
LanSchool® 7.2

Classroom Management Software

User's Guide

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About LanSchool v7.2

Thank you for purchasing LanSchool v7.2. LanSchool v7.2 is an award winning software program designed to help teachers improve the learning environment in a computer-based classroom.

With LanSchool installed on each computer in a classroom, a teacher has the ability to:

Reduce Student Distractions

A teacher can reduce student distractions by Blanking Screens, Limiting Applications, Limiting Web Browsing, Limiting USB drives or Disabling Printing on student computers. This helps direct student attention from their computer to the teacher and keeps students on task.

Demonstrate Skills

With the Show Teacher feature, students can watch what's happening at the teacher's computer, right from their own monitor. This is ideal for presentations and showing students how to use computer applications.

Monitor Students

Ideal for monitoring student activity within a classroom setting, the Thumbnail feature allows you to view all or any particular student's screen as well as quickly see at a glance the current application and website that the students are running.

Assess Student Understanding

Students can be quickly polled during a lecture or given a longer quiz or test. (Not available yet for the LanSchool Mac student software)

Help Individual Students

Students can silently Request Help from the teacher. A small question mark appears by their login name which indicates they need help. At that point you can Chat with the student or Remotely Control their machine to help them with their question.

Supported Environments

LanSchool v7.2 works with any combination of the following operating systems and thin client devices:

Windows* 98, Windows ME, Windows 2000, Windows XP-32, Windows Vista-32, Windows 2003 Terminal Server, Citrix, NComputing, Mac OS 10.4 and 10.5.

The only exception is the LanSchool Teacher console will not run on Mac operating systems unless you are running Windows through Parallels or VMWare. A Mac console will be available Mid 2009.

Listed below are the minimum requirements necessary to run LanSchool on both the teacher and student computers.

Processor

PCs: 166 MHz Intel® Pentium® processor or faster

Macs: 700 MHz PowerPC G4, G5 or faster, Any Intel-based Mac

RAM

- 48 MB for Windows 98
- 96 MB for Windows 2000
- 128 MB for Windows XP
- 256 MB for Windows Vista
- 512 MB for Mac OS 10

Protocol stack

All computers running LanSchool must be configured with TCP/IP running static or dynamic IP addresses. 802.11 wireless is supported, however enterprise class access points are recommended.

Technical Support

3 years of free technical support is included as part of the LanSchool product. You have three options for getting support:

World Wide Web

For the latest information about LanSchool, as well as FAQs, white papers, and much more, visit the Web site at <http://www.lanschool.com>.

E-mail

Send your questions via e-mail to support@lanschool.com.

Phone

Call Toll-Free (877) 370-5546 during business hours (U.S. Mountain Time).

Our technical support policy is one of the best in the industry. If we cannot find and fix a LanSchool problem with a few phone calls or e-mails, we will fly a technician anywhere in North America (at our expense) to resolve the issue. This “on-site” support is even offered on the 30-day-demo version of the software. We stand behind the quality of our software!

Getting Started

Your LanSchool v7.2 product download includes the executable file needed to install the LanSchool application, as well as electronic copies of this LanSchool 7.2 Installation Guide (**INSTALL.PDF**) and the LanSchool 7.2 User's Guide (**USERS.PDF**).

Both guides are in Adobe Acrobat* .PDF file format and require Acrobat Reader* to view or print from. Acrobat Reader is available on your LanSchool product download in the Acrobat folder, or free off of the Adobe Web site at <http://www.adobe.com>.

Installation

If LanSchool isn't installed on your classroom computers, refer to the LanSchool 7.2 Installation Guide (INSTALL.PDF). Once you've installed LanSchool, follow this guide to begin using the product.

How LanSchool Works

LanSchool works by enabling a teacher to control all student computers within a computer-based classroom.

It uses teacher “channels” to ensure that all the computers in that classroom see the same computer screen; much like a TV channel enables different TVs to see the same program. LanSchool has 16,000 teacher channels from which to choose, which means that you can have as many as 16,000 different classrooms using LanSchool at any given time.

