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Room: On Tap Cafe

BJ: Welcome to the Virtual Field Trips at the TI2 Launch Festival

BJ: as always, we'll start with brief introductions

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

JenniferP: 8th grade LA/SS teacher at MPS MS in Milwaukee, WI

BretBi: 4th grade Vancouver, WA US

SharonMB: Sharon Brennan, Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia, year 6 and librarian. Just eating my lunch.

ChristinLR: I'm a High School Special Ed teacher in Atlanta Georgia

AmoGuest5: Amo- student Portland, Oregon Concordia University

BrendaFa: IT Director at a private school in Montreal, Canada

DianneB: Student, Instructor, and RA at George Mason University - Instructional Technology

MiguelB: I'm Mike Barbera from San Antonio, Texas and teach a NOVA Net Class with all core areas being covered. I am a Math and Social Studies teacher. I also teach at a local university and community college during my spare time.

LynneW: Prof of Ed Tech Concordia University Portland

JudySt: I'm a chemistry teacher and vice principal in a Montreal high school

JenniferP: my, my Miguel you are busy

MarianneH: I teach in a Technology in Education Masters program

NancyHe: math/comp sci/Spanish, high school, online ed, Michigan

CarolE: CarolE-high school social studies teacher

JohnSo joined the room.

MiguelB: Only way to get out of debt!!!lol

JenniferP: well that is true in a sense

ChristinLR: I hear you Miguel.....

JacobP: looking for a teaching job, recently graduated MAT program, Pacific University

KimFo: Hi everyone. I'm Kim Foley. I've been working with educational technologies since the mid-eighties, and I've been creating virtual field trips since 1996. I got my start with virtual field trips from being involved with Tramline, the company that creates the software to make the field trips that we'll be looking at today. Welcome and thanks for coming.

JenniferP: but get the satisfaction out of teaching is greater power

JeffC: Ed Tech Specialist Pacific University... trying to help Jacob get a job.

JenniferP: thanks Kim

JacobP waves and thanks Jeff

KimFo: It looks like we cover a wide range of student age groups...

KimFo: Are you all ready to get started?

AmoGuest5: yes

ChristinLR: yes  
JenniferP: I think that has been the plan all day  
MiguelB: Yep!  
LynneW nods  
JudySt: sure  
KimFo: yay!  
JenniferP: Sure are!!!  
CarolE: Yes  
JacobP: yay  
BrendaFa: sure  
SherryB: yes  
CherylC: yes  
SusanR: yes  
JenniferP: let's hear what you have to say Kim  
KimFo: Who has used virtual field trips before?  
JohnSo: John Southworth, Education Lab School (K-12) Honolulu  
LynneW raises her hand  
JenniferP: I used one earlier in another session  
JeffC raises his hand  
SherryB: We did for our art classes  
JenniferP: very interesting.  
CindyC joined the room.  
JohnSo: I have in the Form of Electronic Field Trips  
SusanR raises her hand  
StevenFe joined the room.  
ChristinLR: never heard of it till now  
BretBi: yes I have  
MarianneH: my students have created some  
JenniferP: it was at this  
website...<http://www.field-guides.com/sci/endanger/index.htm>  
KimFo: This is great!  
AmoGuest5: nope  
ChristinLR: tell me more  
SherryB: we used it for those students unable to go on the real field trip with us  
KimFo: oh yes....field-guides.com...that is the same as tramline.com which is where we  
will be headed shortly.  
JenniferP: so I am really interested in using them  
JenniferP: sounds like a plan Kim  
KimFo: since we cover such a wide range of ages and curriculum areas,....  
KimFo: let's take a look at a few so that hopefully each of you will find at least one you  
can start using right away.  
JenniferP nods for the ok  
ChristinLR: sounds good  
KimFo: there are about 40 VFTs (virtual field trips) at the Tramline site.  
JenniferP WOW :O

KimFo: for those who've used these trips before you'll probably learn a few tips that you didn't know about which will make using them even more fun and productive.

KimFo: I'll give you a little background...

CarolE: What is the address of the Tramline site?

KimFo: we'll go there in few minutes....Tramline's Field Trips Site currently features 40 virtual field trips on a variety of topics visiting some of the best sites on a subject.

Teacher's resources are included for most trips. You will find trips on deserts, hurricanes, oceans, rainforests, endangered species, and more.

