

# Action Research

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# Department/School Goal



- *Increase student engagement through exploratory classes.*
- *Increase keyboarding skills*

# Action Research Question

- *Will students be more engaged in keyboarding if a different “program” is used to teach keyboarding skills? What “keyboarding program” will result in greater student engagement; “software based” verses “internet based”?*

# Resources/Bibliography

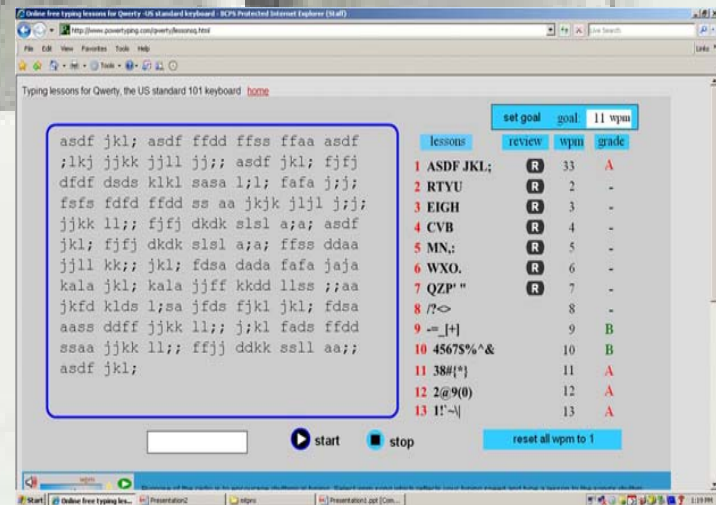
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  - *“Today’s keyboarding class is overwhelmingly a ‘remedial’ activity.*
- *Robinson, Erickson; Crawford, Beaumont; Ownby “Methods of Instruction for Teaching Keyboarding”*
  - *“Skillful technique is the best guarantee of combined speed and accuracy” (a generation of Hunt and Peck keyboarding skills)*
- *Erthal, Margaret “Keyboarding-Touch Typing”*
  - *“Software programs serve well for drill, remediation, enrichment practice, as well as adding variety to keyboarding instruction”*

# Procedure

- *I will collect qualitative data from 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour. I will use different programs in each class during each quarter and interview each student and their reactions to the different programs.*

# Programs

- MicroType Pro
- Qwerty (Online)



# Keyboarding Skills Are Vital

- Learning typing is the focus of these keyboarding games. Learning keyboarding skills is vital for today's learners and tomorrow's earners. These fun free typing games are a great way to build the foundation through typing skills that today's school curriculum requires. These keyboarding games teach important skills for preschool kids.... oh yeah, they're fun!

# Student's Thoughts

- I think it is a lot quicker and you can get done sooner....FUN! It is on the internet and you can work on it at home-Brandon Bloomfield
- I think it is "Awesomer" because it is funnier and you can work on it at home-Angela Boykins
- I don't like it because it doesn't teach real words and it forces the keys upon you, it doesn't show the technique-Robert Gildea
- I like MicroType Pro better because it is easier for me and I am quicker at it – Jordan Eakins
- I like MicroType Pro better because it shows the keys-Tyler Shepherd
- I like MicroType Pro better because I like to see the words and it helps me type and I like the speed-Felton Lewis
- Micro Type challenges me and I like it better – Patrick Barrus

# Conclusions

- Overall the students preferred MicroType Pro as the program of choice for learning keyboarding.
- I will use the other internet based programs to reinforce skills on a weekly basis and have classroom competitions using the on-line sites.