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DonnaH waves hello to all and sundry

MichelleRD: Thank You BJ.

BJ waves hi to Donna

DaveWH: How are you guys waving? I don't see anything move.

BJ: Donna, you have a nice eager group for tonight's tech class!

AdrianneH smiles

BJ: Dave, type a colon and the action :waves

DonnaH: great!

DaveWH waves

BJ . o O (virtual body language, Dave ;-)

DonnaH jumps up and down and does the hokey pokey.

BJ cheers for Dave...excellent!

DaveWH: Can't hear you! Clap louder.

DonnaH: Are we all here?

DonnaH: I say we should get started! Lets start with introductions. Introductions help foster a sense of community, and gives me a better idea how best to help those involved in the session:)

DonnaH: My name is Donna Hendry, and I'm the Technology in the classroom Session leader. I'm an educational consultant and teacher in CT.

AdrianneH: Hello all. I'm Adrianne Hunt and I'm an asst prof of ed tech in Lake Charles La.

CathleenH: Hello, My name is Cathleen, I'm a mathematics teacher in Lexington MO, but also an Educational Technology masters student at the Univ. Of MO

StaceyFr: Hello--I am Stacey Franks and I work with a state-level technology project in Missouri

BrendaR: My name is Brenda Ross and I am a graduate student at the University of Missouri pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science.

KatherineH: My name is Katherine Hawks, and I'm a math teacher at Meadowcreek High School in Norcross, GA.

RebeccaBu: Hi! I'm a fourth grade teacher at Warrentville Elementary in SC.

DaveWH: My name is Dave Head, I am a Math Teacher (yeah) in Gainesville GA.

MichelleRD: My name is Michelle Duncan and I am a high school math teacher in Dawson County, GA. I am also working on a Master's Degree in mathematics at North Georgia College.

DonnaH: (if you are having problems following along, please click the arrow next to "actions" in the top righthand corner of your text screen. Scroll down to "detach" and it will enlarge your text window.)

StaceyFr: for those with older eyesite?? :)

BrendaR: Thanks for the tip, Donna.

DaveWH: OF course!

CathleenH: Cool... so Dave, what age level?

DaveWH: I teach secondary and have only been teaching for three years. Like Michelle, I am working on my Masters at North Georgia.

SusanR: Sue Roseman, from Ottawa, Ontario-occasional teacher, tech integrator and presenter here at TI-K to 3 Resources

DonnaH: So by my accounts, we more or less have 2 different master's classes here?

KATHYGst3: I teach jr. high special education in Columbia, Mo.

BJ sympathizes with Stacey

CathleenH: Glad to see you back... Donna, yes it looks as if at least two.

StaceyFr: the heat gets to my cable modem for some reason

DonnaH: it seems to be the "in" thing tonight:)

RebeccaBu: I am getting my master's from USC Aiken in Ed. Tech.

CathleenH: Is this normal? I jumped on this afternoon and I was one of only two people logged on at all

StaceyFr: so....I think we are supposed to talk about technology in the classroom?

DonnaH: Well, normally, we'd jump right into a session:)

BJ: Hi, Scott. We're just finishing up introductions

StaceyFr: *jumping*

DonnaH: (see, Stacey noticed we weren't *laugh*)

StaceyFr: I just want to talk before I loose my Isp again!

ScottS: Hi, sorry I'm late but looking forward to discussions...I'm a social studies teacher in Missouri

StaceyFr: let's here it for Missouri :)

DonnaH: However, that being said, being in here _is_ part of it.

CathleenH woohoos

DonnaH: Because in these sessions I tend to get a very diverse population (my last session was nearly all elem teachers; this week nearly all HS...) I don't often set a topic prior to. So, my question for you is, what would you LIKE to learn about?

StaceyFr: I am really doing a lot of research and work on handheld computing in the classroom

StaceyFr: anyone else interested in that?

DonnaH: by handheld, do you mean like PDA's? or like Alphasmarts?

KATHYGst3: It sounds interesting but I know very little about the topic. Willing to learn..

CathleenH: I'm just interested in how to integrate technology without computers in the room....

StaceyFr: well, the Palm Corp, (after my big training) requests that we not call them PDAs...