JenniferP: very nice

JenniferP: can't wait

KimFo: As I said earlier, these trips were all created with TourMaker software. This creates a set of field trips with a consistent interface, and an easy to use control panel that keeps students from getting lost on the web.

KimFo: Each field trip consists of a set of "stops." Each stop is a different web page visited on the trip. Each stop also has some accompanying narration that can point out something specific at the visited site.

SharonMB: Wonderful idea

KimFo: One thing that makes these field trips unique from others is the control panel, which has several features to prevent students from getting lost.

JenniferP: very nice

KimFo: The Control Panel is located in the lower right hand corner of all field trips located at Field Trips Site. We'll talk more about the Control Panel when we get into one of the field trips.

JenniferP: Excellent.....

KimFo smiles

KimFo: ok...let's first go to the home page of the site so I can explain a few things...[www.tramline.com](http://www.tramline.com)

DanCW: Kim - do you have time for a question?

KimFo: sure Dan

DanCW: Can ANY teacher design and contribute to the field trip?

KimFo: everyone let me know when you are there.

ChristinLR: I'm there

JenniferP: there

SherryB: here

BretBi: there

SharonMB: there

JohnSo: OK

AmoGuest5: there

CarolJB: Entered

GaryNB is ready.

KimFo: Any teacher can develop and design their own field trips if they have the TourMaker software.

CarolE: there

JacobP: there

DianneB: ready!

ChristinLR: so once you buy the software you can create your own fieldtrips for your students?

KimFo: Yes Christin

SherryB: there

JudySt joined the room.

ChristinLR: ok

DanCW: Ready, also.

JenniferP: is it expensive

KimFo: Feel free to ask questions.... the software is \$25 for an educational copy.

JenniferP: well that isn't too bad

JudySt: this may be a dumb question but how do you get there? I typed in the URL and lost you

ChristinLR: do you need one copy per fieldtrip?

SharonMB: Just click on the hyperlink

BretBi: <http://www.tramline.com/index.htm>

GaryNB: Judy, just click on the link Bret showed you, don't type it yourself GaryNB: It will open in a new window.

KimFo: OK, the site is divided up into 4 main sections...I'll quickly go through them...and there will be time at the end for more questions too...Christin-no, the software allows you to create as many trips as you like.

JeffC: OK... here's a nasty question (although I really don't mean it in a nasty way). Why use Tramline instead of Trackstar?

JenniferP: Kim- Where too

KimFo: The site is divided up into the software....

KimFo: this section gives you more info about TourMaker (that's the software)...

KimFo: the virtual field trips is the 2nd section...

KimFo: this is where you will find all of the trips (and we'll go there in just a moment! I promise!)

KimFo: the 3rd section is about the book- a general introductory book to using and creating virtual field trips.-it's a lot of fun and has cool cartoons!

KimFo: the 4th is about training in the use of using and creating field trips....

KimFo: any questions so far?

JenniferP: is this mac/ pc versions

KimFo: good one...the field trips run on any platform that can use a browser and access the web...the software is PC.

JenniferP: thank you Kim

KimFo: ok, click on the virtual field trips link and let me know when you're there.

DanCW: Do the V-Trips have specific CONTENT? Is the content matched to any state standards?

AmoGuest5: ready

KimFo: you're welcome Jennifer

JohnSo: OK

JudySt: ok

JenniferP: there which direction

SherryB: there  
ChristinLR: there  
KimFo: yes Dan....you'll see in a moment.  
BrendaFa: I'm there  
CherylC: there  
MiguelB: there!  
KimFo: Click on Field Trips this way and then let me know when you're there.  
ChristinLR: there  
BretBi: I'm there  
JudySt: I'm there  
MiguelB: I made it!  
DanCW: I see now! Thanks!  
SharonMB: OK  
BrendaFa: I'm there  
JohnSo: OK  
CarolJB: OK  
JenniferP: there  
SherryB: there  
CherylC: there  
KimFo: Don't click on any of them just yet but scroll the page to see the various trips that we have.  
MarianneH: there  
GaryNB: Helen, did you get the link?  
HelenK: could you post the link again please  
GaryNB: <http://www.tramline.com/index.htm>  
HelenK: thanks  
JenniferP: very nice.....  
BretBi: new link:<http://www.tramline.com/trips.htm>  
MarianneH: what does tour only mean?  
AileenS: There  
ChristinLR: interesting  
KimFo: to go directly to the field trips list page, <http://www.tramline.com/trips.htm>  
KimFo: Marianne, I'll answer your question right now...  
MiguelB: Hurricanes, we just got rid of one yesterday!!!  
KimFo: Each field trip available at this site has an identical format. All field trips except for a couple labeled tour only, include an Trailhead page, a Teacher's Resource page AND the actual field trip. Those that say Tour Only are the exception to the rule and offer just the field trip.  
KimFo: Miguel...you from Texas?  
KimFo: Trailhead pages usually have terms to learn, concepts, objectives, or an intro paragraph about the trip.  
KimFo: Resource pages have web sites that didn't fit with the actual field trip but yet still have value for the teacher... you just can't create a sensible field trip that has 90 stops!  
MiguelB: Yep! the hurricane passed by 60miles south of here.  
KimFo: eek!  
JenniferP: oh my

