What Can You Do with Twenty (plus) FREE Software Applications?

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Introductions

□ Who I am

□ Who are you?

□ What we will be covering

Are you ready for some freeware solutions????

My adorable "furry" children!!!!

Top Tips for Selecting Software

- Performance and reliability
- Price
- Reputation
- Ongoing effort
- Support
- Version – when was the last stable version released?

AlfaClock Free Edition AlfaMini v. 1.7

http://www.alfasoftweb.com

- ## AlfaClock Free
  - Enhances your taskbar clock
  - Popup calendar
  - Time Speaking
  - Windows 95 +
  - Multilingual User Interface

- ## AlfaMini
  - Full featured desktop clock
  - Countdown
  - Stopwatch

Chaos Manager 2.4

http://www.chaosmanager.net

- Windows 98 or higher
- Appointment/to-do manager.
- Calendar
- Contact list
- Reminders
- Notebook
- Audio alerts!

Assistive Media

http://www.assistivemedia.org

- Website that provides free audio access for anyone with a reading disability
- Magazines
- Short works
- Podcasts

Dasher

http://www.dasher.org.uk/Download.html

- An alternate text entry interface driven by natural continuous pointing gestures
- Operated with devices where the standard keyboard is not practical
  - Joystick
  - Mouse
  - Head-Mouse
  - Trackball
  - Touchscreen
  - Etc.

E-Text Reader

http://www.premier-programming.com

- Compatible with multiple File Formats
  - Standard Text
  - MS Word (all versions)
  - HTML
  - RTF
- Highlights and tracks each word as it reads
- Adjustable reading speeds

Fatbits Screen Magnifier

http://www.digitalmantra.com/fatbits.download.html

- Magnification up to 20x
- Change colors for individuals with color vision deficiency
- Smooth shapes and text

Grocery List Organizer 1.0

http://www.websitemechanics.com

- Magnification up to 20x
- Change colors for individuals with color vision deficiency
- Smooth shapes and text

IAM Instant Messenger

http://www.latkids.org

- Pronounced "I Am"
- Windows XP
- Designed for one-to-one remote communication
- Programmable IM application
- Provides three responses (choices) to each incoming message!

"The Zone" and "IAM"
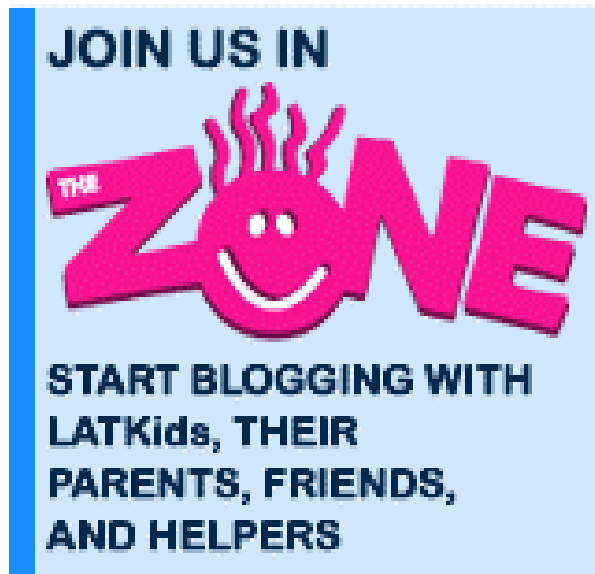
Kalon's Color & Shapes

http://www.latkids.org

- Program runs from the web
- Mac and PC compatible with Shockwave

Magnifier 2.0

http://www.snapfiles.com

- Program runs from the web
- Mac and PC compatible with Shockwave

Natural Reader

http://www.naturalreaders.com

- Program runs from the web
- Mac and PC compatible with Shockwave

Quill Nib (formerly MouseTool)
http://www.mousetool.com

- Ergonomic mouse software
- Currently for PC and Linux
- Mac version on the way!
- Clicks and drags the mouse for the user
- Can be controlled by hotkeys

ReadPal Reader

http://www.programurl.com/readpal-reader.htm

- Software is for Windows 2000/XP
- Reads e-mails and articles
- "Clutter-Free" mode reduces glare and eye-strain

Reminder 1.07

http://www.trisunsoft.com

- Windows 98 or higher
- Set and receive task reminders via pop-up windows (audio and e-mail)
- Repetitive reminders

Re-Pete

http://www.tex-edit.com

- Game which tests ability to remember visual and auditory patterns
- Mac only (System 6.0.7 or better – OS X version is best)
- Used for memory enhancement
- Accommodates hard of hearing/deaf by providing visual cues to participate

Responding Heads 3

http://www.snapfiles.com

- Enables the user to launch programs, commands, and actions via voice commands
- Uses Microsoft Speech recognition engine
- Requires user configuration
- "Responding Head" provides visual feedback

SayO Clock 1.2.1

http://www.tucows.com

- Software is for Windows NT/2000/XP

- Tells time out loud

- Speaks on demand or according to a schedule

Single Switch Performance Test (SSPT)

http://www.aacinstitute.org

- Software to facilitate measurement of the ability to activate a single switch
- Available for Windows and Mac (Java version)
- Measures the average time required to activate or release a switch (after visual and/or audio prompts)
- Can measure the speed of repetitive activations

Speak and Mail 2000
http://www.shadisoft.com

- Notifies the user when new mail arrives by reading the message header and contents according to preferences

- Supports multiple email accounts

- Listen to email, webpages, etc.

