In this video we are going to have a look at how to install software from the Microsoft System Center.

The Microsoft System Center allows you to install commonly used applications on your computer without requiring ICT administration assistance.

The Microsoft System Centre is available on all La Trobe issued desktop and laptop computers including Macs.

This video covers the installation process for a Windows PC machine. The version of Windows used in this demonstration video is Windows 10 but the demonstration is applicable to all current versions of Windows operating systems.

How to access the Microsoft Software Center?

Click the Windows Start menu.

Click All Apps (this will be All programs in Windows 7 and Windows 8 operating systems).

Scroll to the Microsoft System Center. Click the down arrow to reveal the Software Center and click that icon. The software center will open. The first tab on the left lists the software available for installation.

Useful software to install for digital content development is the Adobe creative cloud suite which contains the Adobe Premiere Pro video editor, Adobe Premiere Elements 12 a simplified video editor, Miro Video Converter for compressing video files and VLC Media player for web media playback.

Tick the check box beside the programs you want to install. Then click Install selected at the bottom right hand corner of the Software Center.

You can view the installation progress by clicking the Installation Status tab. Installation time will be dependent on the speed of your computer and the size of the software you are installing.

Once installed you can check the installed software tab but it may not appear there immediately so to confirm that the programs have installed successfully return to the Start Menu – All Apps (or all programs) and check for the software under each relevant directory.

We can see that under the Video Lan directory that VLC player is installed, as well, under Miro Video Converter that Miro is installed and the same for Adobe Premiere Elements 12.

These programs are now available for use.