The most logical way to set up LanSchool is for each classroom or room to have its own teacher channel, as well as just one teacher computer. This setup enables all of the computers in the same classroom to interact with each other and one teacher to control the entire room.

However, there is a version of LanSchool which will support One-to-One schools. (These are schools which have a personal computer for every student and teacher.) When the one-to-one version of LanSchool is installed the students have the ability to join or leave a channel.

The teacher can monitor students as they join and/or leave the class. The teacher can also compare the current list of students in the class against a previously saved class list. This makes it easy to see who is absent or who has joined the class but really should not be there.

Using the Teacher computer

The use model for LanSchool 7.2 is quite similar to previous versions. On the teacher computer, you will see a small LanSchool icon (that looks like a small green circle of circles) in the system tray. The system tray is located in the bottom right corner of your computer screen. You will use this menu to control the key features of LanSchool.

More advanced features are available when you access the LanSchool Console. The console can be accessed by “left clicking” on the LanSchool system tray icon.

In the console the key features are available as icons on the toolbar. All of the features can be accessed through the menus. It is also possible to right mouse click on computers or thumbnails to access the key features.

When selecting computers or thumbnails we recommend using “**ctrl-a**” to select **all** computers or hold down the “**ctrl**” key and **click** with your mouse to select a group of computers. In the thumbnail view you can select multiple computers by just selecting them with the mouse.

When using the toolbar buttons, a single click enables that feature and presses the button. Another click will disable that feature.

About the Student computers

LanSchool is set up to run in the background on student computers. All of the functionality is controlled at the teacher computer, which enables you to have control over how it is used.

LanSchool Student Icon

A LanSchool icon (green circle of circles) appears in the system tray at the bottom right corner of the computer screen. If you place your cursor over the icon, it will tell you which teacher channel this computer is using.

If a student single clicks on this icon they can click it to request help from the teacher. The student can type a question and a small question mark is displayed in the console indicating that student has a question. The question mark goes away when the teacher chats with the student or uses the menu Clear Student Question.

If a student right clicks on this icon, it will bring up the student files folder where the Send/Collect files feature sends files.

NOTE: If you installed the “One-to-One” version of LanSchool (this assumes a personal computer for EVERY student) the students will have a menu option to select which channel they wish to join.

User Interface Tips

LanSchool was designed to be simple and easy to use. Most of the features that you will use everyday are accessible from the LanSchool system tray menu. Some of the more advanced features are available in the new LanSchool Console. Notice that all of the critical features were grouped under one of five menu items: Demonstrate, Monitor, Restrict, Administer, View

Listed below are some tips about using the LanSchool Console.

LanSchool Toolbar Buttons

To use a feature in LanSchool, select the student or students and press the LanSchool Toolbar button that corresponds to the feature that you want to use. At that point the button will depress and change to a lighter color. **To stop using that feature, click the button again.**

Some of the LanSchool Toolbar Buttons have a little arrow to the right of the button. Click on the button to access additional options for that feature.

Activating Web and Application Limiting

Web and Application limiting must be configured before they can be activated. You may configure these features in the options menu and then turn them on through the menus or the toolbar.

Note: Allowing or blocking specified websites is not supported on the Mac student. If you select any of the web limiting options, ALL web browsing will be stopped on the Mac.

Right-mouse click

In the LanSchool console you can access advanced features by right-mouse clicking on a student computer in either the Detail or Thumbnail view.

Multiple Select

It is possible to select several (or all) students in this list.

To select multiple students, use the standard Windows “**ctrl**” **click** method. You can also select the entire list with the “**ctrl-a**” key sequence. In the details view, the line will turn blue when selected. When selected in the thumbnail view, the thumbnail will have a thick red line surrounding it. In the thumbnail view can you select multiple thumbnails just by clicking on another thumbnail.

