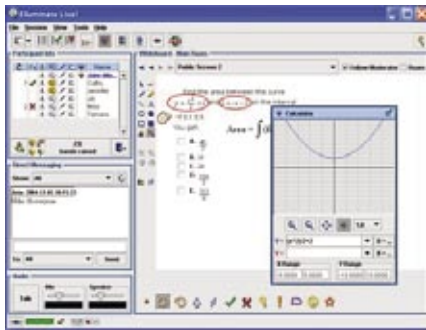


# What's New

## SOFTWARE

Elluminate Inc. has released **Elluminate Live! 6.0** for live e-learning and Web conferencing. According to the company, the new version allows for clear and consistent online interaction, regardless of computer platform or Internet connection speed. The software's media content offers live video, movie playback in Flash and Shockwave formats, and synchronized Web browsing with individual interaction, along with two-way voice over the Internet and in-sync communications no matter what the connection speed. The product is available in Enterprise, Academic, and Team editions directly from Elluminate or from qualified resellers nationwide. Pricing starts at \$2,400 for a one-year subscription.



**MORE INFO:** Elluminate Inc.  
1.403.204.7896  
<http://www.elluminate.com/>



**MINDS** has announced a partnership with Dr. Jim Cox from JK Educational Associates Inc. to deliver streaming video professional development over the Internet. The 23-course series of online videos focuses on data-driven decision making, and, according to **MINDS**, instructs educators and administrators to examine student data to construct changes that will better serve all students. Each module includes assessments as well as downloadable supplements and a certificate of completion. A free trial is available through the **MINDS** Web site. Pricing is available by contacting **MINDS**.

**MORE INFO:** **MINDS**  
1.877.751.8100  
<http://d3m.minds.tv/>



Tool Factory Inc. introduces **Bucket and Spade** software to teach K–2 students about shapes, patterns, positions, and directions. Eight core activities are presented over increasingly advanced levels, aided by instructions and verbal cues for the student. According to Tool Factory, each activity can be tailored to the child's own learning level through a password-protected teacher's area, which also allows for tracking individual progress. **Bucket and Spade** works on both Mac and Win platforms, and can be installed on individual computers or a network. A single license is \$59.95; the network version is \$449.95.

**MORE INFO:** Tool Factory Inc.  
1.800.220.8386  
<http://www.toolfactory.com/>



The Hawaii-based CramSchool has made their basic phonics program freely available online at [Fonikz.com/](http://Fonikz.com/). Teachers, parents, and students can learn phonics online using a system of lessons to sound out the 44 sounds of the English language, then applying those skills to unfamiliar words. For slower learners, or those needing additional lessons, teachers and parents can buy and download specially prepared workbooks for classroom or home use. Prices start at \$2.70 for PDFs, \$5.20 for a CD. Discounts apply for buying the complete CD set.

**MORE INFO:** CramSchool  
<http://www.fonikz.com/>

## BOOKS



**Digital Photography Workshop for Teachers**, by Janet Caughlin, provides step-by-step instruction

to integrate digital camera use in the classroom. The spiral-bound book includes a glossary of commonly used photography terms, an equipment purchasing guide, tips on photo composition, and instructions for using current photo editing software. A companion Mac/Win CD-ROM provides photos and customizable lesson plans that the publisher says can be used for any subject and any classroom. The book and CD are \$35.

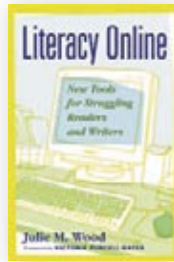
**MORE INFO:** Tom Snyder Productions  
1.800.342.0236  
<http://www.tomsnyder.com/>



**Mission Possible: Reaching All Learners with Technology**, edited

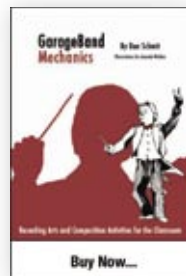
by Isa Kaftal Zimmerman and Ann Koufman-Frederick, investigates and explains the issues of bringing technology to learning and teaching in the 21st century. Written in chapters and vignettes by industry leaders, the book presents views from teacher educators, school district administrators, classroom teachers, and private sector representatives to show how diverse a group it takes to bring technology to education. The book is \$19.95 for MASCD members, \$24.95 for non-members.

**MORE INFO:** MA Assoc. for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
1.781.237.7881  
<http://www.mascd.org/>



**Literacy Online: New Tools for Struggling Readers and Writers**, by Julie M. Wood, EdD, addresses the methods of improving reading and writing skills in students. Based on the premise that getting the student to the keyboard is the catalyst for improvement, the publisher says the book offers practical and reproducible tools to help teachers support and encourage underachieving students. The book includes worksheets to clarify and outline literacy and technology plans (also available online at <http://www.heinemann.com/literacyonline/>), as well as guidelines for evaluating Web sites and software. The book costs \$18.

**MORE INFO:** Heinemann, 1.800.225.5800, <http://www.heinemann.com/>



Teachers interested in Apple's GarageBand program now have a guide for using and teaching the software. **GarageBand Mechanics: Recording Arts and Composition Activities for the Classroom**, by Dan Schmidt, offers educators 136 pages of tutorials, tips, and curriculum-centered projects for learning and implementing GarageBand in their classrooms. According to the publisher, GarageBand Mechanics includes 13 classroom projects that introduce students to recording arts and composition. The product, designed for all levels of musicianship, helps bring music into the curriculum. The Web site offers a free downloadable sample project. The book costs \$23.

