

EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

*Virtual Classroom**Online Interactive**Database-Driven**Individual Ports**Live Conferencing**Tracking and Analysis**Automatic Test Results**e-Commerce enabled**Online Registration**Automatic Language
Conversion**Windows 2000 Technology***IntraLearn/Microsoft Platform Powers K-12 E-Learning for Trillium Lakelands School District****e-Learning for the Dot.com Generation**

Trillium Lakelands is a recently amalgamated School District that encompasses a large geographic area north of Toronto, Ontario. The School Board oversees the delivery of K-12 programs in 7 secondary schools, 5 adult and continuing education centers, and 45 elementary schools. The Virtual Learning Centre (VLC) is a new initiative within Trillium Lakelands that offers alternative and enhanced distance e-learning opportunities to students across Ontario. The VLC is a cooperative effort between Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and Avon Maitland District School Board.

Peter Warren, Program Consultant for Distance Learning and The Virtual Learning Centre for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, explained, "The Virtual Learning Centre grew out of a need to deliver equitable access to programs for all of our students. Some smaller, rural secondary schools, for example, were unable to deliver the same range of courses as larger schools. Further, we have large adult and continuing education populations who require alternative and enhanced delivery models."

Virtual Learning Challenges

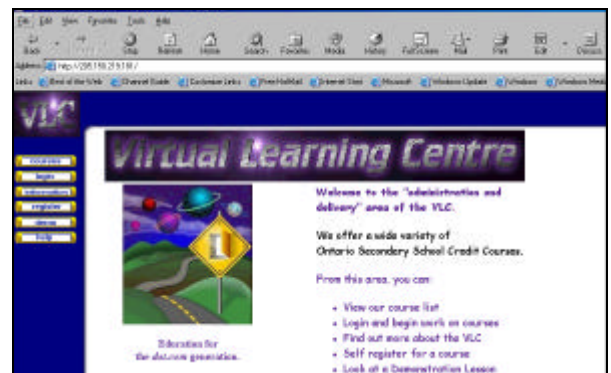
The Virtual Learning Centre's development efforts began in late 1999. At that stage, they had forged strategic partnerships, secured curriculum arrangements, received a commitment from Senior Administrators and agreed on a course template. What they hadn't accomplished yet was the choice of an Instructional Management System.

They realized that the Computer Managed Instruction (CMI) system had to adhere to international IMS standards to assure the easy exchange of online learning materials. Further, the VLC needed a means through which to track and report on student progress within

courses. Finally, they also wanted an environment that could be navigated easily by both instructors and students.

IntraLearn Wins Comparison Test

"Selecting the Instructional Management System proved to be far more challenging than we had envisioned," Warren continued, "One of the most significant challenges we faced was finding a system that would be flexible enough to accommodate our course template that we had worked long and hard to develop. Further, we had a number of courses in HTML and we didn't want to have to re-enter all of this data. We selected IntraLearn because of its design



The VLC is a customized user interface enabled by IntraLearn.

logic and flexibility to accommodate the work we had already done in designing online courses, plus on the recommendation of our consultants at ROAR Computer Results, Inc. The program is simple to use, allowing teachers to author courses without having a lot of computer savvy."

Warren added, "Our technical challenges were greatly alleviated with the purchase of IntraLearn. IntraLearn allowed us to establish a course template or model that we were comfortable with. With this in place, it is much easier to develop courses that have a consistent 'look and feel.' This is important to our learners who may not have the same motivational and study habits as post secondary students."

AIR Partner: ROAR Computer Results, Inc.

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IntraLearn is distributed worldwide through Authorized IntraLearn Resellers (AIR) to training and education providers. IntraLearn worked with its AIR Partner in Canada, ROAR Computer Results, Inc., to secure the agreement with Trillium and the Virtual Learning Centre. ROAR has provided software solutions for schools for more than a decade and is an Authorized Educational Reseller for Microsoft.

"ROAR relies on our academic customers to tell us what applications are important to them," said Arlene Ferguson, President at ROAR. "In the last two years we have been 'auditioning' software for distance learning, and we came to the conclusion that IntraLearn offers the most comprehensive system for facilitating online courses - with the best ROI. IntraLearn's customization capabilities rival all of the competition, and IntraLearn has been extremely helpful in assisting the Trillium Lakelands District School Board in with their specialized requirements for utilizing this software. Our close relationship with Microsoft Canada, and the fact that Microsoft has designated IntraLearn as their Tier 1 Partner for Online Learning Solutions, was our initial 'foot in the door.' Now, the IntraLearn installation at Trillium Lakelands is opening doors for ROAR at educational institutions all over Ontario."

"Our technical challenges were greatly alleviated with the purchase of IntraLearn. This learning centre will become very popular over the next two years as we continue to add courses and as students across Ontario and the world become familiar with the program."

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IntraLearn and Microsoft Join Forces

The Virtual Learning Centre is running its IntraLearn-based courses on a Microsoft e-learning platform, consisting of the Microsoft NT operating system, Office 2000 productivity suite, and the Microsoft SQL database server. The Trillium success story is just one example of the close working relationship between IntraLearn and Microsoft. The two companies have made a joint commitment to supply education customers with comprehensive, BackOffice-based online learning environments. IntraLearn and Microsoft technologies form a seamless and powerful platform for robust Internet-based virtual universities.

For more information, visit www.intralearn.com or call (508) 393-2277 or more about the Trillium Lakelands School District and the Virtual Learning Centre, visit www.tldsb.on.ca/index.htm. For information about ROAR, go to www.roarcanada.com



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