Once you have selected the desired students, you can right-click on the selected students and get an advanced options menu, click on the toolbar button or console menu.

Unselect Students

To unselect students, click on a “blank” area of the console

Implicit ALL Selection

If no students are selected, there is an implied all selection when activating key features like Blank Screens or Show Teacher. If no students are selected and you click the blank screens toolbar button, all of the student screens will be blanked.

Refresh Screen

Pressing F5 or the menu item View -> Refresh will refresh the console by initiating a discovery.

Sorting

By default, the detail view is sorted alphabetically by the “Login Name” column. If you click on the any of the other column headings, the list will sort on the selected column.

LanSchool System Tray Menu

A right mouse click on the LanSchool icon in the system tray menu will bring up a menu that contains the features that most teachers use every day.

A left mouse click on the system tray icon will stop the action that you are doing to the students and bring up the new LanSchool Console.

HotKey for the LanSchool Menu

Some teacher machines do NOT have a visible task bar. Since it would not be possible to click on the non-visible icon, you can bring up the LanSchool Teacher’s menu with a <Ctrl><Alt> “L” hotkey. (the “L” stands for “LanSchool”)

Magnify Thumbnails

The magnify menu on the View All button turns on or off the ability to hover over a thumbnail and have it expand temporarily to a larger size.

Selected Only

In thumbnail view you can just watch a few machines by selecting those machines and pressing the “Selected Only” menu beneath the arrow on the View All button.

Classroom Layout

Classroom Layout allows you to arrange the thumbnails in the shape of the classroom. A classroom layout is automatically saved for each size of thumbnails. To switch to classroom layout view, click the arrow to the right of the View All button and select Classroom Layout.

LanSchool v7.2 New Feature Overview

LanSchool v7.2 includes many new features but was designed to still be simple and easy-to-use.

Here are the new features found in LanSchool v7.2:

Mac Student Support

The LanSchool student software will now run on Mac OS 10.4 and 10.5 and supports most of the features that are available on the Windows version. The only features that are not currently supported are allowing/blocking specified websites, Voting and Testing.

Thin Client Support

LanSchool supports thin client, fat client and a mixture of both thin and fat clients. The following thin client environments are supported: Windows 2003 Terminal Server, Citrix and NComputing.

Student Testing

Teachers can create up to 100 question tests that can include graphics (.jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp). The tests can then be sent out to one or more students and tracked in real-time. Teachers can optionally time the test and export the results to a .csv file. (Not available for Mac students)

Muting

Teachers can mute the sound on student computers. This can be done through the Mute button or through the Mute Student Speakers menu.

Secure Mode

LanSchool can be configured to require a password to access the console. This password must match the password that entered during the secure student install.

Blank Screen Enhancements

The last 10 blank screens messages are saved and easily accessible through the

arrow to the right on the blank screens button. When the blank screens message appears on the student computers, it is now sized to better fit the screen.

Real-time Keystroke Monitoring

When the keystroke monitoring window is open, it refreshes automatically and shows student keystrokes in real-time. If you scroll back to view previous keystrokes the automatic refresh is disabled until you scroll back to the bottom of the list.

Limit Task Manager (PC) or Activity Monitor (Mac)

Check this option if you want to limit the student's access to Task Manager or Activity Monitor

Toolbar Configuration

The toolbar can be customized through the menu View -> Configure Toolbar. It can also be configured by holding down the "alt" key while dragging the buttons to a new location or removing them by dragging them off the button bar. You can also reset the toolbar back to the default in the Customize Toolbar window.

If there are more buttons on the bar than you can see, they can be accessed through the ">>" chevron button on the upper right corner of the toolbar.

Student Name from Active Directory

LanSchool normally displays the Windows or Novell login name. Now if the Student Display name is available in Active Directory, that Display name is displayed in the Login Name column.

