Software Roundup
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Software Roundup: E-Games

Trainers understand the value of a good game for engaging participants in the learning process, whether as pre-course materials, self-teaching tools, or content reviews.

Most games draw on traditional game-show styles such as *Jeopardy!,* or popular boardgames, including *Trivial Pursuit* and *Monopoly.* The question-and-answer format of those games proves ideal for self-assessment and memory building. When played in groups, games promote teambuilding and team spirit. More importantly, games alleviate learners' anxiety about being evaluated.

But with the advent of e-learning, even training games are transforming. Indeed, because computer games and arcades are commonplace, instructional games may be the perfect candidate for e-learning events.

So, considering the recent game show mania on television and the natural evolution of e-learning games, we decided to catalogue some software packages that develop multimedia games.

The Software Roundup chart includes product features, minimum system requirements, and cost. Contact information is provided.

Tool	Feature Highlights	Minimum System Requirements	Price
GameshowPro2 LearningWare learningware.com 800.457.5661	❏ familiar game show formats ❏ enhanced graphics and sound effects ❏ individual or group play ❏ ability to include supplementary content with individual questions ❏ keyboard, mouse, or wired and wireless buzz-in	❏ Windows 3.1/95/98/NT, or Macintosh ❏ 8MB Ram, 20MB hard drive ❏ color monitor and video card ❏ sound card	single copy: US$495 site licenses available
GameshowP.A.L. LearningWare learningware.com 800.457.5661	❏ *Jeopardy!*-style game ❏ five-question format: multiple choice, matching, sequencing, category, and short answer ❏ ability to include supplementary content with individual questions ❏ tracks results	❏ Windows 3.1/95/98/NT ❏ 8MB Ram, 4MB hard drive ❏ color monitor and video card ❏ sound card ❏ 640X480 resolution	10 computers: US$495 200 computers: US$1,495 unlimited computers: US$2,995
Quiz 6 Trainers Toolbox Current Works currentworksinc.com 888.526.1200	❏ keyboard or remote control buzz-in ❏ up to six teams ❏ three game formats: head-to-head, round robin, or simultaneous team play ❏ random question order ❏ graphics ❏ sound effects	❏ Windows 3.1/95/98/NT, or Macintosh ❏ 8MB Ram, 20MB hard drive ❏ color monitor and video card ❏ sound card	US$1,995
Answer Me THIS BNH Expert Software bnhexpertsoft.com 800.747.4010	❏ multiple-choice format ❏ keyboard buzz-in ❏ templates ❏ graphics ❏ individual or group play	❏ Windows 3.1/95/98/NT ❏ color monitor and video card	US$395