KimFo: at the top of the page, you'll see a link that says, Download a printable list of the field trips and descriptions. This will give you a list of MOST of the trips.....

JenniferP: Kim- would you like us to look at one of the tours?

KimFo: very soon!

DanCW: I guess you (Miguel) don't need a VIRTUAL field trip on Hurricanes!?!?! =)

KimFo: there's also a link that says, Download a Virtual Field Trip permission slip! this is for younger students...a way to keep parents informed...you can enter the trip you studied in class...and then the parents can go look too.

BrendaFa: What is the best way to look at the 2 windows on the screen? The discussion and the website?

MarianneH: thanks

KimFo: no Miguel can find a list of things needed for hurricanes :)))

MiguelB: The more I learn about them the better!

GaryNB: Brenda, have you detached your chat window?

SusanR: Like the idea of a permission trip for younger students, Kim.

ChristinLR: Been through Hurricane Andrew Miguel I know where your coming from....

KimFo: ok....so let's start with the Oceans trip...click on Oceans.

KimFo: let me know when you're there.

JudySt: ok

ChristinLR: there

CarolJB: OK

JohnSo: Where's the detach key???

CherylC: there

CindyC left the room.

SherryB: there

KimFo: you first arrive at the Trailhead page.

BrendaFa: I detached the chat window and put the website next to it but I can't see much of it.

JohnSo: there

AmoGuest5: ok

GaryNB: John, right above the chat window is an "Actions" pull down menu

MiguelB: Click on the window and it will be larger than the website!

KimFo: Thanks for everyone chipping in to help out. It's much appreciated!

BretBi: there

ChristinLR: so do we start the fieldtrip?

DanCW: there

SusanR: Stack your windows and flip between the two windows

KimFo: OK, if you scroll down the Trailhead page, you'll see Objectives, concepts and some terms.

KimFo: this is pretty standard for the trailhead page although it is NOT set in stone.

KimFo: Scroll back up to the top and click on Teacher's Resources.

AmoGuest5: ok

JudySt: ok

ChristinLR: cool

JohnSo: Thanks! MUCH bet

BretBi: k

KimFo: These sites offer information in addition to the field trip. Think of the field trip as the first course of action...

KimFo: and then the TR for further info.

KimFo: Any questions?

LynneW: Kim, is there a process for verifying the links as current while they are hosted on this site?

KimFo: Yes Lynne...it involves manually checking on a fairly regular basis. :)))

JacobP: Your doing pretty well so far

GaryNB: Kim, is this (trailhead) where students start when they enter a VFT?

LynneW: By the user (us) or someone at Tramline?

KimFo laughs

KimFo: Tramline.

LynneW: Cool

KimFo: Is everyone with me so far?

ChristinLR: yep

JenW joined the room.

CherylC: yes

JudySt: yes

JohnGuest4: yes

SherryB: yes

SharonMB: Yes

BrendaFa: yes

SarahSa: yes - with detours to bread baking and sea ice!

JessamineC: ok

SharonMB: Yes

AmoGuest5: yes

GaryNB: Brenda, how are you doing moving between windows? Did you get my PM with help?

AileenS: Yes

MarianneH: no, are you in a particular tour yet?

BrendaFa: yes, I'm set up OK now, Thanks!

KimFo: you can click back and forth between Trailhead and Teacher's Resources very simply.. Now let's go ahead and click Start Field Trip.