StaceyFr: but yes!

ScottS: I use wireless laptops in my classroom and I'm interested in any suggestions anyone has

StaceyFr: that is exactly what we are working on ..

BrendaR: I'm interested to hear some opinions on filtering the internet for students.

CathleenH: Ooh, tough topic, Brenda

StaceyFr: how these powerful little computers can be used for anything a laptop can be used for

DonnaH: *chuckles* really, Stacey. that is new to me:)

DonnaH: I've done lots on Filtering.

KatherineH: I am interested in hearing how people incorporate technology, as far as initial learning , supplementing, testing, etc.

DaveWH: Well, at my school, we only get to use a computer lab once a week sometimes for only 40 minutes. I would like to find out how to keep the knowledge stored in the kids heads to continue a project over a period of time, say a month

BrendaR: Yes, I know...hotly debated right now.

CathleenH: I'm middle school... math... anyone there?

JenW: do you have a computer in your classroom as well, Dave??

StaceyFr: lots of topics!

LindaJC: just came in...what are we discussing?

CathleenH: Dave, how do you like the 40 minutes a week... We have just done away with a 'computers class' for our 7th and 8th graders

DonnaH: Yes! Lets try to pick one or two:)

StaceyFr: I personally would like to see every child have one computer for their use---

1:1, that they have all day, and can take home

JenW: <---like the projects out of the lab topic

DaveWH: The only computer in the classroom is the teachers and students are not allowed on them. Some I guess got into the wrong files.

CathleenH: Stacey, is that for HS level?

LindaJC: 1:1 is great...but if you are having \$ problems like in Missouri, the \$ is just not there...

JenW: wow DaveWH -- do you teach at my school????? LOL

KATHYGst3: How would school fund personal lap tops? Is there any grant money available?

StaceyFr: every level---but in Missouri we have it 2nd grade up

StaceyFr: not laptops...handheld computers

StaceyFr: 200 or less per child...some less than 100 dollars

ScottS: I agree Stacey, I think it would be really neat if every student had their own laptop and they had all of their books on CD's or ebooks...a paperless environment.

CathleenH: So, each kid has a Palm, Stacey, do they pay for them themselves?

DonnaH: so Stacey, you think that handhelds will make it more economically feasible for each student to have a computer?

StaceyFr: yes, very much breaks that digital divide

StaceyFr: schools are paying for them in the districts we are working with

StaceyFr: but some are out pilots, we helped pay for them

DonnaH: how much training do you think teachers will need for the students to really be using them?

StaceyFr: it is amazing what other states have done already with these

LindaJC: and how do you regulate what the student uses them for?

LindaJC: or is that even possible?

DonnaH: or do you need to?

KATHYGst3: Can the pilots really perform the basic operations of a regular computer?

StaceyFr: we just had a big state-wide conference on HHs... training is available... but like everything, the teachers/admins have to want it

DonnaH: well, lets think what do students mainly use computers for in school?

LindaJC: aren't they harder to work on than a laptop or pc?

StaceyFr: yes, go to <http://www.learninginhand.com> and see what he does with them

CathleenH: My husband just went to the assistant technology administrator thingy held by Success Link on Palms...

KatherineH: Dave, I have found it easier to do projects in the lab that only take one class period, such as an internet scavenger hunt or a single lesson using Geometer's Sketchpad.

JenW: Our students use the computer for graphic design, publishing, internet use

StaceyFr: word processing, net access, graphing calculator... animations,

StaceyFr: another great site is www.goknow.com

CathleenH: Does everyone out there have a separate computers class.. and then gets to take their kids to the lab.. or you have enough computers in your room?

JenW: databasing, word processing

DonnaH: (please feel free to click on the url to see what she's talking about, but come back so you don't miss the discussion!

JenW: <-----teaches the computer lab

StaceyFr: mind mapping

KATHYGst3: Can they handle applications such as Microsoft Publisher or PowerPoint?

JenW: outlining, spreadsheeting, presentations, LOL -- should I continue

StaceyFr: and all of the programs we use are freeware

MichelleRD: How do you incorporate computers into the classroom if you only have one computer for the students and one for the teacher

DaveWH: I like to use the Geometer's Sketchpad, but for some of the students once a week for constructing is not enough for them to remember the directions to do them.

