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JessicaL joined the room.

AnahiE: Hi Jessica...you made it!

BJB2: welcome, Jessica.

JessicaL: HEY!

JessicaL: hi Anahi, yes I made it

KihongB: Hi everyone~

JessicaL: HI

AnahiE: hello

BJB2: we usually start Tapped In discussions with introductions...want to do that, Kihong and Luke?

KihongB: Sure.

KihongB: Hi my name is Kihong and I am part of Musicshake. Happy to meet you all

LukeS: my name is Luke, I am with Musicshake

BJB2: Please tell Luke and Kihong where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

BJB2: I'm a retired communication and art teacher located in Pennsylvania

AnahiE: Do we introduce ourselves as well?

LindaMC joined the room.

JessicaL: yeah I was wondering too?

LindaMC: Hello

BJB2: yes, please, Jessica and Anahi

LindaMC: have you all started already

BJB2: Linda, we're just doing intros

LindaMC: ok thanks

AnahiE: Okay, My name is Anahi, I am from Texas, I will be graduating in December as a Bilingual Teacher

JessicaL: My name is Jessica and I'm currently a junior attending a University at Texas as well. I will be graduating in December 2010 as a Bilingual Education Teacher too.

LindaMC: My name is Linda, I am a senior at the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg Texas. I will be graduating Spring 2010 as a Bilingual Generalist EC-6

KihongB: what a coincidence

KihongB: everybody's in TX?

KihongB: do you all know each other by any chance?

AnahiE: actually we are all enrolled in the same English course

AnahiE: all three of us

JessicaL: yes we do

BJB2 thinks everyone is in the same class with Danika Brown

AnahiE: haha yes

KihongB: oh :) that's great haha

LindaMC: YES

JessicaL: yes we are

LukeS: nice

BJB2 . o O (she has given the students an assignment to participate in a Tapped In event...and you guys are the winners!)

KihongB: Well, anyways I would like to open today's session with some questions on copyrights...

KihongB: we read about music copyrights everyday but as someone not in the educational industry, I would like to ask you all how seriously students take the copyrights in the classroom

KihongB: is this really a big issue in the classroom these days?

BJB2 . o O (this is a participatory discussion, Anahi, Jessica and Linda ;-)

AnahiE: YES it is! It is a major issue at the University, not that big of an issue when I was attending high school, but at the University it is.

BJB2: I think copyright is not important enough

LindaMC: I don't think students take copyrights that Seriously

JessicaL: it is a very serious situation but I think students don't take it for granted. this is really an issue at classrooms today because at the university not all the teachers like for students to make copies of books

LindaMC: but like Anahi said at the University it is

BJB2 agrees with Linda

AnahiE: For the University it is a big issue but I don't think student's take it to be very important

KihongB: yes, that's what I thought

AnahiE: I don't even think many professors take it seriously either

KihongB: when we attend school/tech conferences, the general consensus is that it's an important issue

AnahiE: at least not many of the professors that I have had

JessicaL: Before when I was smaller it didn't sound like a big problem, but now that I grew I realized how serious it is

KihongB: but not many students take it seriously

KihongB: so what we would like to suggest is

LindaMC: I agree because sometime they make comments like "you can share a book, just make copies"

AnahiE: To be honest, it wasn't until I started attending the University that I realized how big of an issue it was

JessicaL: I think students don't take it seriously because not many teachers get upset when they see you with a copyright book

KihongB: through Musicshake, you can actually show students how easy it is to create your own copyright free music

AnahiE: I agree Linda, many professors just look the other way when they see a book that has been copied

JessicaL: Wow! that's great

LindaMC: Making your own music sound fun

AnahiE: free music?

JessicaL: yes it does Linda

KihongB: because if you tell students that they shouldn't be using copyrighted music, you do have to show them an alternative

JessicaL: That's true Kihong

AnahiE: True

LindaMC: yes so true

KihongB: before I start to explain about Musicshake, can you all go to <http://eng.musicshake.com/Guide/Intro/>

KihongB: and try the widget that's on the left bottom

BJB2: you may need to hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

JessicaL: ok

AnahiE: I tried holding on to the ctrl key but it won't open I think I have to open a new window

KihongB: try clicking on the colored blocks, and also press 'play'

KihongB: you'll get it instantly

BJB2 checks to make sure everyone sees the musicshake intro?

