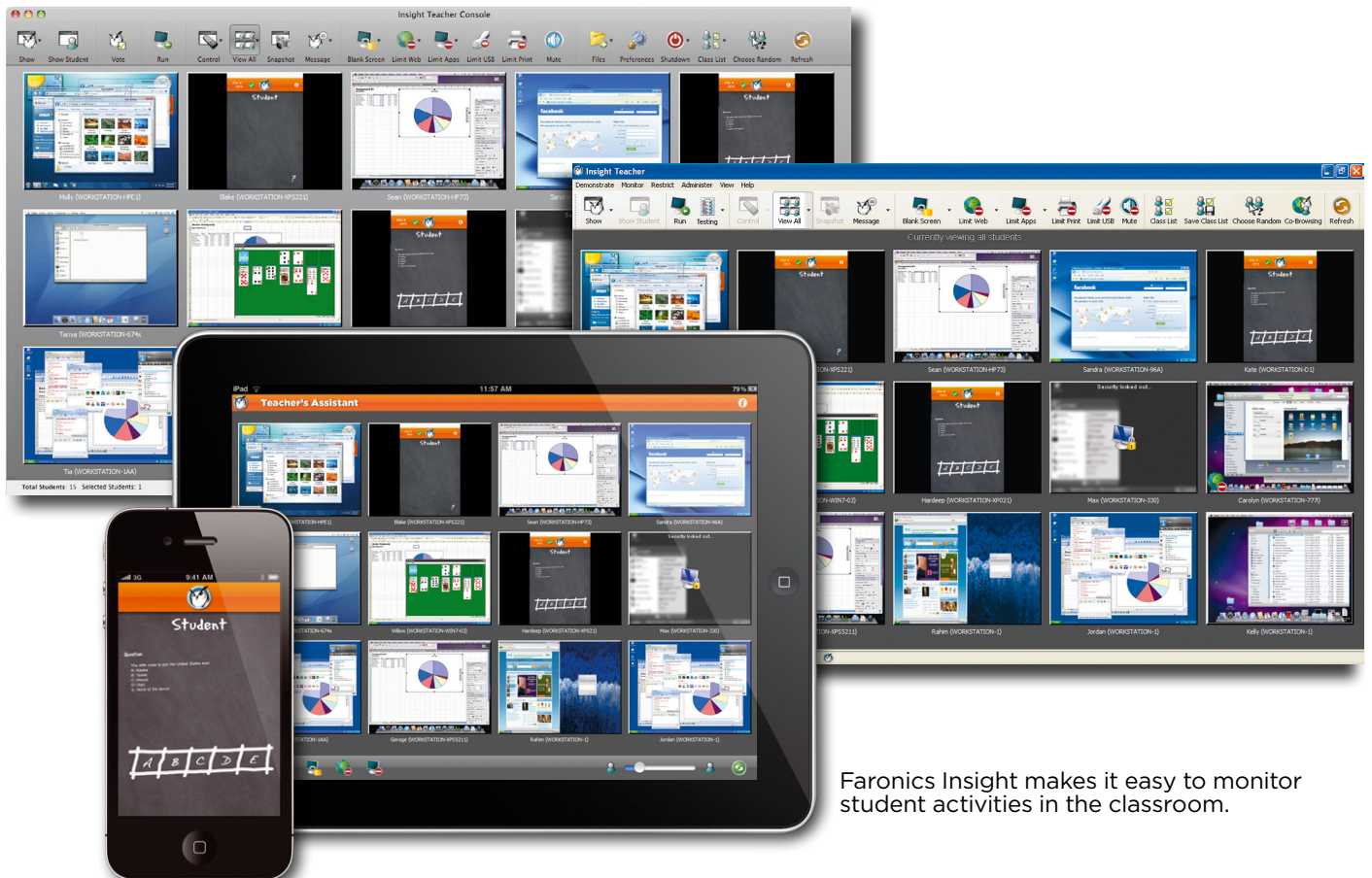faronics
INSIGHT™

Comprehensive Lab Control

Computers in schools have the power to enhance the learning experience for both teachers and students. But the benefits can easily be lost to distractive elements such as games, instant messaging, and web surfing. Designed for educational computing purposes, Faronics Insight is the ultimate computer management system that empowers teachers with full control over classroom technology while keeping student activities focused. Faronics Insight enables teachers to harness the productive aspects of computers, while minimizing distractive behavior and temptations.