KatherineH: Cathleen, I have a lab I can take me students to which is only for math classes.

CathleenH: Jen, you are talking about PalmPilots?

StaceyFr: yes, they can do powerpoint,

ScottS: In social studies, students use the computer to look up primary and secondary sources, author web pages on history topics, or develop Power Point presentations.

StaceyFr: but it is not good for graphics...

JenW: CathleenH -- I was very disappointed when we tried Palm Pilots

CathleenH: Katherine... that would be very cool.

JenW: I am talking straight computer use

StaceyFr: what did you try them for Jen? and where?

CathleenH: Jen, okay, I jumped somewhere and got a little lost.

JenW: We got a 1 classroom set to try out.....

DonnaH: That's okay, Cathleen, I'm a past master in this environment, and I just got lost:)

CathleenH: Okay, trying to get back in... a 1 classroom set of what?

KATHYGst3: Can the pilots be hooked up to a video data projector and internet?

JenW: of palm pilots

CathleenH smiles

KatherineH: Dave, I don't know what type of materials you have at your school, but what I have always used is a step by step instruction sheet out of a Geometer's Sketchpad lab

manual. It seems to help the students remember what to do.

StaceyFr: yes, projector, yes wireless internet

StaceyFr: Jen--what did you use them for...what disappointed you?

JenW: I am sure that there is a GREAT more we could have done with them -- but they ended up being just instant message devices with the beaming option

DonnaH: Stacey, with the wireless internet, how do they filter it?

JenW: We used them for several things -- word processing, data collecting and analysis

BrendaR: Or should they filter it?...

SusanR: I heard about one prof who beamed his lecture or notes to the students (they all had PDAs) and then asked for feedback or responses....

KATHYGst3: Can they still save work to the schools networked space?

DonnaH: That really, (sadly) isn't a point. Its a federal law that schools must have some sort of filtering system, or lose their federal funding.

StaceyFr: yes, they should filter--but I would imagine any wireless environment can be filtered, with the right software..

JenW: Donna -- its the CIPA law.....

DaveWH: I may try that or review instructions in the class before we go to the lab.

LindaJC: yes, I thought filtering was a must, also.

DonnaH: Thanks Jen.

JenW: We use CYBERSITTER

StaceyFr: Jen...I am really curious why this was a disappointment..

DonnaH: I get lost in the alphabet soup sometimes.

StaceyFr: I am doing research on it and need feedback from places where it did not work

JenW: Stacey -- our students were beaming each other and not staying on task

LindaJC: that doesn't surprise me at all...

DaveWH: What is beaming

CathleenH: Can you make them turn off the beams?

StaceyFr: like passing notes...

DonnaH: Virtual note passing.

StaceyFr: couldnt that just be classroom management?

JenW: LOL -- but not about what WE were discussing

StaceyFr: yes, you can turn off beam

JenW: LOL -- Stacey, it could be classroom management

LindaJC: what kind of controls does the instructor have over the PDA use?

DonnaH: My guess, Cathleen, that if you did that, you wouldn't be able to do things like going online either.

BrendaR: Yes, I understand the need to have filters or lose fed. funding. From a librarian's perspective, I am all too aware of the problems associated with that. The software is so bad right now, it prevents students from accessing some potentially useful information.

StaceyFr: the control is on the student hh, and what the teacher puts on it...

DonnaH: especially when dealing with things like health issues.

BrendaR: Yes.

StaceyFr: LOL

DonnaH: We use Bess, and some students were doing research on Marijuana use...

StaceyFr: our site was blocked

DonnaH: we couldn't get hardly anything...

KatherineH: Is there anyway an override could be done on a filter for such cases?

StaceyFr: a state funded tax payers money site!

CathleenH: I get blocked out of SuccessLink lessons sometimes

BrendaR: The Archie R. Dykes library in Kansas City is one that gets blocked, as well.

JenW: Yes, KatherineH -- you can always override filtered sites

LindaJC: you can over-ride, but be ready for the backlash if a parent gets angry...