KimFo: Marianne, Oceans Field Trip.

KimFo: Once you've clicked Start Field Trip, you should see a black background with a few instructions....do you all see that?

HelenK: yes

JudySt: yes

CherylC: yes

BretBi: roger

BrendaFa: yes

SusanR: yep, a slight detour to Poet's Pantry

SherryB: yes

AmoGuest5: yes

ChristinLR: yes

CarolJB: ok

ChristinLR: do we begin?

KimFo laughs.... you all and your detours

KimFo: All virtual field trips made with TourMaker software have the window broken up into 4 frames....the control panel is on the lower right, the site frame is the large upper frame and it's where the visited web sites are displayed..

KimFo: the narration frame is the bottom center, and the logo frame lower left

KimFo: sometimes I'll refer to the narration frame as narframe (shorthand). The narration is the custom info entered by the person who creates the field trip. Let's say you are creating a trip and you want your students to locate specific information at the visited site. You can put directions here.

KimFo: The narration frame also toggles to a scrollable field trip Itinerary (or contents) which is what is visible when you first enter a trip.

KimFo: In Fact, when the tour first comes up, what you see in the Narframe is the Itinerary.

KimFo: The nice thing about the Itinerary is that you can see right at the start how long the field trip is....go ahead and scroll the contents.

KimFo: Any questions?

BretBi: rule of thumb for how many stops?

SarahSa: not 90

KimFo: Yes...good question...this is like the good doctor says, do as I say, not as I do....

JenW:?? the bottom area is where you type in?? everything else is already generated??

KimFo: I recommend 8-12 stops as the ideal length for a tour.

BretBi: gotcha

KimFo: some of ours are LONGER...

JenniferP: very nice

GaryNB . o O ( and this applies to any grade level? )

KimFo: the bottom area is where the developer of the trip types in info...the developer also must select the sites that will be on the tour...

BretBi: what happens if you put in an expired link?

JenW: for someone who doesn't know how to make a site -- you can't beat the price

ChristinLR: so it's \$25 to create one?

KimFo: Gary...what do you mean ? This particular tour or a tour in general? Some of them are geared for younger students and some for older...this is a good 5-8 grade trip but believe me....they can be easily adapted as the selected sites offer a wealth of info.

DanCW: Does Tramline keep the VFT on their server?

KimFo: Yes Dan...Christin \$25 for the software to create your own trips.

JenW: ??is the Tourguide generated automatically??

JenW: from what you type?

ChristinLR: and I assume you can use the ones on the site also?

KimFo: Bret...the tours need to be regularly checked and maintained...it is the web after all :))

KimFo: let's see...have I missed questions?

GaryNB: You mentioned 8-12 stops as idea, Kim. I was wondering if that held across the ages, or if you increased it with an older audience.

BretBi: so you would just get the standard message

JenW: is field-trips also the server or can you upload to your own site??



BretBi: how does the navigation frame work

KimFo: Jen....not only for people who don't know how to make a site....I also do web design.. The beauty of the trips is they organize and take advantage of the wealth of existing info....so you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

JenniferP: this is all very interesting

KimFo: Gary....8-12 across the board....as a GENERAL guideline....otherwise it's info overload...

ChristinLR: Kim so if you didn't create your own you can use the ones on their site but also with their general standard messages?

JenW: Kim -- I agree -- if someone else has done it already, I love that!!

MarianneH: On stop 2. the questions in the upper window are on the site and below have been created by the author, right?

KimFo: If you create your own trips, you upload to your server... SarahSa thinks that is particularly useful for someone like her whose reinvented wheels are always a bit lumpy

JenW: great -- thanks!!

KimFo: let's go ahead with this trip and I'll take more questions at the end...sound good?

BretBi: so kids could create one?

JenniferP: ok Kim

KimFo: ah...clear up 1 thing...use the Next button to go to Stop 2. (on the control panel to the right of the narwin...)the right facing arrow. let me know when you are at stop2.

AmoGuest5: #2

BrendaFa: here

MarianneH: On stop 2. the questions in the upper window are on the site and below have been created by the author, right?

KimFo: Bret, the Dark ages tour was created by two 6th graders...and there's another trip not up that was created by a 4th grader.

BretBi: cool

BretBi: I'm at 2

JessamineC: wow - that's impressive!

SusanR: They keep the students focused and on task. I like the structured approach especially for younger students. Poet's Pantry is great!

