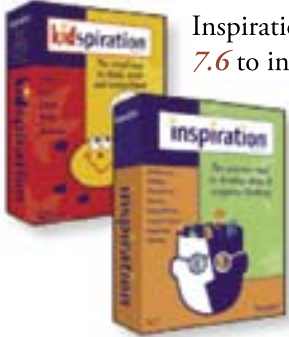


What's New

SOFTWARE



Inspiration Software has updated *Kidspiration 2.1* and *Inspiration 7.6* to include enhanced compatibility with emerging technologies in the classroom. Both titles support interactive whiteboards and tablet PCs, enabling students to draw shapes and write text directly on the whiteboard or screen. Students can sync Kidspiration and Inspiration with Inspiration for Palm OS. Customers with Inspiration 7 and higher or Kidspiration 2 can download free updates online. Educators interested in a trial version can download a free 30-day trial.

MORE INFO: Inspiration Software Inc., 1.800.877.4292, <http://www.inspiration.com>

Students who need action and activity to keep their attention may find the phonics lessons of *Phonics 3b—Advanced Level II—Sports Edition* a nifty way to develop reading, spelling, and comprehension skills. Based on the standards for third grade language arts, the software uses a sports theme to teach nouns, pronouns, adjectives, subject-verb agreement and verb tense, literature, writing, punctuation, capitalization, spelling strategies, reading comprehension strategies, and more. Also included are pre- and posttest assessment programs, teacher/lab program controls, user guide, and lesson plans. The software is Win/Mac compatible, and starts at \$32.95 for a single student edition.



MORE INFO: Help Me 2 Learn Company, 1.800.460.7001, <http://www.helpme2learn.com>



The *Physical Science: Chemistry ImagiLab* allows students to study chemistry without the risks of using chemicals in the classroom. ImagiWorks software uses sensor-based ImagiProbe data collection systems, along with Palm OS computers to test chemical reactions, analyze data, and draw conclusions and relationships between chemistry and the world. The ImagiLab includes three sensors (pH, pressure, and temperature), a field carrying case, and 20 SensorScience activities that meet national science and technology standards. The activities are available in PDF, ebook, and Installable Content formats. A single Chemistry ImagiLab costs \$229.

MORE INFO: ImagiWorks Inc., 1.877.373.0301, <http://www.imagiworks.com>

LANsurveyor v.9.0, from Neon Software, incorporates network documentation, asset management, network monitoring, and vulnerability management features for safeguarding and monitoring a network. The software navigates compliance



and regulatory requirements, and has improved features such as various map levels, node show/hide options, finding stealth nodes, logging nodes on or off the network, vulnerability assessment, monitoring of TCP-based applications, mapping link speeds, faster new map creation, SMTP authentication, and more alert options with new alert limits. LANsurveyor starts at \$495 and supports mapping networks with unlimited nodes.

MORE INFO: Neon Software, 1.800.334.6366, <http://www.neon.com>



Teachers can download an electronic gradebook at no charge from Excelsior Software. According to the company, *Gradebook2-SE* automates reporting grades, creating student rosters, collecting attendance, and generating report cards. The data collected can be used for communication of assessment information to administrators, students, and parents, as well as data-driven decision making. Teachers can customize their grade reporting to include teacher comments, statistics, or color graphics, and the gradebook can accommodate any grading system or formula. The software runs on either Windows or Macintosh platforms.

MORE INFO: Excelsior Software, 1.800.473.4572, <http://www.gradebook.com>

SOFTWARE



Boinx Software is offering a download of their *Mouseposé* software.

Turned on by a user-defined hot key, Mouseposé dims the screen on a monitor or screen and puts a spotlight on the area around the mouse pointer, making it easier to locate the mouse on the screen or call attention to a particular area. The desktop behind the spotlight remains functional so applications can be used while Mouseposé is active. There is no charge to download Mouseposé and the license key to operate it.

