

**Comparison of Software Programs for Creating Visual Supports
PACER Simon Technology Center 2009**

The PACER Simon Technology Center has compared the following programs to help consumers and families choose which program best suits their needs. This information is current as of October 2009, but is subject to change. It is not intended to provide a complete listing of all such products nor all features available in each product. It does not endorse one product over the other.

	1. Boardmaker	2. Mrs. Riley Page Builder	3. Overboard	4. PHOTOsyms	5. Picture It
Vendor	Mayer -Johnson	Emergent Behavior LLC	Gus Communication Devices, Inc.	PHOTOsyms	Slater Software, Inc.
Contact	800-588-4548	703-621-3660	866-487-1006	651-428-0453	877- 306-6968
Website	mayer-johnson.com	mrsriley.com	gusinc.com/overboard	photosyms.org	slatersoftware.com
Cost	\$329	\$5/1 month TO \$45/12 months	\$169	Free	\$295
Version	6	Online Subscription	2.28	Online Download	4
Operating System/System Requirements	Windows 2000 or higher; Mac 10.2.8 or higher	Windows XP, Vista; Mac OSX; (Works with most current browsers)	Windows XP, Vista; Mac OSX	Flash Player (works on both Mac and PC)	Windows 98 – XP; Mac 8.6 – 10.4.
Ability to Print	X	X	X	X	X
Ability to Save	X	X	X	-	X
Addendums	\$FEE	Symbol additions come with subscription	Symbol additions come with subscription	-	-
Black and White Symbols	X	-	X	-	X
CD required to run	X, Boardmaker Print Editor is an online subscription based tool that does not require CD.	-	-	-	-
Color Symbols	X	X	X	-	X
Colored Photographs	-	X	-	-	-
Ability to import symbols or pictures	X	X	X	X	X
Customizable Grid	X	X	X	X	X

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Customizable Symbols	X	-	-	-	-
Languages	44	1	1	1	2
Line Drawn Symbols	X	-	X	-	-
Page Linking Features	Boardmaker Plus and Speaking Dynamically Pro only	-	X	-	-
Resizable Symbols	X	-	X	-	X
Search Symbols by Category	X	-	-	-	-
Search Symbols Phonetically	-	-	-	-	-
Speech Synthesizer	Available on Boardmaker Plus and Speaking Dynamically Pro only	-	Standard with Microsoft Speech; Neo Speech additional	-	Text-to-speech
Symbols	4,500	3,000+	5,500	-	6,000
Templates	350+	X	250+	X	-

	6. Picture This Pro	7. PogoBoards	8. TheraSimplicity	9. Tobii SymbolMate	10. (Microsoft) Word
Vendor	Silver Lining Multimedia, Inc.	Talk to Me Technologies	TheraSimplicity	Tobii ATI	Microsoft
Contact	888-777-0876	877.392.2299	800-906-8302	800-793-9227	800-936-5700
Website	silverliningmm.com	pogoboards.com	therasimplicity.com	assistivetech.com	microsoft.com
Cost	\$49.95 -\$89.99	\$69/year	\$189/year	\$299	\$150
Version	Professional/Standard	Online Subscription	Online Subscription	1.0	2007
Operating System/System Requirements	Windows 95 or higher for Pro/Standard; Pro,MacOS 8.5 or higher, OSX for Pro, Standard not OSX.	Windows XP, Vista, Mac OS 10.4.8+, Recent Browser (Microsoft Silverlight+)	Internet Explorer for PC; Firefox for Mac+	Windows XP and Vista	Windows 2000, XP, and Vista, Mac OS X (version 2004 or 2008)
Ability to Print	X	X	X	X	X
Ability to Save	X	X	X	X	X
Addendums	\$FEE	Symbol additions come with subscription	Symbol additions come with subscription	-	-
Black and White Symbols	-	X	X	X	clip art
CD required to run	X	-	-	-	-
Color Symbols	-	X	X	X	clip art
Colored Photographs	X	-	X	-	X

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Ability to import symbols or pictures	-	X	X	X	X
Customizable Grid	X	X	X	X	X
Customizable Symbols	-	-	-	X	-
Languages	5 Pro, 1 standard	-	1	5	1
Line Drawn Symbols	-	X	X	X	Clip art
Page Linking Features	-	-	-	-	-
Resizable Symbols	-	X	-	X	X
Search Symbols by Category	X	X	X	X	-
Search Symbols Phonetically	X in pro version only	-	X	-	-
Speech Synthesizer	-	-	-	-	-
Symbols	5,000 Pro, 2700 standard	20,000+	12,000	15,000	ClipArt
Templates	Picture This Pro	X	X	X	(Microsoft Word)