JohnGuest4: at 2

KimFo: The thing about TourMaker software is that you choose the sites you want on your tour....

ChristinLR: at 2

GaryNB thinks about Bret's question. Kim, is the license for your software limited to one computer?

KimFo: so the site in the upper window was actually created by the US Navy....

JenW: ?????

JenW: but your kids can still link off from other sites -- correct??

KimFo: the narration in the lower frame was created by the tour developer...so as a teacher, you could enter info that you want your students to look for, or if your students are creating a trip, they can do the same.

JenW: meaning its not 100% contained within Tourmaker

KarenL left the room (signed off).

ChristinLR: could you use an already made trip and alter your directions?

LouiseP joined the room.

SherryB: very flexible for customizing

ChristinLR: ok

KimFo: Gary, it depends on the type of license purchased....you can get that info on the site at...<http://www.tramline.com/tm/pricing.htm> and if that doesn't answer, email me at the email links on the site.

ChristinLR: but of course you need to buy the software to customize it?

KimFo: Christin, you can easily edit a trip that you have created.

BrendaFa: The answers to the questions are in the given text in the upper window. How are the students thinking?

JenW: KimFo -- are you the creator of Tourmaker??

KimFo: I'm one of the founding members of the company, yes.

JenW: Very Cool -- congrats

DianneB: it looks like the software is using javascripts to control the content of frames in a window. so you need javascripts enabled. The URL never changes. And the browser back button is a little flaky because it only controls one frame at a time. Students need to use the control panel. Any browser compatibility recommendations?

KimFo smiles and says thanks.

SusanR: Is Tramline offered on the Mac platform, Kim?

JudySt: Hi Brenda, I guess it depends on the kinds of questions you ask (based on the text) If the questions are analytical, then students are thinking

KimFo: on the site we give browser recommendations...I can't recall which versions but anything over the last few years should be a-ok.

KimFo: how about if I show you some of the more hidden features of a tour, then when you come back to explore...you will know about them?

SharonMB: Great

KimFo: and by the way, you are all welcome to email me after this if your questions don't get answered here.

ChristinLR: sounds good

BretBi: go for it

JessamineC: ok

HelenK: sounds good

KimFo: go to Stop 3.

JenniferP: thanks Kim

KimFo: this is another page by the Navy...I love this site!

KimFo: you're welcome Jennifer!

JenniferP: what is it Kim

ChristinLR: this is great this is very user friendly

BJ . o O ( a reminder also that Kim leads a monthly discussion here in Tapped in on both VFT and a Tourmaker Tutorial )

KimFo: Now stay with me so you don't get lost because we're going to go through several steps at a fairly fast pace.

KimFo: click on Largest and Deepest

KimFo: we're going to simulate your students (or you) exploring a web page....

KimFo: at the very bottom of the page, click the link that says, Student's Sea of Knowledge  
KimFo: are you at the Student's Sea of Knowledge page?  
JenW: link please  
BretBi: yep  
JessamineC: yup  
ChristinLR: yep  
LouiseP: Yes  
JudySt: ok  
KimFo: Jen, you need to be on Stop 3 of the Oceans field trip...do you need the link to the Oceans trip?  
JohnGuest4: yes  
CherylC: yes  
JenW: grins --- I found it....sorry  
KimFo: great!  
KimFo: now click on Ocean Quest  
BretBi: got it  
ChristinLR: ok  
BrendaFa: ok  
JenW: caught up now  
LouiseP: ok  
JessamineC: ok  
KimFo: anyone want to venture a guess how many pages we are removed from the original stop 3 Largest and Deepest page?  
TravisR: I'm with y'all now  
JudySt: 2  
ChristinLR: 2  
SharonMB: 4  
JessamineC: 3?  
JenW: no idea  
SharonMB: 4  
KimFo: 3-4 away from the Tour's stop 3 page....do any of you have students who like to explore web pages?  
JudySt: sure  
ChristinLR: oooo yes  
JessamineC: a few ;-)  
KimFo: even when you're trying to point out some concept on some other page which they long ago left?  
SherryB: the squid is cool  
BretBi: what's nice is stop 3 is still in the narration window  
ChristinLR: yep  
KimFo: we have a built in feature that will help keep you and your students on track!  
JenW: the frames are nice -- and I can't believe I said that :)  
JenW: usually hate frames  
SharonMB: Exactly what some of us have been doing.  
KimFo: click on the Return to Tour button (the train on the control panel-top center)

KimFo Laughs I hear you Jen....

