Stratenotes

Seeing Green

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Call it the end of an era or a step toward a brighter, greener future. In February, you will receive the last "dead tree" version of *Stratedirectory.*

Before you mourn its loss, consider this: We construct the paper version of *Stratedirectory* from a subset of the information collected in our SIM Professional Developer database. This database, containing everything we know about every one of the 2,000 individuals in the SIM Network (active and inactive), resides on a single computer at the Center, accessible by only a few people. If you change your e-mail address or move to a new job, you have to give your new particulars to one of the CRL gatekeepers, who then updates the database accordingly. Given the astounding number of names, addresses, professional specialties, and more that we track, these kinds of changes take place every day, many times over. How much sense, then, does it make to publish an update on paper just once a year? How much sense

does it make to publish at all, given the vast amount of paper consumed and the postage spent to deliver it to your shelf? Last year's *Stratedirectory* was 162 pages long and weighed 14 ounces. We printed 900 copies, for a grand total of 145,800 pages and more than 785 pounds. And the information contained on those pages was obsolete before the file ever reached the printer.

So, we have decided to pursue greener pastures. Soon, we will introduce *Stratedirectory* online, where you will be able to find the same information about other professional developers that you've always found in the paper listing. You also will be able to update your own information through an easy-to-use and secure Web site, where you will control how much of your personal information—if any—can be viewed by other professional developers and the public.

Some of you are saying, "Hey, I've been asking for this for years— it's about time!" Others are a little more skeptical.

To both groups, please be assured that we are working dili-

gently to ease the transition to an online format and at the same time to safeguard your personal information. Because we know this transition may be uncomfortable for some of you, we will not immediately abandon the paper directory information form, the form you fill out to tell us about changes in your personal information. We will, however, strongly encourage you to update your own information online.

Giving you direct control of your own information is just one of the many benefits we all will see as a result of converting *Stratedirectory* to an online format.

Mistaken identity

Although we strive to get it right, when we update your personal information based on handwritten

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or faxed notes, there is a risk that we will misread or misinterpret the information. Is that an "L" or a "1" in your e-mail address? A period or an underscore? Help us eliminate some of this uncertainty by opting for online updates.

Cost savings

The money we save on printing and postage can be redirected toward developing other resources to support your professional development endeavors. The savings may even allow us to keep down the costs associated with your *Strateworks* membership.

Any time, anywhere

You're in the middle of a workshop in Nebraska and you need a fellow professional developer's e-mail address or phone number. Unfortunately, your copy of *Stratedirectory* is on a shelf at home in Iowa. The online directory will let you break those physical ties and retrieve directory information 24 hours a day from any computer that has Internet access, whether you're in California or Michigan or Canada or Guam.

Daily updates

We update our current professional developer database every day. As a group, you change jobs, change e-mail service providers, and change addresses frequently. The information in the paper directory is often out of date before it reaches your desk. Because each of you will be able to change your information online at any time, the information online will be the most up-to-date available, far more current than listings in a six-month-old paper copy.

New direction opens greener doors for *Stratenotes, Strategram,* too

The changes you are about to see in *Stratedirectory* lay the groundwork for future greening of SIM. For more than a year, *Stratenotes* has been posted to SIMville as a pdf file about the same time as we mail the paper copy. In the next year or so, you'll be able to opt to receive only the pdf file through e-mail instead of receiving the paper copy through the mail. You will select those options when you update your information online through Stratedirectory. The same option likely will be available for *Strategram,* eventually. For both newsletters, we foresee phasing out paper copies entirely within the next three to five years.

Search freedom

Know someone's first name, but not sure of the last? The online directory will give you search options unconstrained by the format of a paper product. Use the "first name" field to find everyone in the database with that first name, or limit your results to a particular state. Want a listing of all professional developers in a specific ZIP code? Want to know who in the SIM Network has experience with students with autism? The much more flexible search options of an online directory will allow you to seek the information you need in ways that make sense to you.

Unified SIM online

Ultimately, *Stratedirectory* online will be fully compatible with other online resources offered through the Center, such as Stratepedia and SIMville. It may take awhile to reach this goal, but we fully expect to provide an integrated experience for all CRL online products in the not-too-distant future.

A greener experience

If none of the preceding arguments convince you that we're moving in the right direction, consider that an electronic directory will be better for the environment.

So how will this conversion work, you wonder? Right now, some of the Center's best and brightest are developing the new online format—both a Web appearance that will be clean and inviting and the behind-the-scenes technology that will support effective functions and features. We will transfer the information from our current database to the new structure this fall and test our design. When we're satisfied with the first iteration, we'll ask you to visit the new site, check your information, and make corrections as needed. We'll also ask for your feedback, fully expecting that we will need to modify the online directory based on your experiences and your suggestions.

Watch SIMTRAINER-L and *Stratenotes* for announcements.

Stratereaders

Stratereaders, the interactive, virtual book club, is in the midst of another fantastic year. The club focuses on the current literature addressing our changing world, implications for education, professional development, leadership, and educational reform. Books are selected from recommendations made by KU-CRL staff and book club members.

WHO: SIM Professional Developers, SIM educators, book study groups, and anyone interested in reading and contributing.

WHEN: The club reads a new book every two months from September through May.

HOW: Log on to www.stratepedia.org, then click on Stratereaders to contribute your thoughts and ideas. A conference call will be held at the end of each reading period to discuss the featured book. Watch your e-mail (SIMTRAINER-L listserve) for information about participating in each call.