MORE INFO: Boinx Software, 011.49.89.84.005.333, <http://www.boinx.com/mousepose/>

PaperToolsPro is an organizer for writing and documenting research papers. According to the company,



the software requires users to participate actively in understanding the material they are researching by putting

information in their own words and accurately documenting every piece of information. PaperToolsPro enables students to write note cards with quotations, identify each card by a descriptor, document the source of each piece of information, search a database of quotations, and create a bibliography or works-cited page in one of six styles. The software can be downloaded for either PC or Mac for \$30, or users can order a CD-ROM copy that includes a 30-minute QuickTime tutorial at scaled pricing depending on quantity.

MORE INFO: PaperToolsPro, 1.630.567.7292, <http://www.papertoolspro.com>

RESOURCES



In support of the National Education Technology Plan, Learn.com is offering a grant program of their *CourseMaker Studio* authoring software that, according to the company, enables the creation of full screen, fully synchronized interactive multimedia that can be delivered over the Internet or intranet using minimal

bandwidth. Interested applicants must describe how they plan to use the software for e-learning and computer-based projects. Eligible institutions are limited to K–12, colleges, universities, and vocational schools based in the United States. There is no fee to apply.

MORE INFO: Learn.com Inc., 1.954.233.4000, <http://www.learn.com>

A streamlined online dictionary, *English-Dictionary.us*, features an amalgamation of open content English dictionaries, including general, legal, medical, and technical references. The dictionary draws from a database of more than 320,000 entries and includes a word-of-the-day on the home page. The site is free of advertising and presents results in a clear format that enables simple integration to any Web site. The search function features predictive typing, narrowing down possible words that start with the letters in the search box.



MORE INFO: <http://www.english-dictionary.us>

School technology leaders can determine the total cost of ownership (TCO) of a school technology plan with the *K12 TCO Calculator*. The online tool estimates the multiyear costs of implementing and maintaining technology systems, generates district summary reports for all schools in a district, offers NCLB-recommended budget percentages for professional development, and provides figures for building construction based on regional profiles. The tool creates charts and tables that display the projected costs of major expenses (e.g., computers and peripherals, telecommunications, building modifications), anticipated hardware and software purchases based on attendance figures and other factors, and a comprehensive cost summary. It is available at no charge, and with a simple log-in feature, users can save their information and return to their personal calculations when they want, as well as run “what if?” scenarios without risking district money.

MORE INFO: Appalachia Educational Laboratory (AEL), 1.800.624.9120, <http://www.iaete.org/tco>

Search engine Google has added another dimension to exploring the Web. *Google Scholar* searches specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports. The engine finds articles from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, and universities and sorts the results by



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relevance. Google Scholar also analyzes and extracts citations and presents them as separate results.

MORE INFO: Google Scholar, <http://scholar.google.com>

Merit Software has launched *TopTeachingResources.com*, a database of available grants, funding, discounted teaching supplies, free lesson plans, reference manuals and dictionaries, current educational news, and links to other Web sites and educational software. On the site, which includes commercial and non-commercial resources, teachers can identify supplemental electronic teaching resources that meet instructional needs and curriculum standards based on grade level or subject area.



MORE INFO: <http://www.topteachingresources.com>



Teachers' Domain Professional Development has designed an online course, *Teaching*

High School Biology, of strategies for teaching biology using multimedia and other interactive technologies. According to the company, the course is an inquiry-based approach to science education and explains methodologies for teaching challenging topics while incorporating multimedia such as video clips and interactive experiences from PBS science programs and Web sites. Resources within the course correspond to state standards,



Gateway has launched a line of *eMachines desktop PCs*, from the eMachines T3624 and eMachines T5026, to the T3958 at the top of the line. All machines are Internet ready, and, according to Gateway, are ready for digital media activities such as music downloading, digital photography, and digital video editing. Each comes with USB 2.0 ports for connection to digital devices, and includes integrated 10/100 Ethernet and a 56k V.90 modem. The more expensive models include 8-in-1 digital media readers and DVD/RW multi-format drives. Prices range from \$409.99–\$549.99. Gateway offers rebates on some of the models.

