

MUS_TECH 262-0/434-0

Midterm Project Requirements

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You (and your partner, if working in pairs) are to create a report based upon a critical evaluation of a selected music CAI or multimedia program. This report should be in HTML format so that it can be posted on your class website. The finished project should be posted to one of the partner's PubWeb sites (you decide) and the other partner should create a link on their site to the online version of the project. Required content for the project is detailed below.

Know your program intimately. Thoroughly explore the program so that you can convey the most important features, specific ideas related to possible uses within the music classroom, and even disappointments. You should provide information about the best parts of the software as well as give an overview of the program's capabilities. Your project should conclude with a well-organized, concise assessment of the usefulness/effectiveness of the program to enhance music learning. Viewport III, Module 9 (Williams & Webster, pp. 125-162) should provide you with information that will prove useful as you complete this project.

Your HTML document should provide a synopsis with the following information:

- Software "Details:"
 - Program Title
 - Version #
 - Program authors
 - Publisher
 - Publisher address
 - Publisher phone
 - Publisher e-mail and website URL.
 - Cost of a single copy; lab pack/multiple copies; supplier (this information will most easily be found on the company's website).
- Hardware required:
 - Minimum computer requirements – platform, RAM, HD space, etc.
 - Windows/Mac version
 - Sound support - i.e. internal speaker? MIDI? Audio CD? Other?
 - Additional requirements
- Software Category (i.e. "Drill & Practice; Flexible Practice; Simulation; Multimedia) --See Mod 9, and chart on pg. 131 for these descriptions
- Instructional Content (i.e. music fundamentals, aural skills, history, improvisation)
- Briefly describe the program. Note the kinds of tasks, options, levels and special features.

- Include at least **three** screen shots to support your description of the program. Touch up these screenshots with Photoshop!! (make them look good and adjust the size to be appropriate, etc.)
- Describe appropriate age-range and the possible settings in which the software might be used.
- Summarize the program's strengths and weaknesses.

You will be graded using the following criteria:

- Software description (50%): All items listed above are *required*; please be clear and concise in your description.
- Screen shots (10%): These should be clear and used appropriately.
- Web design (40%): Good web design features (as discussed in class). The order in which you provide the information may vary from the order presented above... consider the quality of design features the primary aspect in presenting the information.

The last step: when finished, upload the project HTML documents to your site (don't forget the images), create a link to the completed project on your PubWeb home page, and send me notification of the project's availability.