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Spotlight on Software



Discover the artist within!

ImageBlender

With *ImageBlender* image editing has never been easier! It's fun and easy to edit images and create new art. The accessible interface and extensive features help you get images looking just the way you want for your multimedia projects, presentations and webpages. *ImageBlender* is one product of the Tech4Learning package purchased by DoDEA.

There is a username and password for Tech4Learning. See Sue Ann.

1. Click Start
2. All Programs
3. Tech4Learning
4. ImageBlender

Projects using *ImageBlender*



SCHOOL



Features

- **Quickly apply visual effects.** Double-click effects in a list to apply them to pictures or selections. Edit effect settings to make the effect just the way you like it
- **Add layers for more control.** Use layers to control every aspect of your image, making it easy to edit text, add shapes, and effects.
- **Paint with creative Blender shapes.** Select from categories of blender shapes and choose from the spray can, roller, or stamp blender to apply the shapes to your picture.
- **Share your creations in a slide show, online gallery, or other programs.** Export pictures for use in multimedia projects, show off your pictures in a slide show, or share your pictures in an online image gallery using *WebBlender* Share.
- **Create an instant Slide Show** from a folder of graphics.
- **Create an entire story book** using images and original writing
- Students use ImageBlender to **create posters, storyboards, cartoons, collages, cover pages, slide shows, cool words, and logos.**





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Google Earth combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips.

- Fly to your house. Just type in an address, press Search, and you'll zoom right in.
- Search for schools, parks, restaurants, and hotels. Get driving directions.

Desktop computers older than 4 years and Notebook computers older than 2 years old may not be able to run it. You can try, but don't be disappointed if these computers won't work

Technology Tips

Print Preview



To view how the document is going to print, click on File; click Print Preview. You can edit while in the Print Preview Mode. You can also fix margins in Print Preview. Clicking "close" in the Menu Bar will take you back to the original.



Tips for
Home

Downloading Files and Music

Downloading is the transmission of a file from one computer system to another, usually smaller computer system. From the Internet user's point-of-view, to download a file is to request it from another computer (or from a Web page on another computer) and to receive it.

Websites: Downloading Files

<http://www.newbieclub.com/download/>

<http://learntenet.com/english/html/93down.htm>

Websites: Downloading Music Files

<http://music.download.com/>

<http://www.kazaa.com/us/index.htm>

<http://musicdownloads.walmart.com/catalog/servlet/MainServlet>

MCHUMOR

by T. McCracken



"Mom, when will you be finished downloading the new baby?"





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Personal Computers

Computers for personal use come in all shapes and sizes, from tiny **PDA** (**p**ersonal **d**igital **a**ssistant) to hefty **PC** (**p**ersonal **c**omputer) towers.

Handheld



PDA

Tablet PC



Laptops/Notebooks



Desktop

Workstation



Tower

Fashion Show of Our Latest Computers:



HTML

The **H**ypertext **M**ark-up **L**anguage is the language currently most frequently used to express web pages (although it is rapidly being replaced by XHTML). Every browser has the built-in ability to understand HTML. Some browsers can additionally understand Java and browse FTP areas. HTML is a proper subset of SGML.

http

The **h**ypertext **t**ransfer **p**rotocol is the native protocol of browsers and is most typically used to transfer HTML formatted files. The secure version is called "https".

---until next week