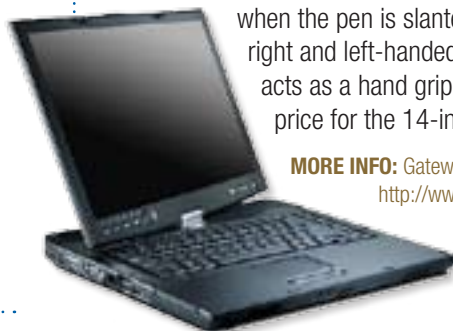


# WHAT'S **new**

Vernier Software & Technology is partnering with the National Science Teachers Association to reward educators who lead students in hands-on, inquiry-based learning. Vernier will provide up to seven **Vernier Software & Technology/NSTA Technology Awards**, each valued at \$3,000, to educators who demonstrate innovative uses of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld device in a science classroom. Each award consists of \$1,000 cash, \$1,000 in Vernier equipment, and \$1,000 toward travel and expenses to attend NSTA's 2008 National Conference. Up to one elementary teacher, two middle school teachers, three high school teachers, and one college-level educator will receive awards. Downloadable applications and guidelines are available at <http://www.vernier.com/grants>. *Entries are due no later than October 15, 2007.*

**MORE INFO:** NSTA, 1.703.243.7100, <http://www.vernier.com/grants>

Gateway has partnered with Wacom to refresh its **E-295C** convertible notebook with an electronic palette for digital art. The system can become a tablet PC by swiveling the screen and laying it flat on the keyboard. The notebook features a pen and digitizer employing Wacom's pen sensor technology, enabling users to draw, sketch, jot notes, and navigate. Other design details include a flush frame, magnesium-reinforced chassis, magnesium display swivel, and scratch-resistant glass screen. According to the company, the battery-free stylus, with 256 levels of pressure sensitivity, can simulate fine or thick brush strokes and write or draw at varying angles without the ink disappearing when the pen is slanted. The system adjusts for right and left-handed users, and the battery acts as a hand grip for carrying. The base price for the 14-inch notebook is \$1,549.



**MORE INFO:** Gateway, 1.800.428.3929  
<http://www.gateway.com>



Interwrite Learning has announced updates to the **Interwrite Pad**, a wireless classroom pad.

The pad now includes a new design and comes with Interwrite Workspace, the company's teaching software for digital classrooms. Interwrite Pad is a Bluetooth wireless device that allows teachers to create an interactive whiteboard on any surface in their classroom. The pad provides remote access and control of the teacher's computer, in addition to lesson materials. Workspace provides teachers with more than 4,000 digital teaching resources suitable for K-12 classrooms. It also includes access to Interwrite's free online lesson library, where users can search by subject, grade, and/or state for materials. Current Interwrite Pad users can upgrade their system free of charge at <http://www.interwritelearning.com>.

**MORE INFO:** Interwrite Learning, 1.866.496.4949  
<http://www.interwritelearning.com>

Knowledge Adventure has launched its **Schools in Need Competition**, which provides 10 awards, each valued at \$12,000, to 10 schools in need of reading assistance for their students. The competition is open to schools that need to raise reading scores by at least 30 percent among students in grades K-8. Schools must show a need to have supplemental reading materials that address specific reading deficiencies and use the investments for reading instruction. Winning schools receive the Knowledge Adventure Academy line of products for early literacy, reading comprehension, and vocabulary, along with training and support. To nominate a school, complete the online form at <http://www.knowledgeadventure-school.com> and explain why that school is in need of reading assistance. *Nominations must be received by December 15* and the winners will be announced January 23, 2008.

**MORE INFO:** Knowledge Adventure,  
<http://www.knowledgeadventureschool.com>

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The Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) has launched its **Source Web** repository, a collection of computer science teaching materials. The repository offers more than 75 resources in a downloadable collection, including lesson plans, learning modules, code segments, presentations, and course descriptions. All materials are classified in accordance with the ACM Model Curriculum for K–12 Computer Science so teachers can identify resources for specific courses and learning levels. Teachers can also access information about how to promote their own computing courses and submit their own curriculum for inclusion in the Source. The organization is offering the resource free of charge to its members through <http://www.csta.acm.org>. Membership in CSTA is free.



**MORE INFO:** Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), 1.800.342.6626 (U.S. & Canada), 1.212.626.0530, <http://www.csta.acm.org>

Indigo Rose Software Design released the digital **Scrapbook MAX**, a computerized digital scrapbooking kit. The downloadable software offers a drag-and-drop workspace, and provides users with creative embellishments, journal text, speech bubbles, frames, and borders. It also includes a selection of professionally designed themes and layouts, and includes features such as rotation, resizing, rulers, and alignment tools. Scrapbook MAX can publish a scrapbook directly to video CD for viewing on a TV screen or monitor. It can make slideshows or send the entire scrapbook as an e-mail attachment, post it on a Web site, or turn it into a screen saver. The application runs on Windows 98 and better (including Vista). Scrapbook MAX is available direct from the vendor for \$39.95. A 30-day, free trial version is also available.

**MORE INFO:** Indigo Rose Software Design, 1.800.665.9668 <http://www.scrapbookmax.com>

## Coming Next Issue in L&L

### A Global Challenge

Wondering how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can save the world? Researchers David Gibson and Susan Grasso explain how students in different countries are coming together to offer innovative solutions to aspects of global climate change and energy shortages.

### Matters More than Money

Schools facing financial hurdles increasingly are turning to corporations to supply much-needed educational technology. Elementary school principal Nancy Flynn offers guidelines for schools and districts looking to partner with for-profit sources without compromising educational ethics or allowing consumerism in the classroom.

### The Tech Integration Puzzle

Two central Pennsylvania middle schools embarked on a student laptop initiative two and a half years ago that began as a pilot program, and has grown into a model for successful technology integration. Instructional technology specialist Patricia Yost explains how teachers and administrators put the pieces together.

Olympus has teamed up with Tool Factory to launch its technology registry site for teachers, <http://www.digitalwish.com>. According to the companies, the site works like a wedding registry, where teachers make their technology wishes public, so anyone can make a donation to their classroom's cart. After teachers register, they qualify for 43 new technology grants from Olympus and Tool Factory, including a Mobile Digital Camera Lab. Three labs worth \$3,500 will be awarded annually. Subsequent grants are awarded to those with the best all-around class profile and lesson plans. Donors may also contribute to any classroom they choose. The companies will also award digital cameras and podcasting software monthly. Software site licenses will be given away in all core subject areas and special education. Grants are based on creativity and depth of the Digital Wish user profile, popularity of lesson plans, quality of lesson plan, and activity of the Digital Wish user. There's no need to reapply each month—all original lesson plans are eligible to win any grant opportunity. Grants will be awarded on the 28th of every month.



**MORE INFO:** <http://www.digitalwish.com>

MakeMusic, Inc. has released **Finale 2008**, a music notation software. According to the company, the updated version can record and import audio files as well as combine parts into a score or join multiple scores into one document. Other features include intuitive keystrokes to select measures, more than 250 instrument sounds, personalized document styles, and page layout control—adjusting system position, size, and space between staves—to reduce insidious white space on the page. The software is compatible with Mac and Windows computers. Finale 2008 is available for \$350 (academic price). Other prices are available at the company's Web site.

**MORE INFO:** MakeMusic, Inc., 1.800.843.2066 (U.S. & Canada) 1.952.937.9611, <http://www.finalemusic.com>

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