

Release notes

CoreFocus™ learning activities

About these release notes

These release notes summarize the changes to CoreFocus™ learning activities developed by Hatch Inc. and SMART Technologies.

Product information

Developed for kindergarten to grade 1 classroom teachers, CoreFocus learning activities are a collection of approximately 2500 research-based math and literacy lesson activities created using SMART Notebook™ collaborative learning software. CoreFocus comes with intelligent navigation software, which enables teachers to search content by skill level, to add content and to create lesson plans.

Special education teachers can also use CoreFocus where the cognitive age of students is between five and seven years old. Teachers can choose to use images and directions, or to include audio which is available with each lesson.

About this release

This is the first release of CoreFocus learning activities for computers running Windows® operating systems and Mac OS X operating system software.

Software component version numbers

Component	Version	Date (if applicable)
CoreFocus learning activities (Windows)	1.0.130.0	October 27, 2011
CoreFocus learning activities (Mac)	1.0.30.0	October 27, 2011

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Computer requirements

- For computer hardware and software requirements, refer to SMART Notebook software 10 release notes (smarttech.com/kb/158853).
- Your computer must have 3.56 GB of additional free hard disk space.

CoreFocus learning activities have been tested with the following required applications:

Windows operating systems

- SMART Notebook software 10.6 to 10.8
- Adobe® AIR® software 2.7.0.19350
- Riva FLV Encoder 02.00.0004
- Riva FLV Player 01.00.0001

Mac OS X operating system software

- SMART Notebook software 10.6 to 10.8
- Adobe AIR software 2.7.0.19350
- TechSmith™ EnSharpen™ codec 1.2



NOTES

- SMART Notebook software 10 is not supported by Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion) operating system software. However, a patch is available from smarttech.com/downloads for SMART Notebook software 10.8 to enable support for Mac OS X 10.7 operating system software.
- CoreFocus learning activities haven't been tested and could operate unexpectedly with application versions later than those shown.

Features

- Ready-to-use math and literacy lessons built right into SMART Notebook software mean teachers spend less time lesson planning.
- Research-based lessons help improve lesson quality and student engagement.
- The navigation and content management system enables teachers to search content by category, keyword or standard and focus on specific learning and development levels within the category.
- Lessons support auditory, visual and kinesthetic learners.

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- The Daily Activity Calendar enables teachers to search for content and activities, which they can then save to their lesson plan. Teachers can open their calendar each day and see the list of activities they have selected in one place.
- The Classroom Portfolios feature allows teachers to personalize content for students.
- The content and activities are supported by research so teachers can have confidence in and understand the reasoning behind the lesson plan.
- Activities are organized by standard categories and sub-categories so the user can locate the specific standard and find all the details they need.
- The Customizable Content Management System enables teachers to add their own content and personalize it for their class or individual preference.
- CoreFocus lessons and activities comply with Common Core State Standards (CCSS), increasing the school's eligibility for U.S. federal funding.

Known issues

General

- No known issues

Related release notes

SMART Notebook software 10 (smarttech.com/kb/158853)

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