MORE INFO: Gateway Inc., 1.800.211.4952, <http://www.gateway.com>

The *TI-Navigator 2.0 Classroom Learning System* from Texas Instruments is a wireless network that connects TI graphing calculators and a teacher's classroom computer for interactive math lessons. Through a hub, the teacher can send and collect lessons, activities, tests, assignments, and other files, or view student progress, system use, and lesson status for instant assessment of student comprehension. Results are presented by projector or recorded to the teacher's computer. The system starts at \$2,425 for the Classroom Kit (software and one hub) and \$4,000 for the Student Kit (software and four hubs for up to 16 students). Software upgrades from earlier versions are free.



MORE INFO: Texas Instruments, 1.866.TI-NAVIGATOR, <http://education.ti.com/navigator>



iScienceProject and Onset Computer Corporation have teamed up to create a free loaner program of *HOBOT Data Loggers*. Teachers may borrow a set of HOBOTs for up to two months, paying only for return shipping costs. Used to measure air temperature (Fahrenheit and Celsius), water temperature, matter (solid, liquid, and gas) temperature, relative humidity, dewpoint, light, vibration, and more, the HOBOT measures and stores data for curriculum-based use of graphing, measurement, and problem solving skills research technology. iScienceProject pairs the hardware with free online data collection activities.

MORE INFO: iScienceProject, 1.800.564.4377, ext. 128, <http://www.iScienceProject.com>

the National Science Education Standards, and the MCREL Compendium of Standards. The course is available by license at no charge to educational service agencies, districts, schools, and universities for delivery to K–12 teachers.

MORE INFO: Teachers' Domain Professional Development, <http://www.teachersdomain.org/courses>

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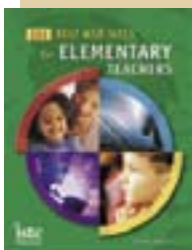
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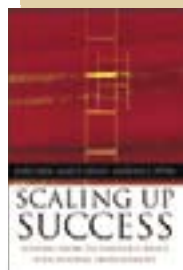
From the wacky to the sublime, James Lerman researched Web sites available to elementary school teachers and filtered out the top 101. Published by ISTE, *101 Best Web Sites for Elementary Teachers* is a guide to age-appropriate online research and learning for grades PK–6. The book includes chapters on all standard content areas, such as science, mathematics, art, health, and language arts, as well as additional chapters that focus on general teacher support and technology integration. The introduction includes tips for managing plug-ins, bookmarks, and online security. An appendix shows National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) correlations for all 101 Web sites. The materials are suitable for any platform, Web browser, or Internet connection. The book costs \$29.95 for ISTE members and \$32.95 for nonmembers.

MORE INFO: ISTE, 1.800.336.5191, <http://www.iste.org/bookstore>

Visibooks are downloadable computer textbooks that use screenshots rather than text to illustrate actions and processes to learn about operating systems (Windows XP, 2000, or 98), Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, or Publisher), and Web development tools (Dreamweaver, FrontPage, HTML, CSS, Fireworks, Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop, MySQL Basics, PERL Basics, or PHP Basics). Personal editions can be downloaded as a PDF for \$1.95 per title and are viewable and printable from a computer. Textbook editions that include practice exercises, quizzes, and a companion Web site are \$24.95 for a spiral-bound edition, or teachers can purchase an electronic version for \$4.95 per seat.



MORE INFO: Visibooks, 1.301.560.4611, <http://www.visibooks.com>



Scaling Up Success: Lessons from Technology-Based Educational Improvement, edited by Chris Dede, James P. Honan, and Laurence C. Peters, details the methodology of taking successes at one level and expanding them to a broader level. The book presents case studies that have successfully met the challenge of integrating technology as part of larger school improvement and offers methods for spreading these best practices beyond the local scene.

The book describes different models, examples, and results that educators, policymakers, and leaders can replicate in their own environment before transferring the results to the next level. The book costs \$35.

MORE INFO: Jossey-Bass Publishers, 1.877.762.2974, <http://www.josseybass.com>

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