CAN8 VirtuaLab: language learning in the lab or on the net

Are you interested in language instruction that motivates learners to listen and speak?
Would you like to deliver language instruction to learners across campus or anywhere in the world?

CAN8 is a suite of software that runs on a network: LAN, WAN, intranet and internet. It is used for modern languages, ESL, aboriginal languages and workplace training.
Students engage in listening and speaking activities, including task-based communicative skills, on their own or in class. Instructors can monitor and evaluate students’ oral work and give live or delayed feedback. Extensive oral testing tools are included. An easy-to-use authoring system - focused on language instruction - incorporates sound, text, graphics and video. All components of the program, student and instructor, are available from any location on the network at any time. CAN8 is used successfully in over 100 institutions.

Do you want to conduct oral testing? and evaluate students' oral work?
Do you want to incorporate audiovisual materials from a variety of sources into the language learning activities?
Do you want to use the "lab class" in a more innovative, interactive way?
If you answered "YES" to any of these needs, then you will be interested in the CAN8 VirtuaLab.

CAN8 is used by schools, colleges and universities and corporations across North America and the world for:
modern language instruction
English As A Second Language
Interpretation Training
Aboriginal Language Heritage
Workplace Training for customer service roles or skill upgrades.

CAN8 VirtuaLab is designed for distributed learning environments as well as traditional lab situations. A high audio compression is used in this software package that runs using TCP/IP protocols in standard network environments.

This means that instructor and student functions are accessible anywhere on the intranet (instructors' offices) or internet. CAN8 is ready to go online from day one, no special front-end web distribution setup is required.

The presentation will focus on the 3 major components of CAN8 -
1. student listening and speaking activities,
2. instructor evaluation and
3. authoring activities,
and show live examples of how CAN8 is used in labs across North America.

1. Student activities
Students can listen/speak/compare, or engage in more task-oriented, communicative activities. The scope of activities is broad and good quality, high speed performance is guaranteed throughout. CAN8 engages students and opens up the door for instructors to use relevant and effective online materials. Babilon, the group-talk activity, is popular for shared audio work.

2. Evaluation.
Instructors access the system from any station, in the office or elsewhere. A visual display shows students' progress at a glance. Instructors can listen in and leave oral messages or talk live on the Netphone. Extensive testing tools feature timed testing, reading and recording.

3. Authoring
Instructors take control of the curriculum with CAN8's easy-to-use Planner. Any combination of sound, text, graphics and video can be incorporated into ten pre-set learning activities. The activities are specifically focused on language learning and make extensive use of audio. Authoring is online - as soon as an instructor modifies the lesson, the change is available to all users. Extensive keyboard support is included for roman and non-roman scripts.

CAN8 VirtuaLab is a product of Sounds Virtual of Toronto. The first system was installed in 1993 and now CAN8 is found across North America, from Capilano College in Vancouver, B.C. to University of North Florida and CUNY, NY.

Gentian Learning Systems, the CAN8 representative for the Pacific Northwest, will be conducting the presentation.