



Sony Virtuoso™ APT Software Suite for Oral Proficiency Skill Development and Testing

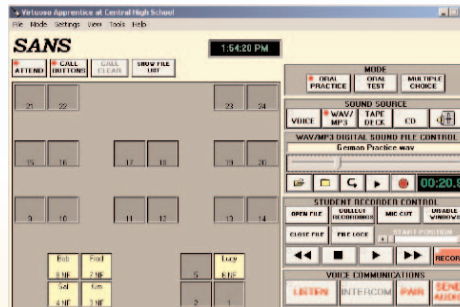
The Sony Virtuoso™ APT (All Purpose Testing) Instructional Control Software, combined with the SANS APT Digital Student Recorder, is a simple, cost effective solution for language instruction, student oral practice, and administration of standardized oral language testing like that required in the Free Response Section of the AP® Advanced Placement language tests.*

Oral Practice

In the "Oral Practice" mode, the student listens to an audio segment and responds. The audio can be sourced from a digital file in .wav or .mp3 format, an analog audio tape, or the instructor's voice can be the stimulus. The students can then listen and respond. The instructor can monitor each student's responses, intercom with and coach students one-on-one, and collect the students' recordings for later assessment.



The Virtuoso APT software uses digital technology to send and save multimedia course/test materials and student recordings. The software works on Windows™ PCs within your local area network. In addition to the software, good quality headsets are all you need to get started.



Multiple Choice Testing

Many standardized language tests include a Multiple Choice section. The Sony Virtuoso APT suite in "Multiple Choice" Mode enables the instructor to easily administer multiple choice or true/false tests. Students respond using buttons on their SANS APT Digital Recorder. The system provides students with "feedback" on the correct answers. Student results for each test can be printed and /or saved to a file for evaluation.



Oral Proficiency Testing

The Virtuoso APT Software Suite includes a basic Student Digital Comparative Recorder that is controlled by the instructor or test proctor. This simplicity makes it ideal for Oral Proficiency Testing as the record function can be started and stopped remotely as dictated by the design of the test and the amount of time allowed for each stimulus and verbal response.

For students, the focus is taken away from the technical functionality of completing the test, helping them to concentrate their attention on responding and verbally communicating to the best of their ability.

At the end of the exam, student recordings are easily collected for later evaluation as directed by the testing service.



Teaching With the Virtuoso™ APT Software Suite

Communication

- Using “ALL CALL” the instructor can communicate with the entire class. This is especially helpful when proctoring a test with verbal instructions.
- Using “INTERCOM” the instructor can communicate and work with students individually without disturbing others.
- Using the “CALL” feature, students can easily alert the instructor or test proctor when they need assistance.
- Using “LISTEN” each student’s individual progress can be monitored.



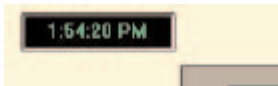
Instructional Control

- During a class or exam the instructor can control student recorders, “OPEN and CLOSE” audio files, and “COLLECT RECORDINGS” for the students.
- With the ability to “DISABLE WINDOWS” the teacher can keep students on task.



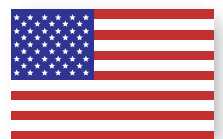
Testing

- Students can “LOG IN” to the system using their individual ID number. Each student’s recording is easily saved for evaluation.
- Multiple Choice or True/False Tests are simply administered. Correct answer feedback can be printed or saved to a file for review.
- A built-in “ALARM CLOCK and COUNTDOWN TIMER” makes it easy to track timed test segments.



Upward Mobility

- When you are ready to add features to the technology you have in place, the Virtuoso APT Software Suite can be easily upgraded within the Sony Virtuoso/Soloist® family of digital language lab products.



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