Insight Benefits

- Educate, assist, monitor, and communicate with an entire class from one central computer
- Fosters cooperative schools where learning is achieved through interaction and collaboration
- Strengthens teaching effectiveness with the ability to monitor student activities
- Ensures students are kept on task and engaged in an environment where technology accelerates their learning
- Improve classroom computer management without increasing network load

Faronics Insight makes it easy to monitor student activities in the classroom.

Key Features*

Insight Console

- Easily access the console through the system tray menu (Windows) or Dock (Mac OS X)
- Manage students in a list view or by thumbnails
- Name computers using Windows, Novell, or Active Directory accounts
- Move between computer labs while keeping student lists organized
- Teachers can shift from class to class while applying changes to student lists, channels, and class profiles in real-time
- Transmit a video file simultaneously to all student clients and control video playbacks for all students at the same time
- Broadcast audio from teacher console and manage audio settings
- Support for Apple iPod, iPhone, and iPad

Classroom Collaboration

- Display teacher screen on student monitors in Full Screen or Windowed mode with option to lock out student's mouse and keyboard
- Draw on the screen to highlight important details
- Allow a student to share their screen with the rest of the class
- Send a text message to all or selected students
- Students can ask a question directly through Insight
- Teachers can initiate a text-based chat session with a student
- Transfer files to and from student computers or their network drive

Control Student Workstations

- Disable student's keyboard & mouse during a remote control session
- Grab student attention by blanking screens (with optional custom message), locking out keyboards and mice, or muting the sound

Application & Device Connectivity Control

- Allow only required applications and block others
- Save and load application limiting lists for different classes
- Limit student access to printers and USB thumb drives
- Restrict USB and CD-ROM drive access

Web Limiting & Classroom Monitoring

- Block all Internet activity including browsers, e-mail, instant messaging
- Save and load web limiting websites for different classes
- Allow/Disallow access to selected websites
- View a student's Internet browsing history
- Display a launch page that lists allowed/disallowed websites
- Monitor workstation keystrokes in real-time (except at the login prompt)
- Receive keystroke alerts for banned words
- Extend visibility and monitor student actions easily with dual monitors for both teacher and students

Power Features

- Easily shutdown, logoff, or restart student computers
- Power on computers remotely using Wake-on-Lan technology

Testing & Voting

- Ask the students Yes/No and multiple choice questions
- Distribute tests to students that can be completed electronically
- Test questions can be displayed in a random order on student machines to prevent cheating
- Improve testing with new essay-type answers

Security & Anti-Tampering Controls

- All activity within Insight is logged to a status window
- Password protection prevents rogue console use
- Insight does not allow a student to mischievously "unload" the software or disrupt class by unplugging the network cable
- Active Directory Secure Mode allows only members within a specified Active Directory group to view or control workstation to prevent unauthorized use of the Insight console.

View & Snapshot Running Applications

- Teachers can view all running applications on a student's computer and add those applications to the allowed or blocked application lists
- Take a snapshot of the student's current computer screen

* Feature differences exist between Mac and Windows versions. For a complete breakdown, please refer to the Key Features section of faronics.com/Insight

System Requirements

Faronics Insight works with any combination of computers running Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista (32 & 64-bit), Windows 7 (32 & 64-bit), Windows Server 2008, and Mac OS X (10.4 and higher). The Mac teacher console requires an Intel processor running Mac OS X 10.4 or higher. Insight is optimized for 800x600, 1024x768, and 1280x1024 screen resolutions. Insight also supports thin and fat client environments using Windows 2003 Terminal Server or NComputing. The hardware requirements are the same as the recommended requirements for the host operating system.

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