JessicaL: I'm lost

KihongB: on the left bottom corner, there is something called "Musicshake Widget"

BJB2: you have a widget!?! cool!

JessicaL: I'm still lost....sorry

BJB2: Jessica, did you get the musicshake site?

JessicaL: give me a sec

BJB2: <http://eng.musicshake.com/Guide/Intro/>

LindaMC: ok I got kick out what is happening sorry

KihongB: or try this link then <http://eng.musicshake.com/Widget/>

LindaMC: ok

BJB2: we're still trying to get everyone to the MusicShake site

AnahiE: do we click on the tutorial?

LukeS: this will work too

LukeS: <http://tinyurl.com/mswidget>

KihongB: there is a widget on the left/bottom corner

AnahiE: ok I'm there

JessicaL: ok once we get to the page you said to click where?

AnahiE: I tried the <http://eng.musicshake.com/widget/> website

KihongB: try to play around with the widget by clicking on the different color blocks

AnahiE: okay

JessicaL: is it where it says widget features?

LukeS: it is right above that Jessica

LindaMC: does it say try the full version it's free?

AnahiE: ok I'm clicking on the blocks but they just disappear...is there supposed to be music playing?

KihongB: Ana - can you try to click on the play button?

AnahiE: I did

KihongB: do you hear music as the play bar moves?

AnahiE: OK...got it!

AnahiE: yesss

JessicaL: I don't see those squares? it just says something about tutorial....do I press that?

LukeS: Jessica...

JessicaL: yes..

LukeS: maybe you don't have Flash installed in your computer...

LukeS: is there anything above the tutorial button?

JessicaL: maybe.....is that a BIG problem?

AnahiE: Jessica try this website: <http://eng.musicshake.com/widget/> it takes u straight to the widget

JessicaL: let me try it Anahi

LindaMC: ok I think I'm there now

JessicaL: ok it took me there but then this message says if I want to install software

LukeS: yep

AnahiE: When the bar goes over the square it plays the song right?

LukeS: that's Flash, just go ahead and install the program

LukeS: it's needed for a lot of multimedia functionality on the web including YouTube

KihongB: yes Ana - that's how easy it is to create your own music

JessicaL: is that going to take long? am I going to miss anything?

LukeS: not that long

AnahiE: Interesting

LukeS: about a minute

KihongB: now if you click on the 'shake' button, it gives new sets of random music samples

AnahiE: ok let me try it

JessicaL: ok..I'm doing that

LindaMC: I like it sounds good

JessicaL: I hear you all and I get exciting.....my software is still installing

KihongB: this is just the simplified widget. our full application gives you much more freedom for customizing and variety on the music samples

AnahiE: How do you add music to it?

KihongB: so for now, you can only choose from the pre-defined music blocks that we provide

JessicaL: wow it's amazing.....I can hear it now

AnahiE: yes it says there to download the full version

LindaMC: we can add music?

KihongB: the music samples are created by our musicians so they are copyright free and this is the beauty of it all

AnahiE: oh wow

JessicaL: that's great!

KihongB: we could allow users to add their own samples and whatnots

LindaMC: cool

KihongB: but then we run the risk of students uploading something that is not theirs

LindaMC: yes that would be a problem

JessicaL: something new to add for our students to learn

AnahiE: oh how nice so if we create our own music we can download it correct?

KihongB: and the widget gives you free mp3 downloads btw

KihongB: there is a mp3 download button on the right bottom

JessicaL: yes I see it

LindaMC: wow we can download it, love it

KihongB: the full application (which is also free to download) gives you more samples - 550,000 of them

JessicaL: this sounds very good

AnahiE: I clicked on Shake I like the music

JessicaL: Really?

KihongB: but we do charge a small \$0.99 per mp3 download with the full application

JessicaL: is there a limit?

AnahiE: It gives a variety of samples when you click on shake

BJB2 . o O (much less expensive than a copyright lawsuit!)

