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# New scholastic software released; noteworthy by student standards

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Look in any classroom at the University of Michigan-Dearborn or any other university and you will see most students taking notes on their laptops.

In February 2008, Higher Symmetry Software released NoteScribe, a note-taking software for school, home or business. NoteScribe allows users to organize notes by class, date, keyword or by sources, making information easily accessible at a moment's notice.

Higher Symmetry Software, based in Cincinnati, was founded in 2005 by Jeff Sholl. Sholl, a graduate student at Miami University of Ohio, developed software for students and professors to assist in their research and began the company simply to obtain a tax ID so he could bill for his services. Later, while writing his master's thesis and attempting to organize all his notes, Sholl developed NoteScribe.

"I had a background in computer programming; I decided to write a quick little program to help me organize all of it," said Sholl. "As I got into writing the program, I had a great number of friends in the grad program I was in tell me that they wanted a copy when I finished and started offering ideas to add to the program."

Besides aiding in the organization of notes, NoteScribe can be used for a number of things. The software can organize recipes, song lyrics or anything else that needs organization. The NoteScribe Agent allows Web surfers to highlight any information and save it as in note. The Agent can also be used in other programs. NoteScribe also allows users to upload attachments to notes. PDF files, graphs, images, graphics, spreadsheets and even audio can be affixed to any NoteScribe note.

To the elation of professors everywhere, NoteScribe will even generate sources for research papers correctly for students. Input all the data - the author, publication year, publication title, etc. - and select the format type - APA, MLA, Chicago, etc. - and the source can be attached to notes.

"I really believe that it can truly help students in study, research, and all other academic pursuits... mainly because of its ease of use and multiple organizational tools, but also the fact that it has been proven that a person is more likely to remember something that they have typed rather than written by hand," said Sholl.

Sholl believes in the program so much that he is offering the program to students to try at no cost for 30 days. After 30 days of non-consecutive use, users will be prompted to buy a registration key for \$21. The price also includes any future updates to the program, making it affordable to college students on a budget.

The free download is available on the main page of the NoteScribe Web site - [www.notescribe.net](http://www.notescribe.net).

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