JenW: but you need to visit them first to take off the block

MichelleRD: We also use Bess and some useful math sites are blocked and I am not sure why.

DonnaH: which is sad, since the kids could always go to Cartoon Network, and play the games there.

StaceyFr: Jen--if you all want to do more with the handhelds---call us, we are providing training and help...

JenW: A Lot of filters block JAVA scripting

DonnaH: With Bess, there is a way to put a site in to be "unblocked"

JenW: StaceyFr -- we returned them, thank you. Perhaps in the future

StaceyFr: good thing the company let you return them....

DonnaH: When my site was on geocities, I got them to unblock it....they can also block things if you come across inappropriate material as well.

JenW: we were a "pilot" case :)

DonnaH: eeeeeeeewwwwwwwwwwwwwww bad pun, jen.

LindaJC: how many students and hh were in the pilot case and what did the cost breakdown come to?

StaceyFr: it is about 7,000 per classroom, with keyboards

StaceyFr: M130s....

JenW: we had 28 and they were free (on loan)

LindaJC: but, if you had decided to purchase...

DaveWH: Did any break while they were on loan?

CathleenH: Jen- how did you manage that? I mean, get them?

DonnaH: That's my question, Dave.

JenW: Smiles -- honest everyone, you just have to ASK (nicely) of course

StaceyFr: We have about 400 out now....and so far only 2 to my knowledge have broken....

RebeccaBu: how do you remove the block?

CathleenH: What age level, Stacey?

JenW: when you are at conferences, go to a PDA demonstration and get to know the rep

DonnaH: I find that a lot of the problems with the pieces are how often they break.

MichelleRD: Where did you go to get them and what training did the faculty get?

StaceyFr: 2nd through HS...but my fav spot is 5th grade after emints

StaceyFr: the kids after emints really need SOMETHING

LindaJC: do they remain the property of the school then or do the students keep them?

DaveWH: What is emints

DonnaH: if I remember right...when you go to the site, and bess blocks it, you can click on it...and it asks if you want to block a site, or unblock a site...you type in the URL and your email...they look into it.

DonnaH: but its been a while since I've had to look at a Bess screen, I can't tell for certain anymore:(

StaceyFr: www.emints.org (I THINK) it is a great project in MO...technology rich classrooms

BrendaR: So unblocking takes time...maybe 24 hour turnaround time or so?

JenW: <====haven't used Bess

JenW: Brenda -- with cybersitter, it just takes seconds to unblock a site

RebeccaBu: ok, thanks, that's what I thought. I've tried that but no one will respond back.

LindaJC: emints is terrific

DonnaH: When I had them do it, probably closer to 36...cuz they have a real person (actually committee) review it.

StaceyFr: emints has wonderful training, wonderful equipment

LindaJC: great resources, too

BrendaR: Interesting.

KATHYGst3: Emints are classrooms that are infused with technology and provide technology support. Computer for every child, data projector , etc.

DonnaH: ooooh sounds like my type of class.

StaceyFr: the state of Missouri helps to fund it

DaveWH: Is it only in the "show me state"

StaceyFr: provides

RebeccaBu: our "committee" is very slow, to say the least.

StaceyFr: they are trying to get it nation wide--there has been interest

JenW: I have been impressed by EMints

MichelleRD: How do you get more information on obtaining Emints for a class

StaceyFr: let me check the website....I may not have it right

CathleenH: Linda, did you realize not everyone can get to be emints... if you are too poor but not at a bad poverty level you are just out of luck

DonnaH: (I have vaguely heard of it before...I think they did some training here.)

JenW: I have the site StaceyFR if you need it

DaveWH: Is the site www.emints.org? it came up in blue.

BrendaR: The URL for emints is <http://emints.more.net>

StaceyFr: emints.more.net

LindaJC: sad stuff...that is why I was saying earlier that 1:1 computer access is great, but not financially feasible, especially now with all the State budget problems.

StaceyFr: sorry!

DonnaH: Obviously everyone here at least attempts using technology. How many of you find your colleagues just won't use the technology?

StaceyFr: yes, budgets are so tough right now..

StaceyFr: but our state MO is better than many...

DonnaH: (tell me, I'm jobless)

LindaJC: yes, MO is better than many. have friends in Illinois and it is horrid there.

