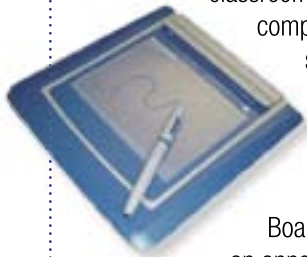


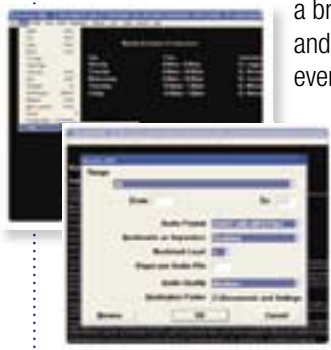
WHAT'S **new**

The **BoardWiz Mini** from Sun-Tech is a Bluetooth presentation tool that allows instructors to teach with a wireless keypad and electronic pen from anywhere in the classroom while simultaneously controlling their computers, illustrating notes, highlighting, saving files, and sharing information remotely. The BoardWiz Mini package includes a wireless keypad, a multi-colored electronic pen, a Bluetooth receiver, and BoardWiz software. The software features an annotation tool, templates and an image library, a magnify and spotlight tool, and a recorder. Screen sizes vary from 58" to 101". Please contact the company for pricing.



MORE INFO: Sun-Tech Group, 1.852.2783.0868, <http://www.suntechgroup.com>

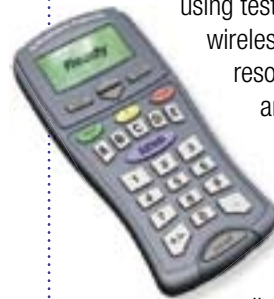
Kurzweil 1000 V10 is scanning, reading, and learning software for people who are blind or visually impaired. According to the company, the software gives users access to a broader choice of reading materials and the ability to take content wherever they go by creating audio files for use in portable DAISY players. Books can be downloaded through an online search and retrieval subscription. Users can convert blocks of text into a table or create text from a table. Features include color scanning, flexible writing and editing tools, the ability to send files to e-mail, Braille embosser compatibility, and photocopier, fax, and calculator applications. The software runs on Windows 98 or higher, and a single license is \$995, with volume pricing available.



MORE INFO: Kurzweil Educational Systems, 1.800.594.5374, <http://www.kurzweilededu.com>

The **Renaissance Classroom Response System**

instantly assesses student comprehension using tests, quizzes, and other exercises on wireless handheld units. The tool has a high-resolution LCD display, and response buttons are colored and arranged ergonomically. It can also be used as a multi-function calculator. The expandable system can support thousands of remotes without interference problems, and the wireless functionality works despite line-of-sight obstructions. Twenty-four response units, a receiver, and interactive software cost \$1,995.



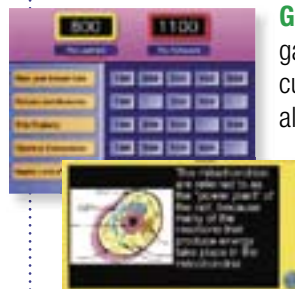
MORE INFO: Renaissance Learning, 1.800.656.6740, <http://www.renlearn.com/renresponder>

The **Voyager 5.0** software from Endeavor Information Systems is an integrated library management system with expanded capabilities in patron privacy management, circulation services, serials processing and display, searching, and media scheduling integration. Built on an Oracle relational database, the software automates complicated serial patterns, charge/discharge processing, and equipment and resource booking and tracking. Libraries can create bibliographic keyword entries, and searches include a keyword-in-heading feature. Contact the company for pricing.

MORE INFO: Endeavor Information Systems, 1.800.762.6300, <http://www.endinfosys.com>

LearningWare Inc. brings game shows from the couch to the classroom without abusing the remote control.

Gameshow Prep creates TV-style game shows around a teacher's own curriculum or with provided state-aligned curriculum. The teacher clicks on a question to include from the question library, drags it and drops it into the game show template. The software allows insertion of extra graphics and videos, as well



as sound and information screens. The existing standards-aligned content can be modified, changing the number of teams, times, and game length to suit the needs of a classroom. A teacher's guide includes a software manual,

lesson plans, and best practices that describe instructional ideas and techniques for incorporating game shows into the classroom.

