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# Test To Technology

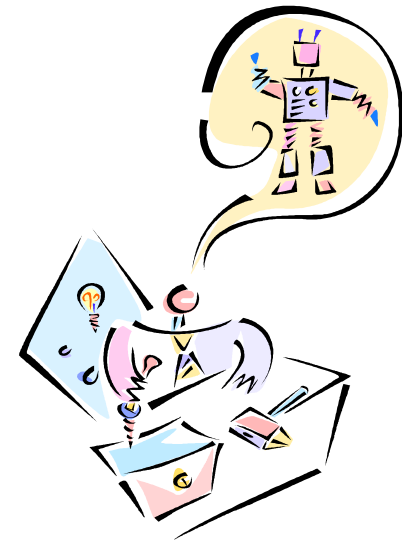
Matching Assistive Technology to Psychological Test Results

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## AMAC AT Assessment TechMatch

- Independent
- UGA RCLD
- GA Tools for Life



# Pre-Step 1: Know what you're doing ☺

What was I doing again.....??

- Training
- Experience
- Knowledge



# Training • Experience • Knowledge



## Principals of Assistive Technology

Training: [University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine](#):

Module 1: Introduction to Assistive Technology

Module 2: Assessment for Assistive Technology

Module 3: Laws Pertaining to Assistive Technology Service Delivery

Module 4: Assessment for and Use of Assistive Technology-  
Hearing/Vision/Communication

Module 5: Assessment for and Use of Assistive Technology-Motor Skills



# Training • Experience • Knowledge



## Certification



Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America

RESNA,

<http://resna.org/>

## Aspects of disAbilities

- Understanding of Psychological and Physical Development
- Knowledge of disabilities
  - Helps to specialize



## Getting the Core Information

- ✓ Understand the Practical Effect
- ✓ Personal Goals
- ✓ Discussion / Consultation

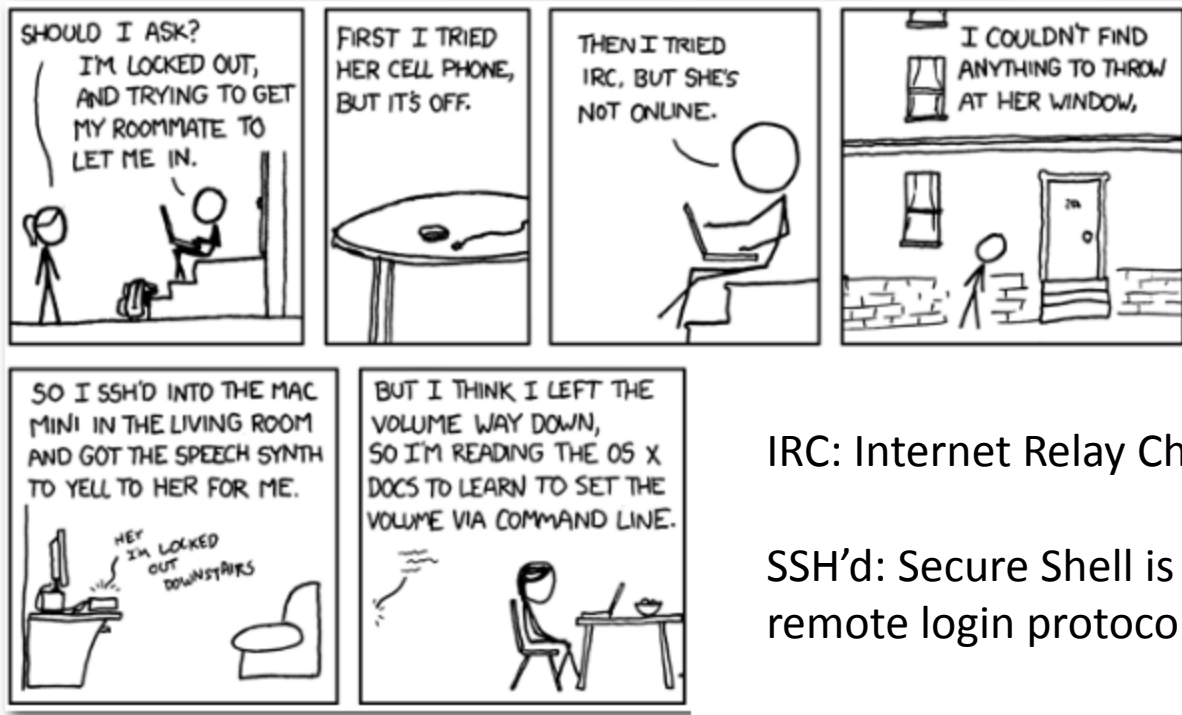
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# The Technology

