

**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 February 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.

	Boardmaker	Microsoft Word	Overboard	PHOTOsyms	Picture It	Picture This Pro	Therasimplicity
Vendor	Mayer - Johnson	Microsoft	Gus Communication Devices, Inc.	PHOTOsyms	Slater Software, Inc.	Silver Lining Multimedia, Inc.	Therasimplicity
Contact	800-588-4548	800-936-5700	866-487-1006	n/a	877- 306-6968	888-777-0876	800-906-8302
Website	www.mayer-johnson.com	www.microsoft.com	www.gusinc.com/overboard	www.photosyms.org	www.slatersoftware.com	www.silverliningmm.com	www.therasimplicity.com
Cost	\$329	\$150	\$169	Free	\$295	\$49.95 - \$89.99	\$189/year
Version	6	2007	2.28	Online Download	4	Professional/Standard	Online Subscription
Operating System/System Requirements	Windows 2000 or higher; Mac 10.2.8 or higher	Windows 2000, XP, and Vista, Mac OS X (version 2004 or 2008)	Windows XP, Vista; Mac OSX	Flash Player (works on both Mac and PC)	Windows 98 – XP; Mac 8.6 – 10.4.	Windows 95 or higher for Pro/Standard; Pro,MacOS 8.5 or higher, OSX for Pro, Standard not OSX.	Internet Explorer for PC; Firefox for Mac
Ability to Print	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ability to Save	X	X	X		X	X	X
Addendums	\$					\$	
Black and White Symbols	X	clip art	X		X		X
CD required to run	X					X	
Color Symbols	X	clip art	X		X		X
Colored Photographs	Import	X	Import	Import	Import	X	X
Customizable Grid	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Customizable	X						

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Symbols							
Languages	44	1	1	1	2	5 Pro, 1 standard	1
Line Drawn Symbols	X	Clip art	X				X
Page Linking Features	Boardmaker Plus and Speaking Dynamically Pro only		X				
Resizable Symbols	X	X	X		X		
Search Symbols by Category	X					X	X
Search Symbols Phonetically						X in pro version only	X
Speech Synthesizer	Available on Boardmaker Plus and Speaking Dynamically Pro only		Standard with Microsoft Speech; Neo Speech additional		Text-to-speech		
Symbols	4,500	ClipArt	5,500		6,000	5,000 Pro, 2700 standard	12,000
Templates	350+		250+	X			X