

Executive Briefing
Utah Test Item Pool System (UTIPS)
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General Concept:

The Southeast Education Service Center (SESC) developed the present Test Item Pool Services (TIPS) in 1999 for the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) as a proof of concept using existing SURWEB software code.

Because of overwhelming use by teachers during the 2002/03 school year (16 million hits in April & May 2003) USOE and SESC agreed that a new TIPS needed to be written. The new TIPS will be called UTIPS.

UTIPS will be the new classroom formative assessment-testing program. UTIPS will allow a teacher to use sample USOE test items or self-generated questions to develop and administer student tests/quizzes that can be correlated to state educational standards and objectives.

UTIPS is being developed under an open source model using Linux, My SQL and Cold Fusion. The final product will be made available to download at no cost to school districts nation wide as apart of the My EDesk Consortium effort.

Development Process:

1. Design and develop core standards tool to be integrated into UTIPS.
2. Design and develop a backend database to support a formative assessment-testing tool based on suggestions from last years use by teachers.
3. Design and develop a user-friendly front-end web format

Timelines:

1. State Core database/tool – Dec 2003
2. UTIPS backend database – Mar 2004
3. UTIPS front-end beta version – May 2004
4. UTIPS front-end final version – Jun 2004
5. UTIPS fully loaded with items and online – Aug 2, 2004

To track UTIPS development check at <http://utips.myedesk.org> regularly. Here you'll find the latest development documents and updates on UTIPS development.

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