LanSchool Teacher Kiosk Mode

The LanSchool Teacher Console can be run in a way to that it cannot be minimized or closed. To run the LanSchool Teacher Console in Kiosk Mode refer to the Installation Manual install.pdf.

LanSchool v7.2 Feature Overview

LanSchool v7.2 also includes the following features that were available in previous versions:

Show Teacher's Screen Full Screen or Windowed

You can show the teacher's screen to all students on the same teacher channel.

You can select between a "full screen" or a "windowed" show mode. In Full Screen mode, the teacher's screen will take over the entire student's screen and lock-out the student's mouse and keyboard.

In Windowed mode, the teacher's screen will appear in a window on the student's machine. The students can then resize the window and work by following along with the teacher.

When you show your computer screen to student computers, a sound is transmitted from your speakers. This sound lets students know that a LanSchool session is about to begin. If you want to change this sound, replace `c:\program files\lanschool\start.wav` and `stop.wav` with your own sounds.

View Thumbnail Mode (Monitoring)

You can view up to 250 crisp high color student thumbnails at the same time. Every student's screen will appear as a "thumbnail" in the LanSchool console. There are 4 sizes of thumbnails that can be sized automatically to the best fit. You can choose to only view selected students by clicking on the View All button then checking the View Selected option.

Classroom Layout

Thumbnails can now be arranged in the shape of the classroom. Each size thumbnail has its own layout that is automatically saved.

Magnify Thumbnails

When you hover over a thumbnail, the thumbnail size will quickly increase. If you do not like this feature, it can be turned off by clicking on the View All button then removing the check from the Magnify option.

Active Application/Website Icon

In the upper right hand corners of the thumbnail you have the option of seeing an icon of the active application and website.

Remote Control

You can “take control” of a selected student. This means, you can remotely use the mouse and keyboard on the selected student’s computer. With LanSchool, you can remote control a computer at the login prompt. **In order to send the ctrl-alt-del command to a computer during remote control, you may click on the Control button’s chevron -> Send ctrl-alt-del menu or the Monitor -> Send ctrl-alt del menu item.**

Limit Student Web Browsing

You can temporarily disable all or selected student access to Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla, Opera, and most other popular browsers

In the options dialog, you may choose between blocking all web activity, allowing certain websites or blocking certain websites. This feature must be configured in the Options dialog and then turned on by clicking the Limit Web button or menu item.

The allow and block lists now recognize the wildcards “*” and “?”, making it easier to limit certain kinds of websites.

While the Internet is disabled, an icon on both the teacher and the student computer will indicate that the web is disabled.

Note: On the Mac, selecting any of the web limiting options blocks ALL web browsing on the student.

Limit Student Applications

You can temporarily disable all or selected student access to specified software applications. This must be configured in the Options dialog and then turned on by clicking the Limit Apps button or menu.

Disable Student Printers

You can temporarily disable all or selected student printers. Once disabled, the students will not be able to print until you again enable printing.

USB Thumb Drive Limiting

From the console you can limit the student's ability to access a USB thumb drive. USB keyboards and mice will NOT be affected. This feature is only supported on Macs and on Windows 2000 and above .

Keystroke & Application Monitoring

Monitor ALL applications & keystrokes that have been pressed on a computer by any user. This feature will not capture keystrokes at the login prompt or password dialogs and is only supported on Mac and Windows 2000 and above.

Blank Screens

Enables you to blank-out all student screens on your channel and disable all student keyboards and mice. The message may be customized in the Options menu. This feature is useful when you want to lecture without the distraction of students playing with their computers.

Student Voting

Ask Yes/No or multiple choice questions from the LanSchool Console and view in real-time how many students have responded and how they responded.

Note: This feature is not available on Macs.

Show a Student's Screen

Sometimes you might want to send a student's screen to all other students. Simply select that student and click the Show Student button. While the button is enabled, the student will have control of their machine and their screen will be shown to the rest of the students in the class.

