

A Perfect Fit for Every Life Science Classroom: ADInstruments' LabTutor Experiments with LabAuthor Editing Software

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ADInstruments' acclaimed software for life science laboratory teaching, LabTutor, has been enhanced by the release of LabAuthor. LabAuthor software gives educators easy-to-use tools for editing LabTutor physiology, pharmacology and biology experiments for PowerLab data acquisition systems. It also allows educators to create new LabTutor experiments to suit their classroom.

LabTutor software uses a web browser interface to guide students through each step of experiments including the underlying theory, acquiring real-time data and submitting reports. To date, ADInstruments has written and released over 40 physiology, pharmacology and biology LabTutor experiments.

LabTutor has been warmly received by the life science community. In the March 2008 edition of *The American Biology Teacher*, editor José Vázquez reviewed LabTutor as, "superior software that gives a new range of possibilities to laboratory activities". Similarly, recently published case studies from leading universities recount how LabTutor is enhancing first year physiology courses.

LabAuthor enables institutions to tailor LabTutor experiments to suit specific learning objectives, class sizes and equipment. Educators use a graphical interface to edit the text, images and page order of any LabTutor experiment, and add new data acquisition exercises, analysis activities and theoretical information. Educators can even create their own LabTutor experiments without learning any html or programming code.

As well as offering new possibilities for LabTutor experiments in medical, allied health and physiology programs, LabAuthor will enable LabTutor experiments to be tailored for new life science and engineering curriculums.

About ADInstruments

In 2008 ADInstruments is celebrating 20 years as a world-leading provider of computer-based data acquisition and analysis systems for life science research and education. Based on the PowerLab® data acquisition system with LabChart®, Scope™ and LabTutor® software, ADInstruments products record, display and analyze life science data quickly and efficiently, whether it is to speed up research projects, or to advance understanding of scientific concepts in biomedical classrooms. PowerLab systems are used in the world's best academic institutions, pharmaceutical and contract research laboratories, government organizations, and a wide range of private companies. ADInstruments has offices in the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, India, China, Malaysia and Chile and in 2008 is opening offices in Brazil and Malaysia.

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