


A globe of Earth is shown on the left side of the image, resting on a blue, textured surface that resembles water or a coarse fabric. The globe is tilted, showing the Americas and parts of Europe and Africa. The background is a gradient of blue, from a darker purple-blue at the bottom to a lighter, shimmering blue at the top. The overall image has a grainy, artistic quality.

# Using What's Available:

Creating Educationally Enriching projects  
without "breaking the bank"



- We don't have to deplete department or personal budgets trying to get the latest software or gadgets!

- Programs
- Requirements
- Drawbacks
- Sample Ideas

# Projects

Add Your Text

Projects allow students to:

- put their classroom knowledge into a context.
- take a break from normal class routines.
- establish relationships with the community.
- have fun and be creative.



<http://www.iol.ie/~bricin/fourth.jpg>

- There are several programs that are pre-installed on computers or are free downloads, and can be used to create meaningful projects.

- Microsoft® Word
- Microsoft® Publisher
- Microsoft® Movie Maker
- Microsoft® PhotoStory

# Microsoft® Word

- We mostly think of Word as a program with which we write papers or tests.



- We can also insert pictures, colored text and backgrounds to create a variety of documents.

# Microsoft® Word

- There are really no drawbacks or requirements to using this program, so let your (and your students') imagination run wild!



<http://bright.web.arizona.edu/images/brightlogo.gif>

# Microsoft® Publisher

- This program has a variety of options!  
We can create brochures, banners, calendars, menus, greeting cards, newsletters, and even resumes!



# Requirements

- To run Publisher, you must have Windows XP installed on your computer. Publisher is part of the Microsoft® Office suite.



# Drawbacks

- Publisher does not work well, if at all, with older or newer editions of itself.
- If your students want to take their work home to work on it, they have to have the same edition as the school computer.

# Microsoft® Movie Maker

- A remarkable way to edit existing digital video, or create a film using pictures, PowerPoint® slides and audio.



# Requirements

- Movie Maker is included with Windows XP.
- You may also download it from the Microsoft website for free. You must, however, be running XP.

# Drawbacks

- Everything associated with the movie, including pictures, slides, video clips, needs to be saved in one folder while the project is under construction. If a student needs to take the project home to work on it, they must take the entire folder with them or portions of the video will not work.

# Microsoft® PhotoStory

- Another way to combine audio, pictures and music, while having students practice narration skills.



<http://www.akamonitor.cz/photostory/img00001.jpg>