



Blue Ribbon Technology

This month, multimedia sights and sounds

The use of multimedia in the classroom has grown as more applications have become available that make it easy for the novice to work with audio, video and graphic animations. This month's software reviews focus on these tools that can help you use multimedia in your classroom.

MediaWorks

Student projects will look professional with the help of *MediaWorks* from Interactive Solutions, Inc.



Users can create slide shows, movies, dynamic presentations and interactive CDs. Features include an authoring/presentation tool, animation editor, video editor, sound editor and paint/photo program.

You can input CD audio, MP3, MIDI, WAV or AIF files and even record and edit narration. The graphical interface makes it easy to add music anywhere in your production and determine the time sequence of each sound file. You can even add special effects.

Students can animate any picture, import GIF animations from the web and edit to control the animation path, scale and timing. Students will love learning with 2-D cel animation.

The main program in this suite is the authoring tool. Whether your students are working on a slide show or a multimedia presentation for an interactive CD, they'll be able to link to PDF files and web pages, build menu-driven button links to different media files or add text and titles.

The program includes more than 300 MB of royalty-free movies, backgrounds, images, music, MIDI, VR, animations and 3-D files. It's easy to import any file or group of files using the drag and drop feature.

You'll love using *MediaWorks* to share instructional curriculum as QuickTime or AVI movies via e-mail or by posting them to your school's web page. A great year-long student project could be the creation of a class scrapbook movie.

Call 925-485-0702 or visit www.mediaworkssoftware.com for a 15-day trial, to download the free player or use the online tutorial. Mac/Win; \$79.95.