Anti-tampering controls

LanSchool 7.2 does not allow a student to mischievously “unload” the software or disrupt the classroom by unplugging the network cable.

File Send and Collect

You can send files to student computers and then retrieve them back.

Send a message

You can send a message to any or all students. This is often an effective way to get a distracted student back on-task.

Student Question

Students can click on the LanSchool icon and type a question to the teacher. A question mark appears on their machine or thumbnail. In the Details view you can see the student question in the 'Last Question' column. In the Thumbnail view you can see the student question by moving the mouse over the thumbnail image which displays the question in a tooltip. The question mark can then be cleared by the teacher through a chat session or a right click on the thumbnail.

Text Chat

Teachers can initiate a text-based chat session with a single student.

One-to-One Enhancements

There is now a special version of LanSchool which will support One-to-One schools. (These are schools which have a personal laptop computer for every student and teacher.) When the Setup_One2One.exe version of LanSchool is installed, the teacher can monitor students as they join and/or leave the class. The teacher can also compare the current list of students in the class against a previously saved student list. This makes it easy to see who is absent or who has joined the class but really should not be there.

Shutdown, Logoff, Restart

From the console, you can easily shutdown, logoff or restart student machines.

Security status monitoring

The LanSchool Security Monitoring tool can now be accessed by clicking View Status Window. You no longer have to launch a separate application to find rogue teacher consoles. This feature shows all LanSchool traffic so that you can identify unauthorized LanSchool activity.

You may still launch the command line tool security.exe, found in the Utilities folder on the product download, to log all LanSchool activities to a file.

View Student's Running Applications

You can view all running applications on a student's PC and add those applications to the allowed or blocked lists.

Draw on screen

Sometimes a teacher might want to underline, circle, or draw special attention to a part of the screen. This option allows you to draw with a "red pen" on the screen. Press the left mouse button and move the mouse to draw. To end this mode, close the "Draw on Screen" window by clicking on the X in the upper-right corner of the screen.

Easy to see mouse cursor

In order for the students to better see the teacher's cursor, a large red cursor appears in the student view. These cursors are the same shape as the real cursor, but are 4 times the size and are bright red.

Student Screen Snapshot

If any student is misusing the computer, you can easily save that student's screen to a standard graphic file. (.jpg or .bmp) by clicking on the Snapshot button. The date, time and student login name are displayed in the saved file. This file can easily be imported by most popular Windows applications such as Paint.

NetWare Support

If the computer is using the NetWare client software, LanSchool 7.2 will use the NetWare login name instead of the Microsoft login name.

Multicast support

One of the benefits of using TCP/IP is the availability of Multicast. Multicast allows networking hardware to keep LanSchool traffic local to LanSchool computers and cross subnets. Because some network routers or switches don't support Multicast, this option is disabled by default, but can easily be enabled.

Student Power-Off

You can log off, restart or power off all student computers. This can be a great time saver in a computer-classroom environment.

This feature might experience problems on Windows 9x machines. Microsoft states that this will not work on certain hardware. While it has been tested successfully on Compaq, Dell, and IBM computers, it may not be able to properly power down all brands or models of computers running the Windows 98, or ME operating system. (Please see Microsoft Knowledge Base Article Q220706.)

Power on or Wake-On-LAN

If your student computers are configured to take advantage of Wake-On-LAN technology, the LanSchool Teacher can “power-on” all student PC’s. This can be a great time saver in the mornings! Most computers shipped with the Wake-On-LAN option turned off in the BIOS, so you must go into the BIOS setup at boot time and turn it on.

Channel Grouping

The teacher can group and control any specific channel and can now group any number of channels together and control all of these channels simultaneously.

View Only

This feature allows you to supervise a selected student machine. While supervising, you will see everything the student is doing, but will not be able to control that student’s keyboard and mouse.

View All

This will show all computer screens in the classroom as a small, medium, large or Extra Large thumbnails. These views will be updated every few seconds.

