of softwares and applications used by faculty, staff, and students to meet academic, research, and business needs.

**Software Acquisition:** Includes assessing new software to ensure capability with existing technology and compliance with accessibility and security standards prior to purchasing.

Software Integrations: Includes connecting softwares together to pass information in real-time or scheduled events.

Software Maintainence: Includes modifying and updating software to keep up with latest technology and expectations.

Software Support: Includes troubleshooting, fixing, and coordinating with vendors to resolve issues.

**Custom Applications:** Includes designing, developing, and maintaining applications to streamline business processes and provide self-service experiences.

## **Glossary**

When shopping for or working with software, you may hear these words used.

**Desktop:** Any software programs that can be run on a standalone computer to perform a specific task by an end-user.

**Managed App:** Desktop software made available to you on university computers through Software Center for Windows or Self-Service of macOS.

**Online Software:** Web-based software which runs on internet, requiring a browser like Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge and an internet connection.

**Cloud-Based Software:** Online software that works by assessing data and computing resources over the internet from remote physical servers, databases and computers.

**On-Premises Software:** Software that works by assessing data and computing resources on the university's network. On-Premise software requires us to purchase and maintain servers, databases, and computers to run the software.

**Enterprise (ERP) Software.** Software used to satisfy shared needs across campus rather than needs of few individuals or select departments.

**SamWeb.** A suite of custom applications developed by our teams to meet business needs.

**Banner.** A suite of administrative applications developed specifically for higher education institutions by Ellucian. Banner maintains student, faculty, course, alumni, financial, financial aid and personnel data.

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