LouiseP: That's great

KimFo: You should be back at the original stop 3 page of Ocean Trivia. are you?

ChristinLR: yes

SharonMB: Yes

EllieP: yep

KimFo: This means your students can go exploring and with one click, they are back on the tour.

JenniferP: I am there

TravisR: yo

KimFo: ready for another feature?

CarolJB: yes

SarahSa: is the URL in the narration the same as the one being displayed even if the stop doesn't change?

ChristinLR: very well thought out

JessamineC: cool!

KimFo: click the middle button in the control panel....it is called the Extended Itinerary (not to be confused with the plain ole Itinerary button)

KimFo: The extended itinerary gives you a page you can print out with the Tour stops, narration, and URLs for a given trip.

JenW: is that extended itinerary generated automatically

KimFo: Yes.

ChristinLR: cool

KimFo: Everyone see it?

ChristinLR: yep

JudySt: yes

JohnGuest4: yes

SharonMB: OK

CherylC: yes

TravisR: yo

BretBi: yes

AmoGuest5: ok

SherryB: wait, I

CarolJB: yes

JohnSo: OK

BrendaFa: yes, easier to read!

SherryB: I'm not sure where you are

KimFo: To get Stop 3's web page back, just click on the Return to Tour button again.

JessamineC: that's great!

KimFo: Sherry, see the button in the middle of the control panel.

ChristinLR: great!

KimFo: ok...we have a couple minutes left....one more thing?

JenniferP: what is that Kim

SherryB: got it

KimFo: Click the Itinerary button which is the compass on the left middle of the control panel.

MarianneH: That extended item. is really neat.

JenW: I am sorry if you already gave this information -- but what is the LOAD button for??

KimFo: You should see the narration replaced by the trip itinerary. yes?

ChristinLR: yes

SherryB: got it, thanks

SarahSa: yes

JenniferP: yes

JudySt: yes

KimFo: Load is for people with slow connections...it will attempt to preload pages of the trip.

MarianneH: Are you planning a mac version of the software?

JessamineC: ok

KimFo: ok...to get the narration back for Stop 3, click the Return to Tour button again.

JenniferP: that would be nice to have both versions available.....

KimFo: you can so easily switch between the Itinerary and the narration. The itinerary also allows you to...

KimFo: randomly move around the tour if you want to revisit certain sites.

KimFo: no mac for now....sigh.

SharonMB: Please!

MarianneH . o O ( BIG sigh )

KimFo: click the Exit button and notice you are returned to where you left from....

SarahSa: WOW - good-bye PowerPoint forever

GaryNB: Kim, I'm curious about the files this program generates when we create our own tour. Is the Itin. just one html file. And then some associated gifs with your logo and the navigation icons? I'm assuming we can then upload the programming to our (school) own server for web access.

KimFo laughs

JacobP . o O ( who uses Macs anyways... )

KimFo: Gary, I'll wait around after the class to answer that...if you can wait.

BJ smirks...lots of people, Jacob!

JenW puts hand over JacobP's mouth -- shehhhhh

SherryB: be nice now

MarianneH . o O ( some of us -- a lot )

KimFo: ok, click on the Field Trip List page to return to the list of trips.

KimFo: I want to point out for the high school teachers...some trips for older students.

ChristinLR: yes please :)

GaryNB can wait for Kim, before he heads off to Jeff's session.

KimFo: The Windows on the World is an EXCELLENT trip.

ChristinLR: thanks Kim

KimFo: Well I think I've run out of time here but please stick around to ask your questions ...I'm happy to stay and answer what I can.

JenW: KimFo -- do you know when your next session at Tapped In will be -- I would like to attend

KimFo: Thank you all so much for attending.

