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JeffC: If we have predominantly the same crowd... perhaps people could download Real Player if they didn't have it already... and you could launch into another demo...

MichaelHo: Sure..that would be great.

JeffC: <http://www.real.com/freeplayer/?rppr=rnwk>

MichaelHo: So..everybody, let's just take the time now to make sure we are all set for the system, then I'll just talk to you in a live lecture.

MichaelHo: You can actually hear my voice and see me writing.

JeffC: Carla, Sonya, and Jackie... have you downloaded the appropriate Real Player for yourselves?

JackieAM: I'm working on seeing if I can see the demo I can.

MichaelHo: Good job Jackie!

MichaelHo: If that is playing, you can just push stop and you are ready for the live.

JackieAM: Ok how do I get the live.

MichaelHo: How about the rest of you?

MichaelHo: I'll tell you when to click the Live ASO Lecture link in my office.

MichaelHo: I'm not sending out a live lecture right now.

MichaelHo: So if you click that it will tell you No File Found!

JackieAM: OK now I understand. I think.

MichaelHo: Think of that link in my office as a hose. The live lecture is the water coming out of it. But I don't have the tap on now.

JackieAM: OK. Teach me some math, opps, I mean biology.

MichaelHo: I'll turn it on when we are all ready....right Jackie!

JackieAM: Great.

MichaelHo: How is it going Sonya and Carla?

MichaelHo: You can make sure you are set up by testing my Demo Lecture in my office Links area. If that starts playing, you are all set.

SonyaF: Lost Sorry

SonyaF: I see it just say when

MichaelHo: Ok..good job Sonya!

CarlaGst7: I'll be signing off now. Thank you!

MichaelHo: Just push stop on that one then Sonya.

CarlaGst7 left the room (signed off).

MichaelHo: Ok...bye Carla.

MichaelHo: Ready Sonya and Jackie?

SonyaF: Yup

JackieAM: ok

MichaelHo: Okey Dokey!

MichaelHo: Go ahead and click the ASO Live Lecture Link!

MichaelHo: Let me know if you are in by typing ok or something like that.

JackieAM: I'm here

BJ: I'm in

SonyaF: I hear you

SonyaF: Yup

JackieAM: yup

JackieAM: Talk to me about the technology involved here. What did you buy to be able to do this? Was it pricey?

SonyaF: This is the coolest thing

BJ: sound was excellent, Michael

JackieAM: Sound is excellent.

MichaelHo: Hi all...

MichaelHo: back in text mode again.

MichaelHo: Do I sound like I type?

SonyaF: What has been the reaction from schools as far as purchasing the software? Are they for it?

SonyaF: Or do they view it as an excessive expense?

MichaelHo: I've talked mainly to Independent Study programs in CA and some homeschool alternative schools so far.

MichaelHo: And they like it a lot.

MichaelHo: (I should mention that we are finishing our first year of operation..still pretty new!)

MichaelHo: Great way for kids to learn.

JackieAM: Boy this was great. Sorry I have to go. I'll be sharing this info with my friend the grant writer and also our Louisiana Virtual School people. Thanks again.

MichaelHo: You bet.

MichaelHo: Nice to have you here Jackie.

SonyaF: This would be good for students who want to interact in tutorials over the summer or maybe a Prep Class for SAT.

MichaelHo: Absolutely Sonya.

SonyaF: Even a way to have summer school class

MichaelHo: In fact, I was thinking I would offer summer courses this year in science...SAT prep or

MichaelHo: AP biology lectures.

JackieAM: I really enjoyed it. Talk to you later.

MichaelHo: By Jackie...keep in touch!

MichaelHo: Bye.

MichaelHo: (bad typing today for me!)

MichaelHo: Sonya...

BJ: Correctional facilities might be interested in your program, Michael

JackieAM left the room.

MichaelHo: Good thought BJ!

JeffC: back

MichaelHo: Indeed, my wonderful friend Beth works with kids who are in detention or just getting out....

SonyaF: Would the lectures just be for students, I would love to interact in a Prep lecture for my certification

MichaelHo: Sonya...

JeffC: I have an interview with a correctional facility on Thursday... running a computer lab for the students there.

MichaelHo: I'm now starting to work on talking to folks who might want prof. dev.

MichaelHo: Like you!

MichaelHo: I could give university quality lectures in biology.

MichaelHo: Cool Jeff....I'll be interested in what they have.

MichaelHo: Real need for out of area teachers to get some certification, right Sonya?

MichaelHo: Especially with NCLB.

SonyaF: Right

MichaelHo: You are in CA Sonya? Is that right?

MichaelHo: I forget.

SonyaF: Nope Houston, Texas yee haw

MichaelHo: Ooops....sorry.

MichaelHo: I'll be down in Tejas this May for the Rethinking Education Conference, just a by the way.

MichaelHo: But, anyway, yes...this could be great for teachers wanting professional development and certification.

MichaelHo: I can connect to them directly and give them the high quality instruction they need. Easy!

SonyaF: Distance Education too

MichaelHo: Yes...schools can use this system for delivering distance ed...is that what you mean?

SonyaF: Yes, this would be a good way to do online classes

MichaelHo: Right. That is indeed the point. To do online learning in a way that respects the role of the teacher/knowledge expert.

MichaelHo: And the needs of the learner!

MichaelHo: And you should see it at work when I hold live office hours online on PersonalProfessors.com

SonyaF: I am in an online course this semester where we link assignments to our website for posting. They call it Online discussions but not quite like this

MichaelHo: Jeff told me about a new conferencing type product that just came out, and last week I had live office hours for the first time with it with students in NY and Oregon.

