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### Winter Closeout Specials —while supplies last

It's January and we've done our year-end inventory. Here are some inventory specials we are offering while supplies last:

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Boardmaker 6—Macintosh         | \$ 289.95 (list is \$329) |
| Boardmaker 2000-2008 Addendums | \$ 99.95 (list is \$125)  |
| Cloze Pro Mac/Win              | \$ 159.95 (list is \$199) |
| Communicate: SymWriter         | \$ 199.95 (list is \$229) |
| FreeHand ECU                   | \$ 69.95 (list is \$115)  |

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# LAB Notes

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## Kurzweil 3000 + Interactive Whiteboards

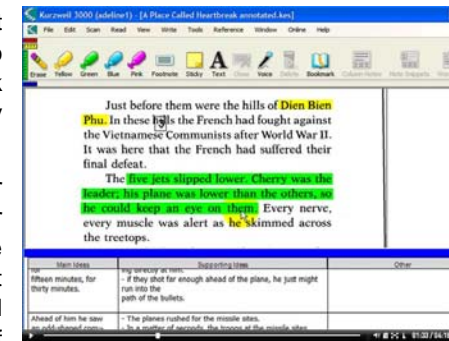
Kurzweil 3000 is a wonderful tool for students to use for reading/writing support on individual computers. However, another way to use Kurzweil 3000 is to project it onto an interactive whiteboard as part of whole-class strategy instruction. The features of Kurzweil 3000 can then be combined with explicit instruction in comprehension and study strategies.

Here are just a very few ideas of how to use Kurzweil 3000 for whole class instruction.

One idea is to use bubble notes. The educator can pre-insert bubble notes into a document to stimulate class discussion, ask comprehension questions, clarify information, etc.

All tools on the study skills toolbar can be a good resource for teaching study strategies in the classroom. For example, different colors of highlighters can be used to indicate specific categories of text selection—such as main idea, supporting details, new vocabulary, etc. Students can try these strategies on the whiteboard

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Kurzweil 3000 with column notes

## Mimio Interactive

The Mimio Interactive bar will make any standard whiteboard into a fully interactive whiteboard—at a fraction of the cost of a conventional interactive whiteboard.

The Mimio bar is lightweight, portable (weighs less than 3 pounds), and is easy to

setup.

The Mimio Bar mounts vertically on your whiteboard. It folds so you can put it in your computer case or backpack and take it to another location—or easily store it.

Mimio has 2 modes:



interactive and capture.

In the interactive mode, the Mimio Interactive stylus acts like a mouse. Students can use the stylus to interact with the computer directly

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## Dragon Corner

*This regular column answers a commonly asked question about Dragon NaturallySpeaking*

**Question:** What types of microphones can be used with Dragon NaturallySpeaking?

**Answer:** There are many options to consider when choosing a microphone for Dragon NaturallySpeaking.

The first choice to make is whether to use a microphone that plugs into the computer's sound card or one that plugs into the USB drive. The microphones that come with Dragon NaturallySpeaking plug into the sound card (unless you purchase the Dragon wireless edition). During the setup of a new user, the software will generate a Speech-to-Noise ratio and give a score of how well the microphone will work with the sound card. If the microphone fails this test, it does not mean there is anything wrong with the microphone, rather that it will not work with the sound card in the computer. It will then be necessary to switch to a USB microphone, which bypasses sound card problems. The Andrea NC-181 VM w/inline USB and the VXI TalkPro USB 100 are examples of USB microphones.

Microphones can be wired or wireless. The Plantronics Calisto Bluetooth headset is an example of a wireless headset microphone.

Another choice is whether to use a headset microphone or a desktop or array microphone. A headset microphone is noise cancelling and works better if there are background noises. However, if a student cannot wear a headset, there are other choices. A desktop microphone sits on the desktop near the computer. A good example is the Snowball USB microphone. An array microphone sits at the base of the monitor. A good example is the Voice Tracker USB Array Microphone.

Handheld recorders can also be used as microphones. The Sony ICDMX20 is an example of a handheld recorder.

The hardware compatibility list on the Nuance website is a good place to check before purchasing a microphone. It lists the microphones that work with Dragon NaturallySpeaking and how well they will work. You can find this resource at: <http://support.nuance.com/compatibility/default.asp>

*LAB Resources is an authorized Value Added Reseller for Dragon NaturallySpeaking. We provide training, support and have created our own tutorials and training materials. Please call LAB Resources for more information (262-691-3476 or 800-691-3476).*

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from the whiteboard.

The capture mode lets you capture everything written on the whiteboard and save it electronically. Notes can be saved as PDFs, HTML pages, GIFs, and more. They can be shared with students, parents and colleagues.

For a student who needs magnification of the writing on the whiteboard, the Mimio bar can be connected to a student's computer rather than the teacher's computer. Used this way, Mimio is attached to the whiteboard, but the projector is not needed. Because it is connected to the student's computer, he or she will see all

content that has been written on the whiteboard on his or her computer and can then magnify the material using the magnifier built into Mimio or the Windows magnifier.

Other options include a wireless module and the Mimio Pad. The Mimio Pad is a portable, wireless tablet that allows students to interact with the computer from their seats.

When you purchase the Mimio Interactive system, you will also have access to the Mimio Studio Software. With this software, you can create your own lessons. Mimio Connect is a sharing resource.



For more information or to schedule a demonstration, please contact LAB Resources .

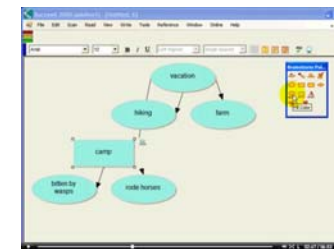
## Kurzweil 3000 and Interactive Whiteboards *cont'd from page 1*

and then discuss as a group. Highlighted text can be extracted to create study documents or column notes.

The tile vertically tool lets the class see a page scanned from a textbook along with a questions document side by side. Answers to questions can be dragged and dropped onto the question document.

All of the writing tools can be explored by students with the interactive whiteboard. The class can use the brainstorm tools to get their ideas out and then generate an outline from these ideas..

This is just a very small sampling of how Kurzweil 3000 can be used with an interactive whiteboard.



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