New products at BETT 2009 from GovEd Technologies
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DigiPosters • Edu-Coda • Space Signpost

GovEd Technologies (a division of education consultancy and science specialists GovEd Communications) has developed a new range of innovative, intuitive, easy-to-use interactive technologies designed for schools and other educational settings, aimed at enabling better information management and communications within and between schools, and greater engagement with 'live', real-world science, information, data and imagery. Products on display at BETT 2009 will include **DigiPosters**, **Edu-Coda** and **Space Signpost**:

DigiPosters

DigiPosters - DigiPosters bring together digital and print content in a robust, A1-sized, wall or stand-mounted unit, comprising a digital display and durable, interchangeable printed laminate posters. Using an innovative, low-cost and highly versatile web-based digital signage technology, the posters enable constant contact with the latest images and data from live web-cams, space missions, real-world scientific experiments, research, earth monitoring data and innumerable other feeds. The system can also be used to put topic-specific information into context (eg geographical and historical images, or paintings and artefacts from the greatest museums around the world). DigiPosters also provide an ideal way to connect schools together and share self-generated data such as environmental measurements and seismograph readings.

Current systems available include posters based around the SoHo satellite, Cassini-Huygens probe, global seismology data, modern foreign languages and others, but the system can be easily adapted for any curriculum topic. The system is controlled via a web-based interface, so large networks of DigiPosters can be controlled from a single PC anywhere in the world.

(DigiPosters were featured in DCSF's Project Faraday – Exemplar Designs for Science).

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Why come to see us at BETT? – We will have a full range of DigiPosters on display and attendees will be able to try out the system for themselves at our stand. They will be able to instantaneously configure what appears on DigiPosters on the GovEd stand and on other partner stands around the show, including live space mission data, web-cam feeds and even pictures of themselves! **We will also be running a competition for schools to win a DigiPoster system.**

Relevant BETT topics: All curriculum areas, but especially Science; Technology Breakthroughs; Hardware Across Primary and Secondary; Building Schools for the Future; Primary Capital Programme; Enriching the Curriculum; Further Education; Green Issues and Energy Saving Devices; International; Leadership.

Edu-Coda (in partnership with **Camvine**) – Using the same underlying technology as DigiPosters (the CODA system from Camvine), Edu-Coda is a suite of affordable, highly versatile digital signage and display systems for schools and other educational settings. Now any school can afford to have a sophisticated network of digital displays (from one to hundreds) which can be operated from a single PC, with different information appearing on an indefinite number of different screens or projectors, of all shapes and sizes. And as the system is entirely web-based, data, images and information appearing on each screen can be configured easily from anywhere in the world.

Edu-Coda has inumerable applications, but most of all can be used in the three follwing ways:

- **As a School-wide Information System** - displaying any combination of timetable information, school news, reminders, lesson plans, schedules, images, updates, web-cam feeds and many other data sources. Also enables better communication with visitors, parents and the wider community.
- **Connecting students with real-world images and data** - including live scientific data from space missions, earthquakes, large experiments, etc; web-cam feeds from around the world; museum and photo archives; topic-specific news; data from other schools; and many others.
- **Displaying students' digital work** – with increasing amounts of student work generated digitally, Edu-Coda provides an ideal and affordable solution to showcasing and sharing their efforts.

Other benefits of the Edu-Coda system include:

- Does not require a PC attached to every display. A small, 'pencilcase-sized' unit clips onto the back of any screen or projector.
- Very low-energy usage and carbon footprint.
- Very low-cost.
- Can be used with any size screen or projector.
- No technical expertise required to use the system.
- Does not use up existing server space.

The full suite of Edu-Coda products includes a range of system packages, including pre-integrated screen systems and stand-mounted units, all ready to install 'out of the box'

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Space Signpost – Available at three scales – a desktop computer application, **a portable USB version,** and a large scale installation – Space Signpost offers a unique, interactive experience for learners and staff to navigate the cosmos 'on their own terms'. The physical signpost – which turns and points to any selected object in space in its real-time location – provides a greater sense of context and scale when learning about space science and astronomy; while the accompanying interactive software 'Welcome to the Neighbourhood' provides detailed facts, images and links to additional content about each object.

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