CathleenH raises hand to Donna's inquiry

BrendaR: In my profession, (librarian) you don't last long if you refuse to use the technology.

ScottS: Schools could use textbook money and put it toward laptops/palms instead, students could access books online...some books are already doing this.

StaceyFr: yes, Scott...they are but they are worried about copyright, they will catch up!

DonnaH: except that the publishing houses charge fees to access the books.

LindaJC: good idea, but even my online classes require 1-2 textbooks per class (not online!).

KatherineH: At my previous school, many teachers refused to try technology. They were content with books and paper and didn't need anything else.

CathleenH: Can computers be used as textbook money?

DaveWH: Some of the older teachers are hesitant to enter that domain but our lab stays busy for the week. Also, we work together to change the schedule that has been given out. You know swap a day.

KATHYGst3: Online textbooks can be easily accessed by screen readers for special ed.

StaceyFr: if it is less than 1000 in Missouri it can be considered "materials" not "equipment"

ScottS: Schools can purchase a copyright license for the entire class.

LindaJC: don't you think time is part of the problem. so many teachers are swamped time-wise that computer training can be overwhelming.

DonnaH: (or the entire school)

CathleenH: Linda, we are thinking of doing it during a plan period here or there... the training...

StaceyFr: and they need the training when they will use it, not months ahead of time, or behind the time..

LindaJC: good idea.

DonnaH: most of the teachers I hear say they can do just as well with paper/chalk board...so why do they have to use the computer just cuz it's cool.

MichelleRD: We had several inservice sessions with our laptops and the teachers who were hesitant at least used them in our inservice sessions.

BJ . o O (it's nice if you can do pd online in Tapped In)

LindaJC: unfortunately, the mind game can be bogging, too. the "teacher must know it all" still keeps many teachers in their same old routines.

StaceyFr: so true...let the kids be the experts....

ScottS: The Internet gives students access to so many things that they can't access in a textbook or through a lecture.

StaceyFr: like primary source documents

CathleenH: or through a teacher

JeanneR: do you think the internet can ever replace text though?

ScottS: Plus the computer encourages constructivist learning.

KatherineH: I think that kids like computers and what that like tends to help them learn. That it is why it is important to incorporate computers in the classroom.

DonnaH: no. I don't think so.

KATHYGst3: I read an article that we average 14% of our paid time for planning.

Overseas the average is 40%. I really feel like I have no planning time.

LindaJC: what about virtual tours and webquests? so many great learning tools

DaveWH: Also, some households still don't have computers so hard copies would still have to be bought and buying in bulk is cheaper than individually.

BJ . o O (if you're interested in primary source documents, make sure you participate in the Library of Congress discussion on July 31)

JenW: DaveWH -- we recycle our computers out to our kids homes without computers
StaceyFr: true, especially elem teachers have little or no planning time
JenW: our "older" computers
DonnaH: Dave, but what if a student could sign out their hand held to bring home with them for homework?
JeanneR: some of my students don't even know how to use an encyclopedia, but they know a lot more about using the internet
LindaJC: recycling is a great idea...
StaceyFr: great idea Jen
BJ: Bernie Dodge leads a monthly discussion on Webquests in TI
JeanneR: is this a good thing?
MichelleRD: Jen W- what a neat idea!
JenW: Smiles -- it was better than trashing them
StaceyFr: do you refurb them Jen?
JenW: StaceyFR -- NO, we just reformatted (wiped them entirely) reinstalled the Windows CD that came with the machine and passed it on.
StaceyFr: I need all the help I can get on webquests--now that we have to CREATE one for this class:)
CathleenH: I wish I knew about Mr/Dr Dodge before my webquest was due!
StaceyFr: geee..
DaveWH: Great idea, does somebody have to clean out the harddrive before it is given to them and who decides who gets the computer?
JenW: StaceyFR -- I love WebQuests ----
StaceyFr: it's not due in our class until next Sunday..right?
JenW: DaveWH -- we have a waiting list where the parents can sign up
CathleenH: The 28th
KatherineH: Speaking of having computers at home, do any of you work for school systems that issue teachers laptops?
MichelleRD: Do the students return the computers at the end of the year?
CathleenH: No, but have you heard about the laptop foundation?
JenW: DaveWH -- we only give lab computers -- so there isn't much data on it that we have to worry about. We would NEVER give out an office computer
JeanneR: no, I don't, but some neighboring counties issue them to their teachers
KATHYGst3: We have a couple of laptops that can be checked out.
DonnaH has
StaceyFr: that is a great idea..
LindaJC: have a friend who works for U of I and she is issued a laptop--not exactly k-12, though.
MichelleRD: I work for a school that furnishes laptops for all of the teachers.
StaceyFr: what about tablet PCs? anyone think they will be the next replacement for laptops??
JenW: we do NOT ask that the computers be returned -- LOL -- that's why we gave them away
CathleenH: My husband's district has a laptop that people can check out... but it is not checked out often.
SusanR: we have a number of private schools...the price of the laptop is built into the

