

## LAB Resources

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### Closing the Gap Conference

LAB Resources will again be exhibiting at **Closing the Gap**. You can find us at Booth #254 in the Great Hall.

If you are attending Closing the Gap, we would like to invite you to stop by our booth so that we can greet you and offer a small gift to you.

Closing the Gap will be held October 20—23, 2004 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel in Minneapolis.



LAB Resources is located in the Old Main Street Building across from Pewaukee Lake (shown above). Please call us if you would like to visit our preview computer lab or if we can be of any assistance.

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# LAB Notes

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### ATLAS: Assistive Technology & Language Assessment Software

What is ATLAS?

ATLAS is a whole new approach to language assessment from Laureate Learning Systems.

ATLAS combines a toolkit of Laureate software with a full day of training to explore everything included in the toolkit.

The ATLAS Toolkit contains 12 Primary Assessment programs from Laureate, including 6 of Laureate's new Sterling Editions. These new Sterling Editions are based on recent linguistic

theory and research. They automatically deliver individualized language intervention and provide data necessary for accountability.

The ATLAS Training is a 6 hour workshop that provides the knowledge, practice and hands-on instruction to insure that participants know how to accurately and confidently complete a language and assistive technology assessment.

Laureate Learning Systems conducted a survey in fall of 2003 of ATLAS users. 90% said that ATLAS was

“easy” or “very easy” to use. 100% said they would recommend ATLAS to someone else.

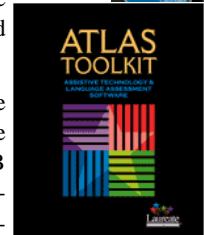
ATLAS will be offered in Wisconsin November 15 at CESA #2 in Milton. Cost is \$495 for the ATLAS Toolkit (valued at \$2,345 for the software alone) and the ATLAS Training.

For more information, please contact LAB Resources at 262-691-3476 or 800-691-3476. All orders must be received by October 31.



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## Technology Tuesdays at LAB Resources

LAB Resources will again offer their Technology Tuesdays beginning this fall and continuing through spring. Technology Tuesdays are

after school workshops designed to help educators integrate assistive technology into the curriculum and help students reach their goals.

These workshops will be offered on one Tuesday a month from 4 to 6 PM.

Educators may sign up for 1 class or multiple classes (*cont'd on page 3*)



## Dragon Corner

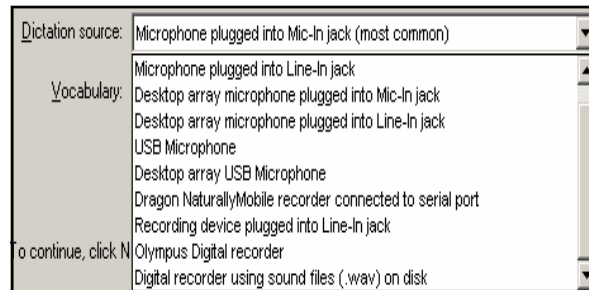
This regular column answers a commonly asked question about Dragon NaturallySpeaking

**Question:** I can't get my handheld recorder to work with my Dragon NaturallySpeaking voice file. What's wrong?

**Answer:** A handheld recorder is a small, digital voice recorder that you can dictate into when you are not at your computer and at a later time connect it to your computer for your dictation to be transcribed by Dragon NaturallySpeaking.

If your recorder is not working, here are a few suggestions:

- ◆ First, is your handheld recorder compatible with Dragon NaturallySpeaking? A list of handheld recorders and information as to how well they work with Dragon NaturallySpeaking can be found at [www.support.scansoft.com/compatibility/default.asp](http://www.support.scansoft.com/compatibility/default.asp). This list will show if your recorder is compatible with Dragon NaturallySpeaking and how accurate it will be (the more little Dragons next to its name, the more accurate will be the transcription).
- ◆ Did you set up a separate voice file for your recorder?
- ◆ When you set up your recorder voice file, did you choose your recorder by clicking on it from the **Dictation Source** list rather than leaving it at the default microphone plugged into mic-in jack?



- ◆ Each recorder is different. On many recorders you need to manually set the microphone sensitivity and speed.

When set up properly, a recorder can be a great tool to allow the user to be mobile and to dictate away from the computer and letting NaturallySpeaking transcribe at a later time.

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Classes are small with personal attention, hands-on and limited in size.

Topics to be covered include: Tips and Tricks of WYNN 3.5 (Sept. 21), My Own Bookshelf (Oct. 12), WordQ—Writing Made Easier (Nov. 16); The Basics of Dragon NaturallySpeaking (Dec.14); textHELP Read and Write 7

Jan. 25); Kidspiration 2: Classroom Applicatons (Feb. 22); Cause & Effect Software (Mar. 15); and IntelliTools Classroom Suite (April 26)..

If you would like to receive our Technology Tuesday brochure or to be put on our mailing list, please call us at 262-691-3476 (local) or 800-691-3476; or email LAB Resources ([info@elabresources.com](mailto:info@elabresources.com)).



## Single Switch Software



Single switch software is available for all ages and ability levels. This article will look at a sampling of titles for beginning switch users.

Some single switch software focuses primarily on **cause and effect**. A student learns that when he presses a switch, something happens. He also learns to attend to the task. Here are some titles that work on cause and effect:

- Creature Antics, Creature Capers & Creature Features
- Attention Getter
- Attention Teens
- Big Bang
- SwitchIt! Cause & Effect

After a student understands basic cause and effect, software is available to help him **make choices**. Here are some titles:

- Creature Chorus
- Songs I Sing at Preschool
- Toyshop
- DrumKit
- Soft Touch Classics
- Teen Tunes Plus
- Let's Go to Town

In addition to training cause and effect and choice making skills, some single switch software programs teach **scanning skills**. Here are some titles:

- Switch Basics
- Switch Software for Preschoolers
- Switch Software for Teens
- Shop 'til you Drop

Here are some titles for single switch users that focus on **basic academic skills**:

- Early Learning 1
- Concepts on the Move
- I Know American History
- Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- First Words, First Verbs

Educators can **create** their own switch accessible programs. Both **SwitchIt! Maker** and **ChooseIt! Maker** will allow you to design your own age-appropriate cause and effect and choice-making activities, and to use your own digital pictures.

The winter issue of this newsletter will look at single switch software for writing with pictures, letters, and/or words.