

Getting Started: Free Online Typing Tutorials and Games

To assist students in attaining basic keyboarding and mouse skills, the following are a few free sites to integrate in the classroom. Note: Some of the sites do contain advertisement.

actden (Digital Education Network). A site with numerous interactive software tutorials, such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.actden.com/>

Davis School District, Farmington, Utah. *Keyboarding practice*. This site provides basic keyboarding lessons. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/cjh/appliedtech/business/keyboarding/>

Free Typing Game.Net. This site provides a variety of typing games, lessons, and practice tests. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.freetypinggame.net/>

Goodtyping. This program provides 27 graduated lessons designed to help students learn to use their entire keyboards correctly. Although the site requires registration, the site provides different languages from which to select. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.goodtyping.com/>

Information technology. Internet4Classrooms. This site provides links for different typing resources, as well technology lesson plans. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/ct-it.htm>

Kaukuntla. K. *Kiran's typing tutor 1.0*. This basic typing tutor program provides typing lessons, practice, and games. The program needs to be downloaded. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <https://skydrive.live.com/?cid=3179c4db665be40a&id=3179C4DB665BE40A%21129>
<http://www.kiranreddys.com/products/typing/>

Keybr.Com. A fun typing test to check speed that uses non-sense words, as well as spacing. The test shows both speed and accuracy. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://keybr.com/>

MindFlash. Although the list is inclusive of different types of computer skills, this site also provides links to websites that focus on computer literacy, keyboarding, and mouse skills. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.mindflash.com/elearning/online-computer-skills-training>

Mouse skills. Directory of Educational Resources on the Web. From mouse control to click, drag, and drop, to clicking, this site connects to all kinds of different fun games. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.alline.org/euro/games/mouse.html>

Nimble Fingers. This site provides online typing test tutorials to assist students learn basic keystrokes. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.nimblefingers.com/>

Online Typing Games. Fun games to improve students' typing scores. If students register, it keeps track of their scores. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://freeonlinetypinggames.com/>

Palm Beach County Library System. *Mousing around*. This program provides practice for using the mouse, such as clicking and clicking and dragging skills. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://pbclibrary.org/mousing/default.htm>

Power Typing. This site offers typing lessons, as well a small collection of five typing games that students can use to develop their typing skills. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.powertyping.com/>

Sense-Lang.Org. This program is web based, but is also available for use offline. Sense Language provides the option of creating individualized typing activities or using the standardized lessons. The typing program has useful timing options and audio feedback features to help students develop their typing skills. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.sense-lang.org/>

Shambles.Net. This site provides a listing of various online typing websites. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.shambles.net/pages/staff/keybskills/>

TypingWeb. TypingWeb is a free online typing tutor & keyboarding tutorial for all skill levels. The site includes entertaining typing games, typing tests, and will track a student's progress. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.typingweb.com>

Webwise. British Broadcast Company (BBC). Introduction to computers plus games and activities for using the mouse and the keyboard. Retrieved 06/25/2012 from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/>