



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

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October 03, 2017, 03:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: **Universal Design for Learning: Back to the Basics – Session 3 Strategic Networks**

October 17, 2017, 02:00 pm CST - 60-Minutes
TITLE: **Accessibility on Steroids – iOS, Chrome Extensions, Androids – Oh My!**

October 24, 2017, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: **Finding, Understanding, and Using Research about Assistive Technology to Inform Your Practice – Part 1**

October 31, 2017, 02:00 pm CST - 60-minutes
TITLE: **Finding, Understanding, and Using Research about Assistive Technology to Inform Your Practice – Part 2**
<https://goo.gl/qxkTAz>



SwitchTrainer - an app to train the handling of 1 or 2 switches

computer aided communication SwitchTrainer is an app designed to learn how to use one or two switches. The app offers a special feature, i.e. that the touchscreen itself may be used for scan operation instead of external switches (Touch-Scanning). The entire screen or the screen divided into two halves will then work like switches.
<http://www.lifetool.at/en/assistive-technology/lifetool-developments/apps-for-tablets/switchtrainer/>



AAC Strategies for Individuals With Moderate to Severe Disabilities

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Webinars

We are very excited to offer the USSAAC's Webinar series for 2017 with the support of ISAAC. We have five webinars planned for the year, focusing on a variety of topics with excellent presenters. ASHA CEUs are available for free as a member benefit. For non-members, ASHA CEUs are available for \$25 for each webinar.

<http://www.ussaac.org/webinars>

Getting Started with Bluetooth Switches on the iPad

By Julie Johnson on January 8, 2017

For Teachers of the Visually Impaired who work with students who are Deaf Blind or Multiple Disabilities, using the iPad paired with a blue tooth switch can be a powerful way to expand a student's academics and literacy skills. Below you will find links and tips on getting started with pairing a Blue Tooth Switch with the iPad.

- Step 1: Go to Settings
- Step 2: Go to the section that says **Bluetooth**
- Step 3: Turn **ON** the Bluetooth signal on the iPad
- Step 4: Turn **ON** the switch interface you are using
- Step 5: Refer to directions from the developer of your Bluetooth switch interface to see if there are specific device specific directions they have created on syncing the switch to the iPad.

<https://goo.gl/7xx3CM>



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FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

My Spin and Spell!



<https://goo.gl/RgjNhG>

iPads for Learners with Severe/Multiple Disabilities

Early Targeted Touch/Tap, Drag or Scroll

Interactive Alphabet ABC \$1.99 - Touch the letters on the screen to hear the letter, word and sound effect *****NEW*****

Press Here \$0.99 - A story book where things happen when you touch the dot *****NEW*****

Peeping Musician \$2.99 - touch a musician to make her play

Rad Sounds \$4.99 - touch to play music (switch accessible)

Bubbles \$0.99 - touch to pop bubbles or balloons

Catch the Cow \$2.99 - touch the cow to make something happen (switch accessible)

Hatch Free - touch the egg repeatedly and see what hatches

Fish Fingers 3D Interactive Aquarium \$0.99 - touch the water and fish come to your finger, tilt the screen and water splashes, interactive fish move when you do

Baby Drums \$2.99 - allows multi touch with scrolling and targeting - or not! Play lots of instruments.

<https://goo.gl/ZbyuEk>

PVC Car



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQawvPAP1G8>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/qqLT3E>

<https://goo.gl/VqmOul>

<https://goo.gl/JtkqWm>

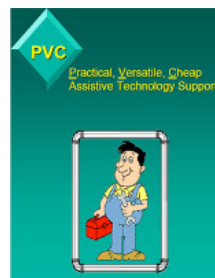


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Welcome to ATSTAR!

ATSTAR is an online curriculum designed for teachers, administrators and parents to easily access learning modules and content about Assistive Technology (AT) and learn how to implement technology in the classroom to help students with disabilities. The classes are online, so ATSTAR is available all across the globe. The Individual registration costs \$50, and if you register as a team (up to 6 people), it can be as cheap as \$10 per person for one year. <https://goo.gl/e1vuUN>



Practical, Versatile and Cheap (PVC): Assistive Technology Supports

Free booklet on using PVC to make a variety of adaptations for your students. This booklet developed by the Assistive

Technology Education Network in Florida provides direction for making adapted writing aids, various stands for switches and communication devices, number lines, easels, and even a locker organizer.

<https://goo.gl/1BiSiy>



Adapt This..."Adapt This..." is a picture-book guide for adapting almost anything! Includes over 140 pages of photos and useful information about adapting activities using everyday materials.

The application ideas in this book are referenced by features (i.e. direct select, sequential messaging, random messaging, etc.), not just products. Includes ideas on visual cues, organization, literacy, visual schedules and real life!

The CD version of "Adapt This..." will be sent to you in the mail. Shipping charges will apply. The ebook version is in PDF format. It is recommended that you download a sample of the book from [HERE](#) to make sure it works as expected with your tablet or computer. Use the password "1234". <https://goo.gl/K9a1TN>