- Features voice recognition which can be used to launch applications or websites

Speak for Yourself ™
http://www.latkids.org

- Augmentative communication program that runs on Windows XP
- 56 buttons, completely customizable to the user!
- One-to-many, face-to-face communication
- Operates in scan mode or direct select mode
- Buttons can be assigned any word or phrase
- Stores the individual's name, school, hobbies and interests, etc

Speaking Clock

http://www.lux-aeterna.com/clock

- Software is for Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000/XP

- Tells time out loud

- Alarms, timers

- Over 30 different languages

Speak Clipboard

http://speaktools.com

- Open source voice reader for Windows XP that reads out loud contents of the clipboard in plain English
- Checks spelling or grammar
- Simple application, simple to use
- Highlights every pronounced word

CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT?

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SpeakOut 1.0

http://www.onlyfreewares.com

- Software is for Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000/XP
- Tells time out loud
- Alarms, timers
- Over 30 different languages
- Reads any text file

SpeechExpert

http://www.programurl.com/speechexpert.htm

- Software is for Windows 98/Me/NT/2000/XP/2003
- Reads e-mails and articles
- Converts articles into audio files (wave and mp3)
- Over 10 languages and twenty voices

Switch in Time
Accessible Software

http://www.switchintime.com

- Various freeware designed for Mac only
- Morning Meeting – focuses on group communication skills
- Super Script – allows non-verbal students to use switches to trigger lines in speeches, plays, etc.
- Sequence Builder – practice building sequences/sentences. Works with IntelliKeys
- On-Screen Music

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add to Doc
clear text
read text

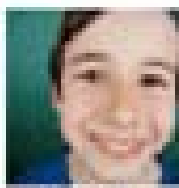| I pledge allegiance... | And to the Republic... |
| One Nation under God... | with liberty... |
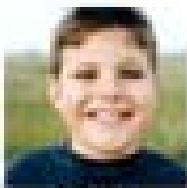
Students

| Ben | Jill | Tim | Melissa | Sam |

Talking Calculator

http://www.premier-programming.com

- Fully function "talking calculator"
- Large keys
- Contrasting areas

Calculator

Value in Memory:

Current Function: **+**

Current: 55

Total: 45

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125 + 5 = 130
130 + 25 = 155
155 - 55 = 100
100 - 55 = 45
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1	2	3	*	MR	Clear
4	5	6	/	M+	Voice Off
7	8	9	-	M-	Back
0	.	=	+	MC	Exit
+/-	%		Copy Total	Copy Work	

UVC 3.7

http://www.universalvillage.net
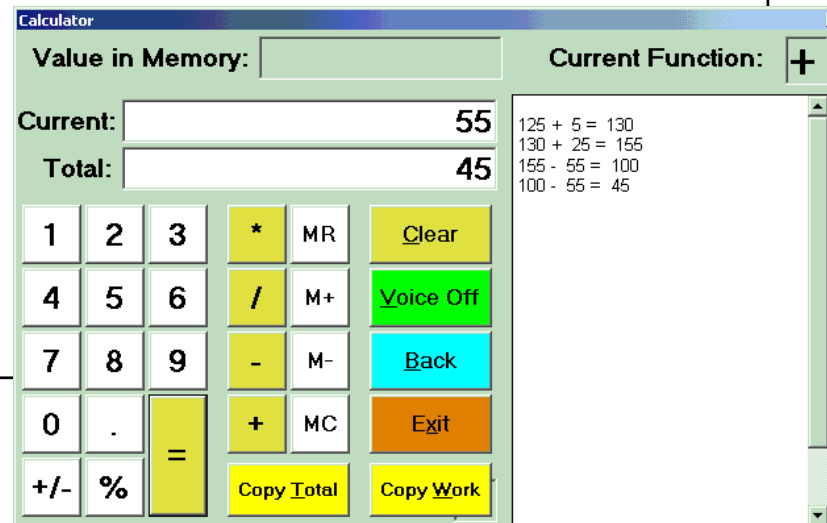
- Keep track of those important Birthdays by ticking Other Detail on the Contact screen and adding in their birthday. Check the Auto create birthday event if you would like the program to automatically add a repeating event in your calendar.
- You can use UVC to broadcast audio and video by going to the to Tools top menu item and selecting Broadcast Media.
- Send an email to someone right from UVC by going to the address book and clicking on their email address from the main screen. UVC will then launch your default email program.

Verbal Behavior

http://www.latkids.org

- Simple image-matching application

VersaTimer

http://www.lux-aeterna.com/vtimer

- Software is for Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000/XP

- Can perform different sounds at various intervals

- Background and LED display are customizable to the user's select colors.

Voice Mail Compressor 1.82

http://www.tucows.com

- Software is for Windows 98 or higher
- Send voice e-mail messages to anyone
- No special software needed to listen to messages

ZebSpeech 2.0.0

http://www.tucows.com

- Software is for Windows 98 or higher

- Speech recognition software

- Add or remove any word or command that the user wants ZebSpeech to understand

Let's Share Your Resources!

Do You Have Any Resources That You Would Like To Share?

Added resources from conference attendees!

- E-triloquist ™
    - http://www.etriloquist.com

- Free Sticky Notes
    - http://www.freestickynotes.com

- EverNote 1.1
    - http://www.evernote.com/en/

Added resources from conference attendees (continued)!

- Click-N-Type
  - http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt/

- Task Coach
  - http://taskcoach.sourceforge.net/

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