As you move your mouse over a thumbnail image, the student’s login name and computer name for that image appear in a tooltip. If the student has a question you will also see that question in the tooltip. If you hover for about a second the thumbnail will get larger. If you right-click a thumbnail view, you will get a menu of options to control that student.

Refresh List (F5)

The list of students is a “static” list. By pressing this button, you can refresh the list and see any new students that might have entered the class.

Run Program

This option allows you to run an application or a web site on student computers. This can be quite useful for younger students who have trouble navigating to a specific web address or starting a specific application.

Handout or Collect Files to Selected Students

This option allows you to distribute or collect files from student computers. The student must be logged in for this function to work.

When collecting files, you specify the destination folder on the teacher's machine. LanSchool will create a sub-folder there for each student's file. The name of the sub-folder will be [Student's Login name]-[Student's Machine Name]. This way you could collect a file from every student and still keep them straight on your machine.

In its normal mode, the option to "Send Files to Students" is used to send one specific file to all selected students. However, there is one compelling case where it would be advantageous to send a different file to each student.

Consider the following scenario:

All students are working on a local typing application. This application stores the student's currently completed work to a local data file in the "C:\LanSchool Files" folder. LanSchool can easily retrieve these files from all student machines and will save each file to a separate folder on the teacher's machine. The folder name will always be in the form [login name]-[machine name]. (c:\My Documents\steve-row3\data.dat")

It would be very useful if a teacher could replace these data files at the start of every class with the previous day's class data. LanSchool allows a "pseudo-folder" in the "Send Files to Students" dialog. The "pseudo-folder" is named "%STUDENT%".

If the local files were initially retrieved to "C:\My Documents\ClassSix" you could copy each student's file back by specifying the file name "C:\My Documents\ClassSix\%STUDENT%\typing.dat. When LanSchool sees the %STUDENT% pseudo-folder it will replace that with the actual [login name]-[machine name] for the currently specified student. If multiple students are selected, the pseudo-folder will be expanded for each student.

Send Message

You can be send messages to all or selected students. The message will appear in the lower, right-hand corner of the student's machine.

Show Internet History

This shows all web sites visited by the currently selected student on the current day. It gets this history from the History Log of Internet Explorer. **Because of this, it will NOT show the web history if the student is using a non-Internet Explorer browser**, or if the student clears the Internet Explorer history log.

On the Mac, Show Internet History will only work with the Safari web browser.

Teacher can become a student machine from the menu

If you want to turn the Teacher machine into a student machine temporarily, you can do it from the console. Just click on Administer, then Become A Student Machine. It will remain a student computer until it is rebooted.

Remove Selected Students from Class

This feature temporarily disables the LanSchool Software on the selected students' machines. The software is Re-Enabled when a student next logs into that machine, or when you uses the "Add Selected Student Back into Class" option on that student machine.

When a student's machine has been disabled, it will still appear in the list, but will have a graphical stop sign on the computer screen. This is just a reminder to the teacher that this student is not controlled by LanSchool.

Change Student Display Name

This option does not really alter the student's Windows machine name. However, it will allow an alternative name to be displayed in the LanSchool's Machine Name field. If your computers do not have meaningful Machine Names, you can use this option to better name the computers (i.e. "Row 1 Column 5").

Logoff, Restart or Power Off Selected Student Computers

This option is useful at the end of the day when all computers need to be logged off, restarted or powered off. Instead of properly shutting down each and every computer individually, you can select all computers in the classroom and use this option to properly turn them off.

Student Question

Students can type in a question to the teacher. That question can be seen by the teacher by hovering the mouse over the thumbnail or looking at the Last Question column in the details view.

Update LanSchool on Selected Students

This option can be used to quickly install a new version of LanSchool Software on selected student machine. To enable this feature, please refer to the Installation Guide for more information.

Change Student Channel from the Console

Teachers can change student channels from the console. In previous versions, the only ways to change the channel were to re-install or run setchannel.exe. **This must be enabled by an administrator with the EnableChannelSelect utility.**

Options

Enables you to configure how LanSchool works. See the Configuration Options section below...