tuition

JenW: StaceyFr -- I don't believe Tablet PC's are going to become a hit for about 5 years

JenW: LOL -- and you can quote me

StaceyFr: expensive!

JeanneR: Our school did buy us all brand new Gateways last year, which was great . . . laptops might have been better

KatherineH: What is the laptop foundation?

StaceyFr: but really functional (typing on one right now..wirelessly on my bed...life is so cool)

JenW: Stacey -- so you have an external keyboard attached??

CathleenH: it is a website I heard about... you sign up and they have a drawing every month to give a laptop to a teacher... I'll have to try to find the URL

StaceyFr: no---it has one built in, the screen swivels...it is a toshiba

JenW: ahhhh -- thanks

JeanneR: CathleenH--That would be great

StaceyFr: so who has written a webquest and how do you start?

JenW: <---has written several webquests.

DaveWH: How often to you change the lab computers out? We just added a wing to the old school (population growth) and got new computers. The company came back last year to change out some cards to hopefully make them stop freezing up so often. So we won't need new ones for a while. Who pays for the new computers in the lab?

CathleenH: Ya, but I've been on the list for about 3 years and haven't gotten my name pulled yet.. there are probably millions of teachers on the list

DonnaH: okay...I feel behind the times...a "tablet pc?"

JenW: <http://www.webquest.org/>

ScottS left the room.

StaceyFr: tablet pc --- you can write on it with a pen, like a pencil and paper....

CathleenH: Stacey, mine is done... wanna check it out...

<http://tiger.coe.missouri.edu/~cahvdc>

JenW: Our school uses our MAGAZINE sale money (approx \$14,000) each year for the lab

LindaJC: Is it fairly easy to design a WebQuest once you have all your info and links?

StaceyFr: yes Cathleen! thanks!

CathleenH: Let me know what you think

DonnaH: "its not bad, Linda...I've done one as well.

JeanneR: My school is a Title I school, and we use a lot of our funds on technology

StaceyFr: going there now Cathleen

JeanneR: We have four computer labs--all w/ relatively new computers

CathleenH: Linda, I thought it would be hard... but once you get the idea and the links... it is a piece of cake

DonnaH needs to move.:(

JenW: there are web templates at <http://www.webquest.org/>

JenW: webquest templates

StaceyFr: that is HUGE Cathleen--did you use the template..it looks super!

CathleenH: Yes, the templates were very helpful...

LindaJC: Your WebQuest looked great...simple and complete. Opened quickly...nice.