MORE INFO: LearningWare Inc. K-12 Division, 1.800.457.5611, <http://www.learningwarek12.com>

Grolier Online is an integrated database collection and online research portal from Scholastic Inc. The site includes global searches of Web links, magazines, news feature



stories, and media, and offers suggestions for related topics to help target and refine searches. The user interface includes two age-appropriate homepages. Grolier Online Kids has features, content, Web links, articles, and multimedia presentations suited

to younger audiences. Grolier Online Passport is geared toward grade five and higher. The site offers free lesson plans for educators, which are searchable by grade and subject, and links to professional resources.

MORE INFO: Scholastic Inc., <http://go.grolier.com>

Condition of Education, 2005, a publication from the U.S. Government Printing Office, analyzes data that measures the health of the education industry, presents statistical information, monitors developments, and shows trends in major aspects of education. Written by a team of analysts under the direction of John Wirt and Tom Snyder, the book includes participation and persistence in education, student performance and other outcomes, the environment for learning, and societal



support for education. It also describes the teacher workforce and the movement of teachers into and out of the workforce. The book costs \$50.

MORE INFO: U.S. Government Online Bookstore, 1.800.644.6190, <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>

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Califone's **USB headsets 3064, 3066, and 4100** plug directly into USB ports, bypassing the 3.5 mm plugs and computer's sound card. According to the company, data transference through USB ports is faster and clearer, improving tutorials, music, games, and other Internet-based audio. The headsets are made of ABS plastic and include reinforced connectors, adjustable headbands, replaceable leatherette ear cushions, and flexible boom microphones. The ear cups minimize ambient noise, and the headsets are safety certified. The headsets are supported under Windows 98 or higher and Mac OS 9 or higher and are priced from \$39 to \$53.



MORE INFO: Califone, 1.800.722.0500, <http://www.califone.com>

Texas Instruments collected activities from teachers and publishers to create a free **Classroom Activities CD** with more than 200 ready-to-use math and science classroom activities for use with TI graphing calculators or the TI-Navigator Learning System. The activities can be searched by state and national test alignment, or by subjects from prealgebra and basic science to calculus and chemistry. Teachers can print out activity guides, tutorials, Navigator demos, and information about data collection. The CD is available at no charge.

MORE INFO: Texas Instruments, <http://education.ti.com/us/activitycd>

Human Physiology with Vernier contains 24 human physiology experiments for use with Vernier LabPro and Logger Pro 3.4. According to the company, the experiments are designed to encourage students to think about the physiology of various human organ systems. Students can measure activity of the upper respiratory tract, the lungs, the heart, the nervous system, and the musculoskeletal system. Several experiments also illustrate the response of the human body to stress or external influence. The lab book includes materials



lists, step-by-step instructions, data tables, and questions. The Teacher Information section for each experiment has directions for setting up the experiments, hints, and sample graphs and data. The appendix includes safety information. The book costs \$45.

MORE INFO: Vernier Software & Technology, 1.800.644.6190, <http://www.vernier.com/physiology>

MediaPOINTE has introduced a family of products—the **DNS150 series, the DNS200, and the DNS250**—that stream live video content to multiple remote locations over existing 10/100 Ethernet networks. Each unit offers a specific input format (composite video, S-video, or SDI video), and streams in MPEG-2, providing DVD-quality video and bi-directional CD-quality stereo. The devices are suited for box-to-box streaming of content up to UXGA (1600 x 1200) resolution, and the exact resolution and color depth of the input signal is transmitted to the output endpoint so users see exact images. According to the company, the DNS150 products are packed in a compact, flexible “blade-based” appliance that are available as stand-alone devices or can be mounted into a Digital Media Management System for larger applications. Prices range from \$1,995 to \$5,995.



MORE INFO: MediaPOINTE, 1.805.376.1740, <http://www.mediapointe.com>

The **Mathematica CalcCenter 3** solves difficult mathematical problems with algebraic solutions, number crunching, data analysis, statistics, plotting, and technical report writing. The software includes 500 function templates, numerical math libraries, alternative suggestions, customized user definitions, conversion between any composite units, and interface and help features.



