



# EDTECH INNOVATIONS NEWSLETTER



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## Wow Your Students with Jing

Ever find yourself wishing you could show a student or colleague your screen as you explain something? Like to be able to do so without booting up another application and interrupting your train of thought? Like to be able to do this on PC or Mac, for **FREE?**

You can do all of this with Jing, a new application and service from Techsmith, the Camtasia folks. Basically, Jing is a "lite" version of the screen capture technol-

ogy found in SnagIt and Camtasia, Techsmith's signature products. The Jing application is instantly available and allows you to capture screen shots or short movies and share them with your clients via the Web. The process is so easy and quick that you can complete it while still on the phone with a client! It's so much more effective than trying to describe something.



New free service from Techsmith, the Camtasia people!

You can download Jing at <http://www.jingproject.com>.

See how cool & easy it is at [http://blog.jingproject.com/2007/07/how\\_do\\_i\\_use\\_this\\_thing\\_called.html](http://blog.jingproject.com/2007/07/how_do_i_use_this_thing_called.html)

## The League for Innovation's Conference on Information Technology

Jeff Mills & I were lucky enough to represent the District at the 2007 League CIT conference in Nashville. In addition to learning a ton about subjects ranging from Second Life (the amazing virtual world) to iTunesU, we presented a hands-on train-

ing seminar on podcasting with Camtasia Studio. We covered the whole process from content creation to podcast distribution. The complete presentation is available online at <http://www.dgiberson.org/cit2007>



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Contact us if you're interested!

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- Communicate better with Jing.
- Camtasia & Podcasting.
- Make your web video & multimedia accessible with captions.
- Make yourself a free web scheduling calendar in less than a minute.
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## Make Your Web Video and Multimedia Accessible With Captioning

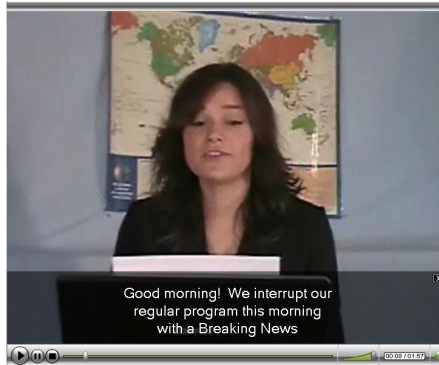
Web-delivered multimedia and video are becoming a ubiquitous part of popular culture. Indeed, Time's person of the year honors last year went to web media creators, as a group.

These are also powerful pedagogical tools, but we here in the CCC's have a moral (and legal) obligation to make this content accessible to all students, even those with profound challenges.

Careful scripting of rich audio narrations will benefit the non-sighted, but those who are unable to make use of the audio included in this content due to hearing impairment or learning disability require text captioning to be added to our homegrown content. Until quite recently, this was a prohibitively costly and/or time-consuming process that discouraged many of us from creating such wonderful learning objects (or

encouraged us to ignore this issue altogether).

Fortunately, new tools and techniques have appeared that make the captioning process much less difficult and tedious. Using a combination of two inexpensive software packages, Dragon



Captioned Video Clip created by Rechelle Mojica as a class project presentation.

NaturallySpeaking and Camtasia, it is possible to caption both multimedia and web video.

Dragon voice-recognition technology can be used to produce transcripts of your voice-overs (the hardest part of captioning), while Camtasia can be used to insert the captions into many multimedia and video formats. I've prepared a how-to for this process which can be accessed at:

<http://www.dgiberson.org/cit2007/captioning.html>

You can view a video clip captioned using this process at:

<http://www.sdmiramar.edu/faculty/rmojica/ed815/ed815rmojica/ed815rmojica.html>

## Free Web Calendar

Need to schedule yourself, other people, events, or facilities? Would you like to have a scheduling calendar available to clients via the web?

If you can answer yes, then Calendars.net may be for you. This is a free web service that will provide you with an events calendar that

You can set up a [calendars.net](http://www.calendars.net) calendar in less than a minute by going to: <http://www.calendars.net>.

can be accessed and managed from any web-connected computer. If you allow it, clients can make their own appointments and reservations. The calendar can also be secured by layered

password security so that you can retain control of it, if necessary. You can set up a calendars.net calen-

dar in less than a minute by going to: <http://www.calendars.net>.

You can find a video illustrating this process at:

[http://www.teachertube.com/view\\_video.php?viewkey=67c5b649290dfbf01928](http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=67c5b649290dfbf01928)

This video is mounted on TeacherTube, which is a story for a subsequent issue.

## Why Innovations?

This newsletter is an attempt on the part of SDCCD Online Learning Pathways to spread the word about neat new tools, techniques, and pedagogies applicable to online and distributed learning. We will continue to publish at irregular intervals as we come across new & exciting things to share.

This process will be a lot richer if we're not limited to coming up with story ideas on our own. We would welcome

ideas from anyone! Please contact Dave Giberson

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with story ideas. We're generally looking for 75-225 words of text and a graphic or two. Topics can include (though not be limited to) information about new software & hardware tools, pedagogical techniques, communications strategies, etc. Hope to hear from you soon—**Please Contribute!**