DonnaH thinks a solid idea is the hard part
CathleenH: Thanks... yes, used the template and FrontPage
StaceyFr: thanks for the template Jen--the one on our assignment had a broken link
DonnaH: (or netscape composer)
JenW grins or Dreamweaver
CathleenH: first time for FrontPage... I'm used to writing html but when I opened the template I almost crocked
LindaJC: yeah--Dreamweaver--don't I wish I had access to that!!
MichelleRD joined the room.
DonnaH: Actually, frontpage creates really really bloated code.
CathleenH: Oops... that is all I had..
LindaJC: what do you mean by "bloated" code?
DonnaH: Dreamweaver makes the cleanest code of a wysiwyg...with composer being between the two.
JeanneR: which is better Dreamweaver or Frontpage?
StaceyFr: I heard that Donna..but isnt it better now
CathleenH: Well, I could have gotten Composer, but it didn't look easy to use
JenW: Jeanne -- THAT is the question LOL
StaceyFr: Dreamweaver, you can condense the code
StaceyFr: I still like good old homesite...
JenW: I love Dreamweaver, but I can use GoLive and Front Page as well
DonnaH: bloated means it adds a whole load of crap that doesn't really need to be in there, so it makes it a bigger file than it needs to be.
JeanneR: I had a hard time understanding Dreamweaver when I tried to use it
StaceyFr: been using it since 1996
JenW: but DW is my preferred web editor
CathleenH: free demo?
DonnaH: I've gotten to the point of writing most of my own code.
StaceyFr: but Donna, if you are putting it on the university server, it does not matter too much that it is bloated
LindaJC: I've always done strict html coding by myself, so using a program to help will be very different.
JenW: yes, Cathleen -- free demo
JenW: www.macromedia.com
CathleenH: thanks
DonnaH: yes and no. it can load slower, if there is a bug in it somewhere, its harder to find...
CathleenH: Linda, I was that way too... but when I looked at the template code.. I was a little worried
LindaJC: makes sense...
StaceyFr: frontpage has a lot of free templates for download too..
JenW: and if you contact Macromedia -- they will extend the 45 day trial version for educators
CathleenH: Cools, Jen you are full of info!!
JeanneR: JenW--that's great to know
JenW: LOL -- remember YOU JUST HAVE TO ASK

DonnaH: and the more code in it, the more its possible it isn't viewed the right way on different browsers.

LindaJC: that's not always true...

MichelleRD: What is the web site for macromedia?

JenW: www.macromedia.com

DaveWH: Well here is a question, What does LOL mean?

JenW: laugh out loud -- sorry, DaveWH

StaceyFr: I think it has gotten a lot better over the years--dreamweaver is almost pure now..

CathleenH laughs out loud

LindaJC: sometimes more code makes it a tighter design and looks better on a variety of computers and browsers.

StaceyFr: and it is still a wysiwyg

DonnaH: (if we like freebies...past session I did...but here...all the sites are listed:<http://www.backflip.com/members/donnamh/12073469/page=1/sort=0/linksppP>)

CathleenH: Well, my color scheme isn't what it was on my laptop, but I guess it will do

JenW: DaveWH -- okay with wysiwyg???

LindaJC: colors are different on every monitor (in my opinion).

BJ: what you see is what you get

StaceyFr: but, I do think it is FUNNER to just code in notepad....like a puzzle

DaveWH: With what?

StaceyFr: what you see is what you get

DonnaH: it's also a matter of where you took your colors from...

JenW: I think the BIG issue with Web editors right now is making sure you get the resolution viewable.

JenW: I tend to build for 800X600 but use a 17" monitor --

JenW: but THAT"S a whole different session

NancyLL left the room.

DonnaH: if you pick out of the set you're given, you're usually okay...its when you create a color that it might not be viewed correctly.

LindaJC: Unfortunately, I tend to like the rather odd colors and they normally don't go well with a wide variety of situations.

DonnaH nods

NancyLL joined the room.

StaceyFr: true Jen, our webbie built an elastic waistband on our site for big screens!

JeanneR: I have a question about placing pictures from digital cameras on websites

JenW: StaceyFr -- site please???

StaceyFr: *that is really what he called it*

JeanneR: what is a good resolution to use--pixel size, etc?

LindaJC: too funny...

DonnaH: The first time I created my website, it was this lovely lavender mauve color...until I checked it in a library in another state, and it looked like a dark barf green...*shudder*

StaceyFr: it is something in dreamweaver, he made the color band at the top of our screen expandable