Graphics options include plot logs, contours, bar charts, density plots and inequality plots. You can use algebraic, linear, and differential equation solving, root finding, and minimum finding. The software runs on Windows 98 and later and Mac OSX, and costs \$195 for the educational version.

MORE INFO: Wolfram Research Inc., 1.217.398.0700, <http://www.wolfram.com/calccenter>

The **NetSmartz Workshop** is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Created for children ages 15–17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement, NetSmartz uses age-appropriate games and activities to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet. According to the companies, NetSmartz is designed to entertain children while educating them about Internet safety and teaching them important rules for online safety. The site features downloadable safety pledges, tips, and news articles and is available at no cost.

MORE INFO: NetSmartz, <http://www.NetSmartz.org>

Online Learning: Personal Reflections on the Transformation of Education, edited by Greg Kearsley,

presents a comprehensive history of the field of online education as told by many of the pioneers who created it. Twenty-six articles and essays review the field’s background and provide a foundation for more recent efforts. Each of the contributors discusses his or her work in online education and presents a personal perspective, addressing major themes and issues that have characterized the past development of online education and will affect its future. The editor includes



contact information for each contributor, cross-references the themes each addresses, and defines the terminology used throughout. The 440-page book costs \$49.95.

MORE INFO: Educational Technology Publications, 1.800.952.BOOK, <http://www.bookstoread.com/etp>

The **Gateway 8510GZ** is a 17" widescreen Gateway notebook with a cinematic widescreen WXGA display with significant battery life and the latest Intel Pentium M processor. According to the company, the notebook is designed to be a truly mobile computer, with 10/100/1000 Ethernet and 802.11g wireless LAN, 533 MHz front side bus, 512 MB of Dual Channel DDR2 memory, dedicated ATI Mobility Radeon X700 graphics with 64 MB of video memory for gaming, graphic-intense applications and digital media. The 100 GB hard drive, four-in-one memory



card reader, and a double-layer DVDR/RW multiformat drive can store up to 8.5 GB of data on double layer DVD media. The notebook includes Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition and Microsoft Works 8.0 and costs \$1,449.99.

MORE INFO: Gateway Inc. 1.888.888.2075, <http://www.gateway.com>



Lexia Strategies for Older Students Version 4.0 is a reading and comprehension aid that, according to the company, incorporates phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension with graphics and illustrations that are engaging and not distracting. A reporting feature analyzes student progress data, and teachers can control the selection of program levels, activities, and units for each student. The software is for ages

9–adult, and costs range from \$100 per license to \$500 per license, depending on the number of workstation licenses needed.

MORE INFO: Lexia Learning Systems Inc., 1.781.259.8752, <http://www.lexialearning.com>

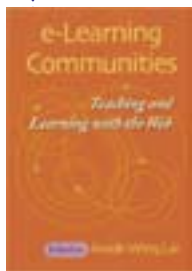
www.hotmath.com has tutorial explanations to the odd-numbered homework problems for more than 100 middle school, high school, and college math textbooks. The Web site walks students through problems and reveals step-by-step solutions and hints, which, according to the company, helps students to understand the logic and thought process needed to solve the problem. Topics covered include grades 6–8 algebra, college algebra, geometry, precalculus and calculus, graphing calculators, and math games. Hotmath.com also features links to other math Web sites. Parents can purchase a 12-month license for



their student's unlimited personal use for \$49, or schools can purchase licenses for 75¢ per student per year.

MORE INFO: Hotmath Inc., 1.510.524.5525, <http://www.hotmath.com>

e-Learning Communities: Teaching and Learning with the Web, edited by Kwok-Wing Lai, explores the dynamics of information and communication technology (ICT) use in schools and classrooms, and the issues surrounding its implementation. Contributors examine ICT in the classroom and the associated professional development for teachers, as well as online professional and educational learning communities, virtual field trips, searching the Web, how to deal with online plagiarism, the role of the ICT coordinator, and cybersafety. Written for people working in education, the book also addresses common assumptions about the potential of e-learning in schools. The 224-page book costs \$39.95.



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