MichaelHo: I was talking live with them and doing genetics problems, they were helping each other out...it was great.

MichaelHo: Yeah Sonya....that's using the Web as fancy mail....not revolutionary in my opinion.

MichaelHo: But, that is the direction most online learning systems seem to have gone...don't ask me why.....I'll go off on a long polysyllabic diatribe!

SonyaF: I agree but convenient with a three year old

JeffC: The software is called ASAP... you can download a free 15 day trial from <http://asap.convoq.com/Help/Viewlets/getstart/getstart.swf>

MichaelHo: Yes...posting assignments that way is convenient, no doubt. But it is essentially the century old correspondence school model.

MichaelHo: I think the Web has much more to offer than that.

MichaelHo: Like what I showed you today, and what we are doing now, and what my conferencing system allows.

MichaelHo: In fact, I make a point to tell people we have no text content....just context.

MichaelHo: I think that captures our values succinctly.

MichaelHo: Thanks for posting the link Jeff.

BJ: Michael, did you mention anything about bandwidth and highspeed connections?

BJ: I'm on dialup and heard you clearly...

BJ: but you did drop out once and the buffer had to reload

MichaelHo: Yes, BJ....I should have said something about that....

SonyaF: I experienced the same

MichaelHo: I intentionally found a tool that can be used with low-bandwidth, precisely because most people can not receive high-bandwidth stuff...

MichaelHo: and I encode at 56k.....your modem speed.

BJ nods. Thanks.

MichaelHo: So a little buffering at 5:00 on the West coast is not bad at all...there is a huge surge in Internet usage at that time...and the Internet as whole gets a bit

MichaelHo: bogged down

MichaelHo: But...the voice quality is surprisingly good, isn't it?

SonyaF: Yes

MichaelHo: And the writing comes across nicely too, eh?

SonyaF: Yes

MichaelHo: Pretty powerful tool, I think. Most people's jaws drop when they first see it!:))

BJ: yes, the sound quality and the whiteboard feature were very good

SonyaF: Mine did, I was telling everyone here in the lab to come and see as you demonstrated

MichaelHo: That's funny!

MichaelHo: Yeah..my brother even once attended a lecture in a car on I-80 traveling across Iowa!

MichaelHo: He had a wireless connection.

MichaelHo: And wasn't driving!!

MichaelHo: Thankfully.

SonyaF: Everyone was impressed

SusanR joined the room.

MichaelHo: That's nice. It really works well.

SonyaF: Hi Susan

MichaelHo: Hi Susan.

SusanR enters quietly

SusanR: Hi

MichaelHo waves

SonyaF: Can you show Susan what we are talking about real quick?

MichaelHo: Susan..we did a demonstration of my online instructional system.

SusanR: Greetings

SusanR: Thanks

MichaelHo: Sure...do you have a minute?

SusanR: Can I explore on my own after the session?

MichaelHo: You bet Susan.

SusanR: Do I need a password?

MichaelHo: And you can just contact me directly..I'd be happy to give you live demo.

SusanR: Thank you

MichaelHo: To get into our site you do, but I can give you a live demo, or you can see the archived demo on our homepage....www.personalprofessors.com

SusanR: got it

MichaelHo: So...Sonya....what did you say you do now?

MichaelHo: I'm sorry for forgetting..

MichaelHo: But at least I pronounced your name correctly!

MichaelHo: Not a hard one, admittedly. But still...

SonyaF: I am a supervisor for a Dispatch Center at the moment

SonyaF: Working on my B.S., only a few classes to go

MichaelHo: Excellent.

MichaelHo: And you are taking an online class?

MichaelHo: Correct?

SonyaF: Right

MichaelHo: Would this approach be of use to you do you think?

SonyaF: It is harder than I thought it would be

MichaelHo: Yeah..generally the case with folks who take online classes. I heard that many times.

MichaelHo: I've heard that, I mean.

SonyaF: This would be a much better approach, I am also taking a class by DVD

MichaelHo: Good. Thanks for your feedback.

SonyaF: I have learned discipline this semester I have to say

BJ: Michael, we just have a few more minutes left. Any last comments or questions?

MichaelHo: Yes...a primary outcome of online learning!!

MichaelHo: Thanks BJ....

JeffC: Thank you very much Michael for sharing.

MichaelHo: Susan any questions I can answer for you? Or comments?

MichaelHo: Sure Jeff...thanks for your able assistance.

MichaelHo: And you too BJ.

MichaelHo: And you too Sonya and Susan.

JeffC: I'd like to remind Sonya and Susan to join the Science Resources and Math Resources groups here.

BJ: Thank you, Michael!

SusanR: just browsing for the moment.

JeffC: A transcript from these sessions will be there... as well as links and other resources.

SonyaF: Thanks for your time Michael

MichaelHo: You are very welcome.

JeffC: . o O (Susan is already a member of both!)

MichaelHo: What does that symbol mean...I can't figure it out.

MichaelHo: Is that a thought bubble?

JeffC: That's a "think" bubble... type: /think (whatever)

SonyaF: cute

MichaelHo: Ok...!

BJ smiles...we're deep thinkers in Tapped In!

SusanR: Thanks, Michael. I will check the Live ASO lecture

MichaelHo: That is cute..I'll have to remember it!

BJ . o O (this is a deep thought)

MichaelHo: Susan..that's no longer live.

BJ waves goodnight

MichaelHo: Try the archived demo lecture in my links or on the site.

SusanR . o O (I see)

MichaelHo: Good night BJ!

SusanR: will do

MichaelHo: Cool.

MichaelHo: See you all later.

MichaelHo: Thanks again.