LindaJC: 72 dpi so that it loads quickly

JenW: Jeanne??? for photos or web design??
DonnaH: anything bigger, and it doesn't look any different anyway.
DonnaH: (about the dpi)
JeanneR: for clarity in the photos that are posted on a web page
JenW: ahhhh -- yes 72dpi
JeanneR: THANKS!
LindaJC: also, using thumbnails and allowing the viewer to choose if they want to view a larger version is really a good rule of thumb, also.
DonnaH: photos on the web will not show any clearer than 72dpi anyway.
StaceyFr: yes, I love thumbnails, then you don't have to see everything you don't want to see
StaceyFr: can you tell I am typing on my stomach?
JenW: <----I hate making thumbnails -- but the dreamweaver photoalbum can do that for me now
StaceyFr)
LindaJC: and it loads soooo much quicker
JeanneR: Thanks for the advice!
DonnaH: hey, Jen, how is dreamweaver with cascading style sheets?
LindaJC: that's when photoshop comes in handy--so easy to change the size of a pic
CathleenH: does anyone use any of these editors for student use?
JenW: DonnaH ---- WONDERFUL!!!
JenW: changed my life when I learned to CSS using Dreamweaver
JenW: CathleenH -- I hate to admit it -- but my kids still code by hand using Notepad
StaceyFr: We use dreamweaver, and now we bought contribute--so the secretaries can change just their pages...makes life easy for the webbie...
DonnaH: I have 3 friends teaching me CSS...but they're die hards...coding by hand...and I'm really slow with it...but at least I can do it.
JenW: and sometimes -- Publisher. :)
CathleenH: I think that is a good way to do it Jen
JenW: Donna H -- if you need help -- Just yell.
JenW: Cathleen -- in 7th grade we jump to Dreamweaver
LindaJC: are you guys in group 1 or 2?
StaceyFr: group 1
LindaJC: me, too...
CathleenH: But how much do they know already using notepad only
JenW: Cathleen -- they spend 6th grade in straight coding
CathleenH: in 410?? I never remember
LindaJC: hahahaha...guess we all will be doing interesting evals tonight on the discussion board!
StaceyFr: I came here from your post Linda...:)
DonnaH: Well, I hate to cut short such a vibrant discussion, but our time is done!
JenW: so when they get to Dreamweaver, they are singing with joy!!!
CathleenH: can we stay and chat?
LindaJC: well, glad somebody read my notes! :-)
BJ: When is your next Tech in the Classroom event, Donna?
JenW: <----would like to stay and chat a while

StaceyFr: ahh..we are getting kicked out!
CathleenH: I was excited, Linda, to see that someone else was going to be here...
DonnaH: Ummm lemme check if someone else is coming in here...Bj?
BJ . o O (of course you can stay and chat!)
JenW: we will turn the lights out when we are done
CathleenH: btw, I saw the second know.
DonnaH: (if so you can always move to my office:))
StaceyFr: yes, I did not have to check the schedule because you posted linda!
BJ . o O (nothing scheduled in the ASO for tonight)
JenW: or my office -- no one has ever visited my office yet
CathleenH: oops... second note
DonnaH: However... I have some work I need to accomplish.
DaveWH: enjoyed the chat everybody! Thanks for all the info.
LindaJC: I did finally figure out the calendar and that you can change it for the time zone you are in.
DonnaH: ya know Bj, i don't know when the next one is?
BJ: Thanks, Donna, for leading this discussion
CathleenH: Thanks Donna
JeanneR: Thanks everyone--I enjoyed the conversation
LindaJC: easy to do...just figuring it out...
BrendaR: Yes, it has been very informative.
LindaJC: yes, thanks, Donna...
StaceyFr: thanks everyone...I guess I should pay attention to my husband now...
BJ: The next Tech in the Classroom event is on Aug. 11
SusanR: Interesting issues, thanks Donna
CathleenH: Thanks BJ
JeanneR left the room (signed off).
JenW: great class Donna
MichelleRD: Thanks Donna I enjoyed learning that there is so much technology to be discussed
JenW: StaceyFr -- you are with PDA??
StaceyFr: Successlink
StaceyFr: In Missouri
DonnaH: Night!
DonnaH left the room.
JenW: I love what they are doing with Tech in MO -- and also Georgia
LindaJC: am heading to Blackboard...talk to you all later. g'night.
CathleenH: I'd better get going too.. have a three year old at home with dad
StaceyFr: thanks Jen---we have good support.. :) nice meeting you!
JenW: EMints highlighted some one of my online projects last year -- that is how I learned about them
StaceyFr: nighty night...
JenW: night