JessicaL: let me try it Anahi

LindaMC: that is small

AnahiE: YES very true BJB

KihongB: for schools, we have very cost effective subscription plans btw

JessicaL: that's true BJB

KihongB: this youtube video should give you a good idea of our full application

KihongB: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq_Dsrhtdjk

JessicaL: and besides no one wants to deal with a lawsuit

JessicaL: jij

LindaMC: ok watching it :)

AnahiE: same here

JessicaL: me too

LindaMC: wow you can record vocals...cool

KihongB: the video is a bit old but it's better than a video with me explaining Musicshake haha

LindaMC: lol

AnahiE: that's interesting, you can create your own music without actually knowing about music or music notes

JessicaL: it's better old with good explanation than new with no clue what it says jij

JessicaL: wow you can hear a piano sound and more by just making blocks

JessicaL: that's great

LindaMC: So we can make music and share it with our students...right

JessicaL: maybe I can become an artist tomorrow haha

LindaMC: maybe lol

JessicaL: that would be great Linda....nothing better than this to share with our students

AnahiE: I like it for when I create my own music with my students

JessicaL: imagine our students would get so exciting just imagining they could create music

LindaMC: they can even try it and make their own music

JessicaL: true Linda

KihongB: We have some schools who are using Musicshake for their in-class projects

AnahiE: Imagine if they have a project or they want to use media to present something they can add a song

JessicaL: wow! that's a great idea

AnahiE: or create their own song

KihongB: a lot of students are creating their own videos/slideshows and they all need music

JessicaL: true Kihong

KihongB: the problem with existing music is:

KihongB: 1. most of them are copyrighted music

LindaMC: that sounds like fun and they are able to be creative and unique

KihongB: 2. music does not exactly match the contents

KihongB: so why not just go ahead and create your videos AND your music

KihongB: it's also a good tool for fundraisers

KihongB: you can have students create CDs with their own music

JessicaL: That's true and not only that but you will feel proud to know you created your own sound for your presentation

KihongB: and sell them at fundraising events

JessicaL: how does that work (for fundraisers)?

KihongB: yes definitely - you do feel like you've become an artist

AnahiE: and profanity is prohibited right? for whoever wants to record their own songs

KihongB: have a school-wide contest for school fight songs and create CDs

KihongB: there are various ways to screen profane languages and vocals

LindaMC: that's a great idea

KihongB: or totally block vocal recording if that will give teachers peace of mind

AnahiE: okay because I was just wondering since it is used in the classrooms

JessicaL: imagine having contests with something created by you.....that's just fabulous

JessicaL: it's good to know that it blocks profanity

AnahiE: When was musicshake created? I had never heard of it before

JessicaL: that makes me feel more safe if I use it in my classroom(in the future)

JessicaL: whose idea was it?

JessicaL: because it sure was a good idea

KihongB: most of the Musicshake staff are ex-musicians/IT experts

KihongB: and we thought it would be a great thing if we could give the freedom to the users to create their own music

AnahiE: interesting

LindaMC: oh well that explains it

KihongB: the problem with music was that there was this perception that music making was really really hard

JessicaL: that was great of you all

KihongB: you have to practice, know the theories, instruments and whatnots..

JessicaL: many people think it is

AnahiE: yes definitely

LindaMC: I thought it was...

KihongB: but if we could make this easy enough, then it would be really cool

LindaMC: but this seems so easy

JessicaL: but now that I'm learning about this, it sounds like fun and easy

AnahiE: It's difficult and time consuming for those who are adding their own music, but it is simple for those who just want to listen to it

JessicaL: Not only that. This will open many minds and more students to be interesting in the Music field

LindaMC: I agree with you Jessica about getting more students interested in the Music field...

JessicaL: its amazing to know that technology has become a great tool

JessicaL: to learn so many things and be able to expand many people's minds

BJB2 wonders if musical instruments will become obsolete?

