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JeffC: We'll start with brief intros, then Jeff will lead the discussion.

JeffC: Jeff started his educational career as an elementary school teacher in New Mexico and wound up migrating to Asia where he taught ESL for about 10 years, He recently returned to the U.S. and has been focusing his educational energies on building an educational webcasting network called Worldbridges.

JeffLe: Before I re-introduce myself, I just want to remind everyone that I have set up a reference page for this chat at <http://worldbridges.com/tappedin/> It is customized for viewing vertically 'half screen' like this <http://worldbridges.com/tappedin/splitscreen.gif>

JeffLe: That should enable people to detach this chat window see the full sized reference page at the same time.

JeffLe: As we text chat here, we will also be streaming live interactive audio which you can access from the reference page. I want make sure to there is a text record for the Tapped In archives though, so you should hear lots of typing in the audio.

JeffC: That is my intro for Jeff Lebow (not myself!). I'm an Education Technology Consultant in Oregon, and volunteer on Helpdesk here.

JeffLe: All these Jeff's can get confusing

JeffLe: Is anyone having trouble accessing the audio?

CarolN: yes

MarshaR: yes

JeffLe: What happens when you click on one of the media player links?

JeffC: I won't be participating in the audio session... because even though I just replaced my sound card... I don't have audio... something's wrong with my computer!

CarolN: where is the reference room?

JeffLe: If you're using firefox or Netscape and want to access the audio using WMP, copy this link into the File/Play URL box
<http://www.worldbridges.com/livewire/stream.asx>

MarshaR: I went back to iTunes and I can hear someone typing now!!!!

JeffLe: That would me

JeffLe: I will start now with an re-intro and an overview

JeffLe: From 1995-2004, I taught English at a University in Pusan, Korea. During that time, I became very interested in building websites. When I first experienced audio on the Internet, I began envisioning a 'global network of homegrown webcasting' called Worldbridges. I've experimented with webcasting for years - you can see some of those 'adventures in webcasting' at <http://worldbridges.com/livewire/archive/>

JeffLe: However, it wasn't until a few months ago - once I discovered Skype, podcasting, and the whole world of 'new media' that I started trying to build the Worldbridges Network in earnest. The first regularly scheduled 'live interactive webcast' we've produced is 'EdTech Talk', which you can listen to at <http://edtechtalk.com/> or <http://worldbridges.com/>

JeffLe: I thought that for today's presentation, I'd begin by discussing some of the most important pieces necessary to build this kind of network, point you to a few demonstrations, and then together we can discuss some of the potential benefits and challenges of using this kind technology in educational environments. Please know that I do not consider myself an 'expert' at any of this – just a guy who has enjoyed experimenting and has lots of trial and error experience. If any of you have corrections or additional info to share about how to do the things we're talking about, please don't hesitate.

JeffLe: Has anyone here had experience with live webcasting?

MarshaR: No experience but I want to include it this year in my class.

JeffLe: I'm not sure which components of the webcasting process this group is most interested in, so I will follow your lead in deciding how long to address each aspect.

MarshaR: There's an unused broadcast studio at my school I'd like to claim squatter's rights onto.

JeffLe: Sounds good.

JeffLe: The components I've broken things into are:

JeffLe: Tech Aspects of Streaming Live Interactive Audio

JeffLe: Post Production - What to do with the audio that's recorded

JeffLe: Providing user friendly 'new media' access - RSS, content management systems, podcasting/vlogging

JeffLe: If you look at the reference page, you can see that the biggest tech hurdle for live webcasting is having access to your own dedicated server or shoutcast stream

MarshaR: Which of these tools have you found most effective....with kids and then with teachers?

JeffLe: Do any of you have access to this kind of thing?

JeffLe: To be honest, I haven't done much webcasting directly targeted for education

MarshaR: No dedicated server because my district is completely networked and they don't give us the opportunity to have a stand alone server anywhere

JeffLe: How would you like to use it?

JeffLe: The room seems pretty quiet -- I'm wondering if it's confusion, boredom or something else?

MarshaR: I was hoping to use these tools for my math class...we use a conceptually based curriculum which parents don't get

MarshaR: So if I could figure out how to do this, I could have a quasi-regular webcast available for my kids to create for their parents

JeffLe: I think it would be great for schools to produce some kind of weekly or daily webcast that parents could tune into

MarshaR: They could explain the conceptual side of math to their parents...it could be useful to parents trying to help their kids with homework

JeffLe: Do you have access to a dedicated server?

MarshaR: No...we're a networked system.

JeffLe: Hmm perhaps an IT person for the school system could set something up, but I suspect there will be some administrative hurdles

MarshaR: . o O (They'd die before they'd do something like give access to something they didn't think of...ha ha ha)

JeffLe: Are there any questions that people have from looking over the reference page?

JeffLe: That's too bad, but I suspect very common

CarolN: How do I find the reference page?

JeffLe: <http://www.worldbridges.com/tappedin/>

MarshaR: Security is the name of the game

JeffLe: And I know there's a lot of concern about what is appropriate for students to say and hear

JeffLe: Right now, I'm on Skype with Sue. Would anyone else like to skype in, join our audio conference and see how this works

MarshaR: More than even that...opening up the network to something not native to it!!!! It isn't like I haven't found myself in this position before. I wanted to use IM for problem solving and they freaked for a while. Now last year they finally figured out it was a good thing.

JeffC: I wish I could join the audio... I do have a toll free number if you can call me!
877-225-5928 503-357-3577

MarshaR: I'm able to hear you via iTunes, but I don't think I can talk

JeffLe: Marsha, do you have a mic?

JeffLe: Jeff, is there a direct number I can call you on?

MarshaR: I do but I don't know if it will work thru iTunes?

JeffLe: You would need to use Skype

JeffLe: <http://skype.com/>

JeffC: My sound card doesn't work.

JeffLe: You can also call 1-603-574-4923

JeffLe: Jeff, do you have a regular phone number I can call

JeffLe: Fees are no problem

JeffC: My direct number is 503-357-3577... ok... I'll call that number... unless you want to call me.

JeffLe: I'll call you

JeffC: cool!

MarshaR: I'm downloading skype right now

MarshaR: And I know it's work. But hey...it's what we do all the time to move mountains forward. This would be too cool and very motivating for kids.

JeffC: cool Marsha... skype is definitely a good program to have.

JeffLe: Sue, please hang up on me

JeffLe: <http://www.worldbridges.com/tappedin/>

SusanR: done

JeffLe: To participate in the audio portion of this discussion,

JeffLe: skype 'worldbridges' or call 1-603-574-4923

MarshaR: I'm working on it

JeffLe: Sue, it says we're connected, but I don't hear you

SergeiG they ask me to download a new version of Skype

SergeiG can't move on..

JeffC: Sergei...we're meeting on skype... can you join us?

CarolN: Am now getting the audio. It's good.

SergeiG: they ask me to download a new version of Skype

JeffC: ok

SergeiG: but I have one, which is OK ...!

JeffC: <http://www.worldbridges.com/tappedin/>

SusanR: Jeff Le is referring to <http://realteachers.org/>

SusanR: at the moment

SusanR: video casting is doable at the moment

JeffC: <http://www.ourmedia.org> allows for unlimited uploads of audio/video and free bandwidth.

JeffC: Is there anyone else here who is interested in joining the audio conversation at skype?

JeffC: <http://snurl.com/netc1>