NOVEMBER-JANUARY BOOK SELECTION

Influencer: The Power to Change Anything by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, David Maxfield, and Ron McMillan

COMING SOON

February-March: *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell

April-May: *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High* by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzler

Directory Information Deadline

It is almost time for us to put together another *Stratedirectory* (the last paper copy!). The directory is distributed in February, but the process of updating and compiling it begins months earlier. If you have moved, changed jobs, changed your name, or in any other way need to update the information we have on file for you, please complete the Directory Information Form on pages 4 and 5. The deadline for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *Stratedirectory* is **December 1**.

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User name: Network
Password: strategic

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www.kucrl.org

2009 SIM Directory Information

Date:_____

Name:_____

Home Address:_____

_____ Phone:_____

Primary Employment Site:_____

Title of Position_____

Work Address:_____

_____ Phone:_____

Note: If you do not want your phone number or address to appear in the directory, do not list it here.

Preferred Mailing Address: ❑ Home ❑ Work

E-mail Address:_____

Fax Number:_____

Check the professional categories that describe you:

❑ college/university professor
❑ full-time staff developer
❑ high school teacher
❑ junior high school teacher
❑ middle school teacher
❑ elementary teacher
❑ administrator

❑ post-secondary teacher of students with learning disabilities
❑ general education teacher
❑ special education teacher
❑ independent professional developer
❑ other: _____

Check the category or categories that best describe the school districts in which you are the most comfortable or experienced in providing training:

❑ inner city
❑ suburban
❑ rural
❑ other_____

Indicate the student populations with which you are most familiar:

❑ ESL
❑ LD
❑ BD
❑ MR
❑ ADD

❑ At Risk
❑ Hear Imp
❑ Vis Imp
❑ Autism

❑ Gen. Ed.
❑ Adults
❑ Other

Check the strategies and routines in which you feel that you are an expert and are willing to advise others.

Learning Strategies
- ❑ ID = Word Identification
- ❑ SQ = Self-Questioning
- ❑ VI = Visual Imagery
- ❑ PP = Paraphrasing
- ❑ Inference Strategy
- ❑ Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing
- ❑ FIRST = FIRST-Letter Mnemonic
- ❑ PA = Paired Associates
- ❑ LVS = LINCS Vocabulary Strategy
- ❑ Word Mapping
- ❑ SW = Sentence Writing
- ❑ PW = Paragraph Writing
- ❑ TW = Theme Writing
- ❑ EM = Error Monitoring
- ❑ IS = InSPECT
- ❑ AC = Assignment Completion
- ❑ ST = Strategic Tutoring
- ❑ TT = Test Taking

- ❑ ETT = Essay Test Taking
- ❑ SLANT
- ❑ THINK
- ❑ LEARN
- ❑ BUILD
- ❑ SCORE
- ❑ TEAM = Teamwork
- ❑ FIT = Following Instructions Together
- ❑ OT = Organizing Together
- ❑ TNT = Taking Notes Together
- ❑ TALK= Talking Together
- ❑ FT = Focusing Together
- ❑ Math Strategies

Motivation Strategies
- ❑ SA = Self-Advocacy
- ❑ PS = Possible Selves

Content Enhancement Routines
- ❑ CO = Course Organizer
- ❑ UO = Unit Organizer

- ❑ LO = Lesson Organizer
- ❑ CR = Clarifying
- ❑ FR = Framing
- ❑ SR = Survey
- ❑ VLR = Vocabulary LINCing Routine
- ❑ CM = Concept Mastery
- ❑ CA = Concept Anchoring
- ❑ CC = Concept Comparison
- ❑ RE = Recall Enhancement
- ❑ QE = Question Exploration
- ❑ QA = Quality Assignment
- ❑ OR = ORDER Routine

Teaming & Support
- ❑ CPS = Collaborative Problem Solving
- ❑ PROG = Progress Program
- ❑ SURF = Surface Counseling

Reading Programs
- ❑ STRUCTURE Your Reading

What are your main areas of interest related to SIM?

Comments/Questions:

Optional Information

KU-CRL may use the following information when writing grant proposals. Completing this section is optional.

About how many teachers attend your professional development sessions annually?

Place a check next to the gender that describes you.
❑ Female   ❑ Male

Place a check next to the race that describes you. (Check all that apply)
- ❑ Black/African American
- ❑ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ❑ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ❑ Caucasian
- ❑ Hispanic
- ❑ Other   (Explain:_____)

Place a check next to the age that best describes you.
❑ 20-29   ❑ 30-39   ❑ 40-49   ❑ 50-59   ❑ 60-69

Place a check next to the highest degree you have earned:
❑ Associate ❑ Bachelor ❑ Master's ❑ Doctorate

Place a check next to all of the following that describe student populations with whom you have worked.
- ❑ Black/African American
- ❑ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ❑ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ❑ Caucasian
- ❑ Hispanic
- ❑ Other   (Explain:_____)

In what areas do you hold certification/licensure and any endorsements?

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Calendar, cont.

February 26-28, 2009
Southeast Regional Update
Holiday Inn Historic District,
Charleston, S.C.
Contact: Jerri Neduchal (jerrinsisinc@aol.com)

May 26-30, 2009
SIM Learning Strategies Institute for Preservice Educators
Lawrence, Kan.
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

May 26-30, 2009
Teaching Content to All: Effective College Teaching
Lawrence, Kan.
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

June 16-19, 2009
SIM Strategies for Reading and Writing
Lawrence, Kan.
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

June 16-19, 2009
More SIM Strategies
Lawrence, Kan.
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

June 22-26, 2009
Institute for Potential SIM Professional Developers in Learning Strategies and Content Enhancement
Lawrence, Kan.
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

June 23-26, 2009
SIM Institute: Introduction to Teaching with Content Enhancement
Lawrence, Kan.
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