



SMART CLASS
SYMPOSIUM



Symposium LIVE

***Digital Language Lab System
uses only single Teacher Computer***



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The Symposium LIVE Advantage

Empower teachers to create exciting student learning activities with authentic multimedia content, and unlimited dialoging opportunities in single-computer environments.

Powerful Pedagogy

Teachers in modern language labs need to conduct a broad range of student-centric learning activities, pair work, and small group exercises – all targeted at giving students the opportunity to practice their speaking skills and hone their listening skills with native language speakers and fellow students.

With Symposium LIVE, teachers are able to run live speaking exercises and/or play audio and audio-visual materials for students to listen to and watch. Students use their headsets to respond to questions, practice repetition drills or read out loud. Symposium LIVE also enables teachers to concurrently run several related audio activities of varying sophistication, so that students of all skill levels can be appropriately challenged.

Additionally, Symposium LIVE supports unlimited student pairing and small group conferencing activities - and provides teachers with the tools to discreetly monitor student work, and dialog with students.

Captivate Your Students

Symposium LIVE is an exciting new digital language lab system that empowers teachers to orchestrate compelling and powerful learning activities for their students – activities that really get students excited about learning.

- **Authentic lesson materials** - students are able to listen to a variety of native language speakers, rather than only hearing their instructor's voice.
- **Pair and small group collaboration** - students can speak with their classmates to hone their target language listening and speaking skills.
- **Excellent acoustics & privacy** - students (and teachers) use comfortable padded headsets that isolate the listener from any outside disturbances and enable students to focus on their own work.
- **Crystal clear sound quality** - high-fidelity audio lets students hear subtle speech intonations and inflections in lesson materials – and in their own voice – without any background noise.
- **Individualized support** - student interface modules include a call button and a local volume control that enables each student to select a comfortable listening level.

K.I.S.S for Teachers

A key element of the Symposium teaching philosophy is to Keep It Short & Simple, (K.I.S.S). Symposium LIVE's innovative user interface centralizes control of all lab functions and student activities right on the teacher's desktop.

Novice teachers really appreciate the simplicity of the Symposium TV-style remote control menu that presents all major system functions in a logical and intuitive non-technical fashion.

Symposium employs a unique technology called Walk-In & Teach. This empowers teachers to come into the language lab on the first day of class and simply walk-in & teach using any and all of their existing program materials. No special formatting. No extra work. Just walk-in & teach!

Symposium is simple; yet don't be fooled by its simplicity. Symposium enables teachers to run an impressive range of language learning exercises and activities, and interact with their students while they work on individual, pair, or group assignments.



Powerful Teaching Activities

Authentic Multimedia Content

Symposium includes a multimedia content library that centralizes access to all types of audio and audio/visual media clips. Content from digital sources (CD-ROM or the Internet) can be imported directly into the content library.

Symposium also automatically digitizes analog content sources (such as audiocassette tapes and video cassette tapes) and stores them in the content library

Multi-Channel Program Delivery

Teachers are able to partition the class into up to seven different groups, each of which can work with different program sources, or different types of activities. This enables teachers to assign work of varying complexity to match individual student skills.

Symposium provides teachers with centralized management of all program source devices right from the teacher console.

Communicating with Students

The teacher has access to all-call and group-call functions for communicating with the class, and can also broadcast any model student to the entire class.

Flexible Student Collaboration

Teachers are able to connect students in pairs or audio conferencing groups at the touch of a button:

- **Random Audio Pairing**
- **Programmed Audio Pairing**
- **Random Audio Conferencing**
- **Programmed Audio Conferencing**

Teachers can monitor or speak with any student audio.

Complete Evaluation Support

At any time, teachers are able to discreetly monitor the oral work of any student, and if necessary, open a dialog with that student. Auto scanning is used to sequentially monitor all students or a group of students.

Teachers have the option of recording students whenever they are monitoring student activities.

In situations where it is necessary to record all students concurrently for formal test and evaluation purposes, students can be equipped with hand-held digital recorders (connected to each student interface).

Also, Symposium LIVE is multi-channel recorder ready, (future upgrade option), so that the system can be expanded to support complete Level III and AP Testing.



Symposium LIVE – Technology Overview

Teacher Station



Program Source Equipment



Tape/CD-Audio Player



VCR/DVD Player

Document Camera



Data Projector



Student Stations



Teacher Station

Dual Screen

- Control panel is always visible
- Teacher screen shows local PC (Internet, PowerPoint, CD-ROM, etc.)

Integrated Program Sources

Optional program sources include:

- Audiocassette player
- CD-Audio player
- Video cassette player
- DVD player
- Document Camera (high resolution)

Data Projector

Display teacher screen or any program source on an optional projector for multimedia content activities.

Student Stations

Up to 64 stations

Symposium LIVE supports up to 64 stations, making it ideal for large learning environments, (consult factory for larger class sizes).

Local Volume Control

Students have their own volume control for individually setting their own listening level.

Call Button

Students are able to request help at any time.

Optional Individual Student Recording

- Student interfaces provide inputs for local recording devices such as tape decks, handheld digital recorders, or even local computers.
- Centralized multi-channel recording ready, (future option), for AP Testing.



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