NOTE: The system administrator who set up LanSchool on your network most likely optimized these settings during installation. You may want to consult with that person before making any changes to the custom options.

LanSchool Security Monitoring

With a tool as powerful as LanSchool, there's always a possibility for misuse. A student may be tempted to find an unauthorized copy and load the teacher software to disrupt a class.

There are two ways to deal with possible misuse.

Set school policies around appropriate behavior, monitor and enforce the policy.

Install LanSchool v7.2 in Secure mode, which requires a password.

It is generally more effective and easier for schools to set policies about appropriate behavior in the training lab and set punishments for policy abuse. LanSchool helps facilitate the enforcement of your policy. Every time you broadcast, view, or blank-out a student screen, as well as remove a student from the teacher channel list, an entry is made in the registry of the affected student computer.

The entry is a "digital fingerprint" that tells what action was done, when it occurred, and who did it. If someone is suspected of misusing LanSchool, use the Windows utility REGEDIT to look at any student's local registry and quickly identify the person.

To use REGEDIT to view a LanSchool action

At a student computer, click **Start | Run**.

In the text box, type **regedit**. Click **OK**. A Registry Editor window will appear, with several folders.

Look at the key **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\LanSchool** for information about any LanSchool actions that took place on this computer.

Security Monitor is also available in the utilities folder on the LanSchool download image. This application runs on any machine and will capture a log of LanSchool activity, including the installation or un-installation of any LanSchool program. With this utility, many schools have quickly been able to pinpoint students who are abusing the "appropriate use policy" of their computer lab. There is a Security.pdf file in the same folder which describes this utility in detail.

In LanSchool v7.2 you can also access the Security Monitoring data by clicking "View" then "Status Window". It is not necessary to start the command-line utility. As soon as you perform actions you will see the security logging data.

Students downloading and installing a demo version of LanSchool caused the largest security problem with the previous versions. Starting with LanSchool v6.1, the demo version cannot interact with the released version. It is doubtful that students will be interested in purchasing a full version, just to play a prank. However, if they do, the above-mentioned steps will allow you to quickly locate the offending students.

LanSchool Configuration Options

The options dialog contains settings for both administrators and teachers. Listed below are the settings that a teacher may want to change:

Full Screen or Windowed

Full screen shows the teacher's screen on the student's screen and disables the keyboard and mouse

Windowed shows the teacher's screen on the student's screen in a re-sizeable window and does NOT disable the student's keyboard and mouse.

Blank Screen Message

Allows the teacher to specify a message that will be shown when student screens are blanked.

Web Limiting

Specifies when Web Limiting is enabled whether to...

Block all Web Browsing

Allow only the following websites

Block the following websites

Save and Load website lists (.lsu files)

Note: If any of these features are selected on a Mac, all web browsing will be disabled.

Application Limiting

Specifies when Application Limiting is enabled whether to...

Allow only the following applications

Block the following applications

Save and Load application lists (.lsa files)

Applications can be added to either the allowed or blocked lists by clicking on the add button in the options dialog or by Viewing the Student's Running programs. The

options dialog shows applications running on the Teacher's PC.

Student Thumbnail Size

Allows the teacher to specify small, medium, large, extra large or "best fit" icon sizes when monitoring student computers.

Show Current Application Icon on Thumbnails

When enabled, this feature shows the current application that is running on the student PC as an icon in the upper left hand corner of the thumbnail.

Show Last Visited Website Icon on Thumbnails

When enabled, this feature shows the website that was last visited by the student as an icon in the upper right hand corner of the thumbnail.

Full Path of the LanSchool Folder on Student Machines

Allows the teacher to specify the default location for student files. This can be on the hard drive or a network drive.

NOTE: There are additional options, such as the network tab, that are described in the Installation manual and should only be changed by a system administrator.

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