BretBi: thanks Kim

JohnSo: Great presentation, Kim!  
KimFo: Jen, it will be Aug. or Sept.  
JudySt: thank you  
KimFo: Thank you John.  
ChristinLR: great job Kim thanks  
JenW: great -- I would love to learn the software  
MarianneH: Thanks, Kim. That is a neat tool.  
CherylC: Thank you Kim :-)  
JohnGuest4: thanks Kim  
JenniferP: thanks for everything Kim  
SherryB: thanks Kim  
KimFo: You are very welcome!  
BrendaFa: Thanks Kim. This was my first Tapped In experience. It was fun!  
HelenK: thanks Kim, enjoyed the session  
LouiseP: I was only here for a short time however I learned a lot. Thank you.  
KimFo: Yay Brenda!!!  
SarahSa: thanks Kim - and thanks to all the tram folks, and to the NAVY  
SusanR: Thanks Kim  
KimFo: Ha ha Sarah!  
KimFo: you're welcome!  
JessamineC: thanks so much - I'm going to explore the site some more!  
SharonMB: thanks Kim. An enjoyable hour.  
BJ: Thanks, Kim. Great as always  
KimFo: Please do email me with any questions.  
JenW: so cool -- Congrats Kim -- it was GREAT  
EllieP: tons of accolades!  
KimFo: You guys are the best!!!!  
KarenL: good job Kim. Thanks!  
KimFo: You are most welcome!  
KimFo: ok, questions???  
KimFo: Gary, can you remind me what you asked.  
GaryNB: Kim, I'm curious about the files this program generates when we create our own tour. Is the Itin. just one html file. And then some associated gifs with your logo and the navigation icons? I'm assuming we can then upload the programming to our (school) own server for web access.  
KimFo: ahhh...right  
KimFo: ok. when you create a tour, the program asks you for a folder name in which to store the files.....  
GaryNB: OK  
KimFo: the folder and files are automatically generated and put there...  
KimFo: you can add your own custom pages through the program interface....and then...  
GaryNB: So all you have to do is move the folder contents... and then link to it.  
KimFo: those pages will be added to the folder automatically as well...  
KimFo: when you upload the tour to a web server, you upload the folder....it's best not to go into the folder as that can screw things up.  
GaryNB: Can you ftp a folder?

KimFo: the folder itself will easily fit on a floppy so you could create a tour at home and then bring it to school, or students could do so...

KimFo laughs FTP is the ONLY way to go.

GaryNB: Sounds easy enough. Thanks,

KimFo: You're welcome!

SarahSa: any special thoughts about preparing trips for older students?

KimFo: Good question....

KimFo: When you say older, what do you mean?

GaryNB: You presented a nice tour for us tonight, Kim. I'm heading out now to another session. Thank you again...

KimFo: Thank you Gary...

SarahSa: university

KimFo: ahhh... sure.

KimFo: When you create a tour for them....think about the sites they would be needing or wanting in their research. so....

KimFo: What subjects might you have in mind, then I can maybe give a better idea.

SarahSa: I haven't given it a lot of thought. I just started making ppt this year, and have been linking concepts to images and URLs - like Domesday book (an ancient tax roll) to ideas on tax base to political and economic commentary

SarahSa: some photos and charts, but not whizzy ocean graphics and maps!!

KimFo: while I'm waiting for your response, I'll say this....you could take any of the subjects in our existing tours...let's take the Women's History trip.. Many of the visited sites would be excellent for a university level student. But perhaps you'd find others to add, or some you'd delete....in many instances it depends on the level of a student, how deeply they may delve into info on any given site.

KimFo: There are so many great political and economic resources on the web. The key is to refine your focus down to what you want to teach and choose sites that will serve your purpose. In my book I give suggestions for creating tours such as how to choose effective sites and more... SarahSa: right - one of the attractions is that it is not the standard one size fits all tour (ppt) but allows exploration & surfing while retaining structure

SarahSa: BOOK - is it advertised on that site (trips>)

KimFo nods when we began this, we saw all the amazing resources available but also the chaos that went with it....hence our desire to create a tool that would allow organization but also encompass exploration.

KimFo: The book info is on the site. <http://www.field-trips.org/book/>

KimFo: oops...it should be [www.tramline.com/book](http://www.tramline.com/book) but they both work :)))

SarahSa: AHHH - the traditional scholar is more comfortable now

KimFo laughs

SarahSa: good old books

KimFo yes, I know what you mean....

SarahSa: Thanks again Kim - I am quite eager to start on the project!

KimFo: You are so welcome Sarah...be sure to email me if you have any other questions. and thanks for attending!

SarahSa: I have to go to bed now - a long day of dreary administrative hearings at school and more to come. Thank you and I will see you at TappedIn

KimFo: ok! Good night.