**MORE INFO:** Intelligenic Consulting, <http://www.intelligenic.com/>



Heinemann has released three Young Mathematicians at Work resource packages, with modules for Grades PK–3 (**Fostering Children's Mathematical Development: The Landscape of Learning**), Grades K–1 (**Taking Inventory: The Role of Context**), and Grade 2 (**Working with the Number Line: Mathematical Models**). Each package provides pre- and inservice teachers with an interactive, video-based, digital context for inquiry into the teaching and learning of mathematics. Included in each is a CD-ROM that offers users a multimedia learning environment for professional development on topics ranging from instruction to assessment using dynamic video clips, children's work samples, and interviews with students and teachers; a Professional Development Overview Manual that provides general advice on teaching in a digital environment; and a Facilitator's Guide specific to the CD-ROM that includes suggestions for using the video clips, sample dialogue from field-tested sites, facilitation tips, and more. Each package is \$45; online orders are \$40.50.

**MORE INFO:** Heinemann, 1.800.225.5800, <http://www.heinemann.com/>



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## HARDWARE



Gateway has announced its **M210 Series** of notebook computers. Models all include a full-size keyboard, integrated 802.11g wireless adapter, and a 14.1" WXGA display. According to Gateway, the notebooks are 1.2 inches thick and weigh 5.29 pounds. A 6-cell lithium ion battery reportedly can power the laptop for 4.5 hours. A variety of options are available including DVD burners, DVD-ROM/CD-RW, 40 or 60 GB hard drives. Additionally, choices of Intel processors and various RAM configurations are available. Preconfigured models range from \$899.99 to \$1,299.99.

**MORE INFO:** Gateway, 1.800.846.2000, <http://www.gateway.com/>



Dell has introduced a wireless printing system. According to Dell, when paired with the company's **Photo All-In-One Printer 962**, the **Wireless Printer Adapter 3300** enables full printing, scanning, copying, and faxing capabilities without direct connections. The wireless (802.11b/g) adapter is priced at \$99, and according to



the company, is also compatible with Dell's 1700 and 1700n laser printers. The multifunction 962 printer is available for \$179 and includes capability to directly attach to a digital camera and accept optional photo ink cartridges. The printer has a maximum print resolution of 4800 × 1200, an interpolated maximum scanning resolution of 19,200 × 19,200, and print speeds as high as 20 pages per minute in black and 15 in color.

**MORE INFO:** Dell, 1.800.www.dell (999.3355), <http://www.dell.com/>



HP has introduced disk, tape, and optical storage technologies along with information management software to expand its portfolio of tiered storage solutions. **OpenView Data Protector version 5.5** is for data management across storage technologies and media and has an estimated price of \$1,196 for a Windows starter pack (UNIX available for \$5,605). Tiered storage is provided by the **StorageWorks Modular Smart Array 1500 cs**, which according to HP, is the first storage vehicle to offer SCSI and Serial ATA (SATA) disk enclosures behind a single controller shelf. The array 1500 cs has a starting price of \$8,995. The **StorageWorks Ultium 960** is a tape drive unit with up to 800 GB compressed data capacity and a price of \$5,549. Optical storage is handled by the **StorageWorks Optical Jukeboxes 700ux** and **1100ux** with either WORM or rewritable formats with capacities of 720 GB to 1.12 TB. Pricing for the Ultra Density Optical jukeboxes starts at \$7,975.

**MORE INFO:** Hewlett-Packard, 1.800.752.0900, <http://www.hp.com/>

## RESOURCES



More than 7,500 resources are now available on the **EDCompass** Web site, an online community for users of products distributed by SMART Technologies Inc. These resources include lessons using Notebook and SMART Ideas software, Web sites, and other online resources, as well as art for use in the classroom. EDCompass also offers a free news-

letter and an online bulletin board.

**MORE INFO:** EDCompass, 1.888.42.SMART, <http://www.edcompass.com/>



IntelliTools users now have an online community to contribute, share, and download activities through the **IntelliShare Classroom Activity Exchange**. According to IntelliTools, the free service requires a simple log in to become a member, and once logged in, you have access to activity sharing, user messaging,

activity tracking, and regular and advanced search options that allow for grade level, curriculum area, and author searches. As further incentive, IntelliTools offers reward points for user submissions and contributions that can be redeemed for IntelliTools's products and training. The service is free to all users.

**MORE INFO:** IntelliTools Inc., 1.800.899.6687, <http://www.intellitools.com/>



The **SMARTer Kids Foundation of Canada** is now accepting applications for the 2005–06 Connections

program. According to the foundation, Connections is a fully funded collaborative learning program for Grade 6 classes from across North America. Eight to 10 upper-elementary classes will be selected and equipped with leading-edge educational technology. Teachers will be trained in its use so they can undertake collaborative projects between schools.

Students and teachers participating in Connections collaborate on projects and communicate with one another through e-mail, online bulletin boards, and conferencing with the goal of encouraging mutual respect and understanding, regardless of geographical location. The program ends in May 2006 with teachers and selected students meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for a week of friendship, adventure, and learning.

Grade 6 teachers from schools in Canada, the United States, and Mexico are eligible to apply. Applications must be received by March 1, 2005.

**MORE INFO:** SMARTer Kids Foundation of Canada, 1.403.228.8565, <http://www.smarterkids.org/k12/connections/>

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