JessicaL: Before I used to not like Music but two semesters ago I took this Music class and my teacher was a great professor, she made music learning very fun

BJB2: cool, Jessica

KihongB: oh I doubt musical instruments will become obsolete

KihongB: there are always those that want to learn more about music and the instruments

KihongB: but if the goal of music education is not to make everybody a Beethoven or Mozart

JessicaL: they will not but I think that with this new technology people will tend to forget about them

AnahiE: oh that would be a shame if they did

LindaMC: I don't think music instruments will ever leave the music world

KihongB: I think we have a good tool to introduce kids to the realms of music here

LindaMC: at least I hope not

JessicaL: I agree with you Anahi

KihongB: it could be a great complementary tool for music education

KihongB: but I myself is a big fan of music education

KihongB: both instrumental and theoretical

AnahiE: I agree Kihong there are always those who love music

LindaMC: I think someone learning to play an instrument is a beautiful thing and sharing it with others

JessicaL: I think that music is a great way to show students any material.....it could be math, science, reading, etc... the point is to get things across

AnahiE: I don't think you have to limit yourself to only using it in music education but also in other subjects areas

BJB2: good point, Anahi

KihongB: yes, when the technology is getting so much advanced...

AnahiE: It's a great tool to integrate in the classroom

LindaMC: that's so true Anahi

KihongB: why not embrace it fully to supplement educational initiatives?

JessicaL: like I mentioned before(but I guess you all didn't see it) you all can use it to teach a math , reading, science or any other subject

JessicaL smiles

KihongB: I know various iPhone Apps that are as good as some \$100K drum sets :)

JessicaL: I learned that at my music class... the teacher even showed us songs that could go for each subject

LindaMC: yes Jessica very true...we should not limit its use in the classroom

JessicaL: true, Kihong

BJB2: btw, Learning From Lyrics will be starting up next month...great opportunity to use songs in the classroom

AnahiE: I'm sure you can create a song to make a lesson interesting

JessicaL: Learning has to be fun no matter for what subject it is being used!

JessicaL: and the best way is by using music....

LindaMC: yes Jessica if we want to keep our students attention we have to keep it fun and up beat for them..

BJB2: <http://www.learningfromlyrics.org/>

BJB2: you could have students write their own lyrics telling a story...and use musicshake

AnahiE: That sounds very interesting BJB

JessicaL: That's very interesting

JessicaL: is there any charge or restrictions for that?

BJB2: for what, Jessica?

LindaMC: wow write their own lyrics to tell a story sounds fun and educational

AnahiE: It includes lesson plans how neat

LindaMC: got to love that Anahi

LindaMC: lol

BJB2 . o O (you can read archived transcripts from learning with lyrics at www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall...

KihongB surprised that it's already time

AnahiE: already?

BJB2: Thanks for leading this discussion, Luke and Kihong...

LindaMC: wow that was fast

KihongB: my pleasure BJ

JessicaL: for students to do their postings.... or is it a website where anything could be posted?

AnahiE: Thank you so much for sharing musicshake with us! It was very interesting!

JessicaL: It was nice chatting with you all

BJB2: and thank you, Anahi, Jessica and Linda...even if you were doing an assignment ;-)

JessicaL: this was a very interesting subject

KihongB: thank you everybody

LindaMC: I enjoyed this discussion

KihongB: FYI - the widget can be embedded freely anywhere

KihongB: in your blogs or website

LindaMC: thanks for the info

AnahiE: thank you..I will keep that in mind

JessicaL: Thank you all for showing us about musicshake

LukeS: if you have any further questions, please email me: LukeSeo@musicshake.com

LukeS: thank you all

JessicaL: thanks Luke

AnahiE: thank you

LindaMC: will do thanks

AnahiE: good-bye! and thanks once again

BJB2: The next MusicShake discussion will be September 9

LindaMC: bye everyone :)

KihongB: bye~

LukeS: bye

BJB2 waves goodnight

KihongB: in Sep, we plan to do the following

KihongB: either a live web demo

KihongB: or have a discussion on our Facebook Application (to be launched very soon)

AnahiE: oh nice

AnahiE: thank you

JessicaL: interesting :)

BJB2: let me know if people have to download anything before the discussion, Kihong

AnahiE: ok, goodnight!

KihongB: sure will do BJ

KihongB goes back to music shaking