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Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

“Do not think of today's failures, but of the success, that may come tomorrow.” --Helen Keller

Happy Reading,

Regards

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[Inclusive Ideas](#)

ClaroReadChrome

ClaroRead Chrome supports reading, writing and study on Chromebooks. It helps you write with Google Docs, read and research PDF files and web pages, and organise your thoughts with mind mapping. ClaroRead is used world-wide in schools by hundreds of thousands of users with and without dyslexia and print impairments. ClaroRead Chrome adds speech to any web page you visit and PDF files. You can also read aloud Google Docs with highlighting to let you see where you are up to, spellcheck your work, use word prediction to help you write, and tint the screen to make it more comfortable to read. This excellent tool is not only a reader that includes word prediction and spelling, it includes Speech to Text – a wonderful tool that facilitates writing. It also has scanning capabilities.

<https://www.clarosoftware.com/portfolio/chrome/>

APPS FOR CREATING MUSIC

There is a vast world of apps for making music. Below are links to a few of my favorites. I've only included apps that replicate an instrument, but there is a world of music editing apps too. These apps can be great for individuals who are new to music, those with physical disabilities, people with low vision and blindness, and so many more. Plus, these apps are lots of fun to play with!

[Drum Kit](#)

[EchoString Lite](#)

[Virtuoso Piano Free 3](#)

[Pocket Guitar](#)

[Jug Band](#)

Nintendo Switch Gaming -Flex Controller

Originally featured in

<http://www.accessandinclusion.news/>

<https://www.closingthegap.com/nintendo-switch-gaming-flex-controller/>

Flex Controller is made by Pretorian Technologies and it's a new and exciting addition to the disabled gaming community that allows gamers to use external switches and joysticks to play video games on Nintendo Switch. Flex Controller may also be used for gaming on a Windows 10 PC.

Picture shows a flat black docking box for cables

Any switches that terminate in a 3.5 mm jack plug may be used. The joysticks, if required, need to be

Optima Joysticks or one of the compatible Hori

controllers. The free of charge **Flex Controller Settings**

App for Windows 10.1 allows the configuration of each

switch and joystick including novel settings such as

double press interval, 'ignore repeated press period' for

users with tremors and programmable dead-banding,

orientation and sensitivity for the joysticks



Picture shows joystick and two switches connected to the gaming cable dock

Video showing Nintendo Switch using EyeGaze with Flex Controller – MACROS!-<https://youtu.be/rX4iGsla0YY>

<https://www.inclusivetlc.com/flex-controller>

Innovative Ideas

loop+

An excellent solution in Health management for wheelchair users, by wheelchair users to track positioning so wheelers can identify red flags.

loop+ is a sensor pad that fits under the cushion of the wheelchair to continuously track seated position, pressure and body movement effortlessly in the background as riders go about their day. It connects to a mobile app that shows you how your pressure is distributed in real time as well a summary of your activity each day.

"One of our doctors who uses loop+ called it the Fitbit for your butt. We like that," shares Kath.



Picture shows a wheelchair and screen shots of the app on phone

This helps families feel confident in the continuity of their child's care when they are not around. "**loop+** provides a real time guide for the most appropriate positioning for that person. Everything is personalised," Kath continues. **The App Alerts Caregivers for Children Who Can't Speak That's Amazing !!**

For adult wheelchair users it's about taking charge of their own health and having the evidence to show clinicians what is going on with their body.

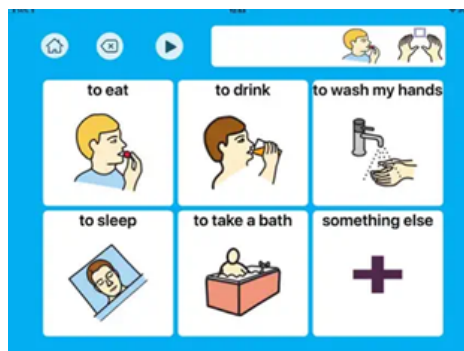
"While recovering from an acute pressure issue, I found the device great for regularly checking my pressure situation and making adjustments. loop+ showed me just how long I was sitting still in my wheelchair each day. Based on this information I changed my routine to get out of chair on days when I had back-to-back meetings."

"It's reassuring to know that it's there and collecting data about my daily behaviours that I can review and check to see that my pressure situation is still going ok."

<https://www.loopplus.com.au/loop-device>

2Talk - AAC

2Talk is a new app for creating communication boards. The app is intended for users who are just beginning their journey into the world of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and need opportunities to try out customized communication boards.



Picture shows screenshot of the communication system with pictures and words

<https://apps.apple.com/in/app/2talk-aac/id1180408619>

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