

Spider Networks Announces the Release of 'Edukit', Their Upgraded Managed Learning Environment Solution

Interactive web communications leader launches Edukit, their upgraded MLE; Schoolmaster, developed over 8 years gets a facelift and a new name

London, November 13, 2006 - Spider Networks, the power behind interactive web communications, today launches nationwide an upgrade to its Managed Learning Environment. Called Edukit, the virtual learning environment provides RBCs, LEAs and Schools with a personalised education portal offering a host of applications all managed from a central console to build an exciting environment for students to flourish. Students and teachers can enjoy an engaging user-interface accessing webmail, address books, calendars, threaded discussion forums, secure chat rooms, file storage, website builders, ePortfolios and a unique collaborative area based on communities of interest all designed to encourage learning.

Spider differentiates itself by providing anytime, anywhere solutions that are student-centric with a friendly user experience that encourages pupils to get more involved in learning. The launch of Edukit follows refinements to the product and user-interface with feedback from many of its customers, who have since adopted Spider's solution as the *de facto* online learning portal for all primary & secondary students.

Edukit has an entirely new console and general look to the site. The new layout will allow individual schools to brand the site with their own logos giving them ownership and adding brand to their portal. The user interface is one of the most important aspects of any learning environment. Spider's intuitive, simple interface encourages high usage amongst pupils at all levels.

Spider will also be providing a completely redesigned personal page giving over large amounts of space to the school or LEA for announcements. Edukit now provides multiple RSS feeds to enhance content on the site.

Discussion forums have been redesigned based on best practice in this growing market. In keeping with Spider's focus on usability, students can now brand their forums. New features have been introduced including, Sticky Threads, Hot Threads, Locked Posts and Signatures making this an exciting new way to communicate.

Spider's award-winning webmail continues to be improved with the following new features; an 'out of office' message, subject filtering, the ability to save files to/from your filestore and integration of contacts and eGreetings.

Edukit provides its users with extensive mini-cms capability to manage its content and messages. Users will now have the ability to archive postings and give the posting a headline from which they can sort to find previous

postings. Archive items are now easier to access with an archive link that appears in every placeholder enhancing the user experience.

Jim Conroy, Managing Director of Spider Networks said, "Our new Edukit release demonstrates our commitment to continuously improve our learning platform. Edukit, coupled with Beezy, our new ePortfolio release places the student at the center of his learning environment."

About Spider Networks

Based in London, Spider Networks Ltd. specialises in the development of web-based learning platforms, applications and portals for LEAs and Schools in the UK. EduKit, their upgraded learning platform has been developed over the last 8 years to meet the needs of leading LEAs and Schools. Spider's focus on the primary & secondary student's user experience and their flexibility in adapting to customer's needs differentiates them in the market. For further information on Spider Networks' solutions, visit www.spider-networks.net, or email enquiries@spider-networks.net.