## SO MUCH...and more everyday!

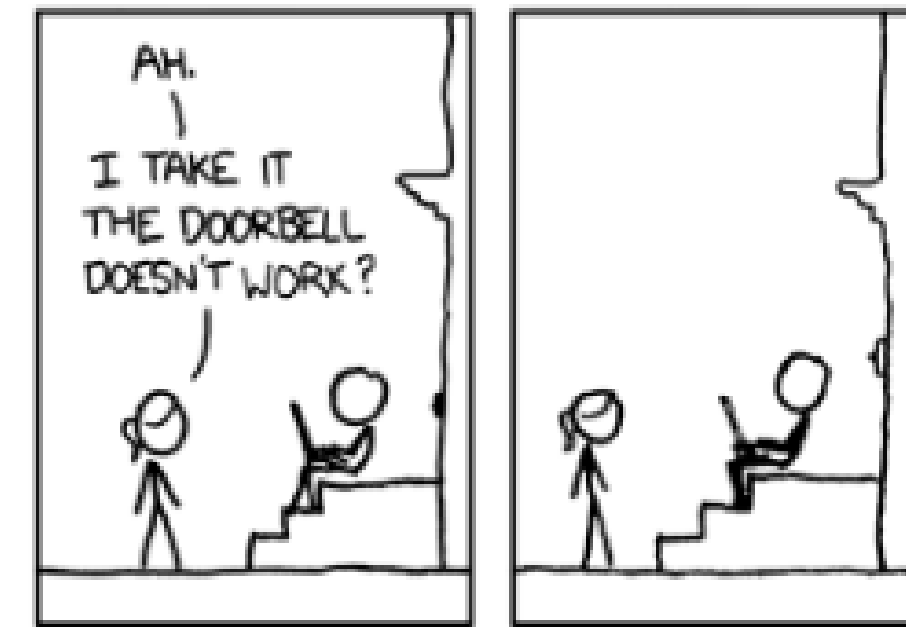


IRC: Internet Relay Chat

SSH'd: Secure Shell is a  
remote login protocol...

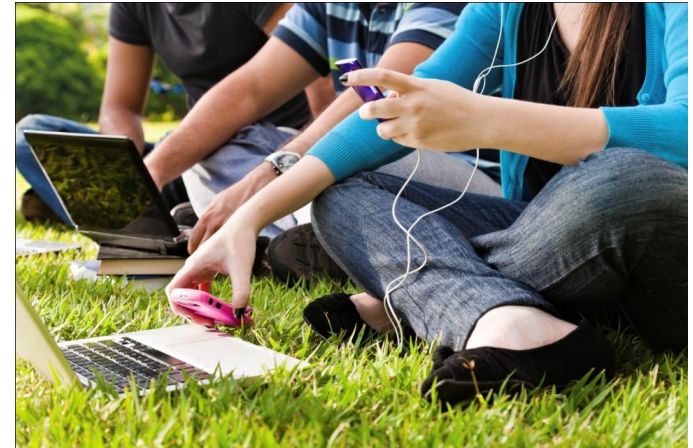


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## **SO MUCH...and more everyday!**

- ✓ Mainstream / Assistive
  - ✓ Crossroads
- ✓ Software, Hardware
- ✓ Apps
- ✓ Adapt / Build on Tech Skills
- ✓ Interactive Web Resources



# The Technology: Features, Tools & Resources

## Strategy...FTR!

Rather than 'only' name brands

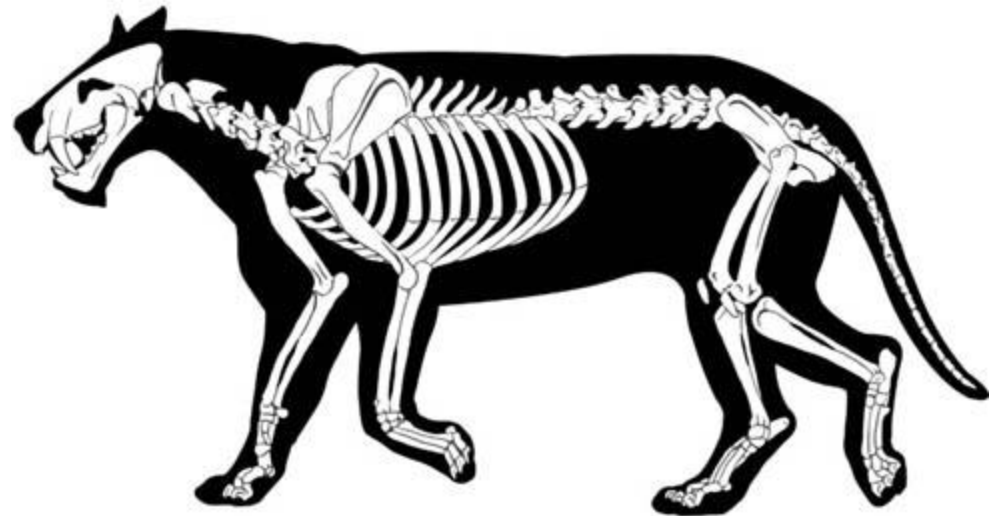
✓ Features

✓ Tools

and

✓ Resources

Oh my!



Let's Look at Some FTRs for READING

## Information Gathering / Review

- ✓ Past – Present – Future
- ✓ Assessing the Information – 91 pages!
- ✓ Psychoeducational Reports
  - ✓ Some Key Elements (the ah-ha!)
  - ✓ Show'em the list & charts



## The Psychological Evaluation

- ✓ Let's Take a Look...
- ✓ Cognitive Linguistic Results & Achievement Results
  - ✓ Strengths & Challenges
- ✓ Starting Point Matching



Sample Psych Report

# The Match Example

## Draft/Brainstorm Report

*Orthographic Awareness* (speed and accuracy in matching printed number/letters, sensitivity to the details of printed words, and awareness of implicit spelling patterns) reading word recognition

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Accommodation: *Alternative Media ; Books and tests in electronic format*

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*Technology: Text to Speech*

- ✓ Reads the text on your computer screen
- ✓ Color Tracking: highlights words as it reads them
- ✓ Compatible: Works with multiple File Formats including: Standard Text, MS Word (compatible with .doc and .docx files), HTML and Rich Text Formats.
- ✓ Cut and Paste “to” or “from” any program.
- ✓ Reading Options : Adjustable reading speeds plus ability to read one word at a time



Show Test Result Effect on Reading

# The TechMatch Report

## The TechMatch Report

- ✓ Adjust Based on Consultation with Student
  - ✓ Demonstration
- ✓ Let's Take a Look...

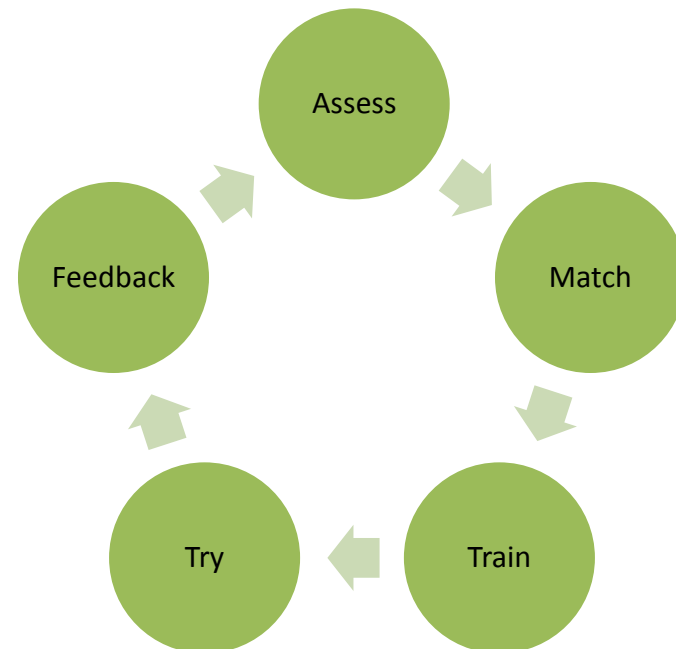


Sample TechMatch Report



## Assistive Technology Evaluation Cycle

1. Assess: Collect / Consider Information
2. Match Technology
3. Training
4. Trial
5. Feedback
6. Return to 1



- Process
  - Review of tests and reports: Psychological testing, IEP, work plans, medical and therapy Reports, etc.
  - Technology Consultation: Discussion of goals, strengths & challenges of the student and their environment.
  - AT Exploration: Demonstration of technology tools.
  - Provide Comprehensive Report
- Basic Membership: AT Assessment
- [More Information AMAC Wiki Page](#)
- \$350 / Report



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# Questions?

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