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## USING ORGANTUTOR IN PRIVATE AND GROUP INSTRUCTION

OrganTutor Organ 101 uses a new approach to help teach an old subject—it is an interactive multimedia organ tutorial:

- INTERACTIVE. OrganTutor responds to information provided by the user. Its responses are customized to user needs.
- MULTIMEDIA. OrganTutor uses various types of media: text, photographs, drawings, sound, and video.
- ORGAN TUTORIAL. This “Tutor” was created as an aid to—not a replacement for—the live organ instructor.

As an on-call “teaching assistant,” Organ 101 provides the kind of assistance for which a computer is well suited: demonstrate and describe manual and pedal techniques, and teach organ registration, hymn playing, and other general concepts. This allows live instructors to do what they do best: hear and see the student play, then provide the kind of feedback and direction that only a human can offer.

**Students** can come to their teachers better prepared and with more confidence with the help of Organ 101:

- 62 complete lessons
- Over 140 video examples and 250 audio examples
- CD audio examples play through computer’s speakers
- Hundreds of photographs and illustrations
- Drills and self-testing with feedback and score keeping
- Hundreds of hypertext links and pop-up definitions
- Used in college organ courses since 1996
- Written by a respected university organ professor and church organist
- Useful as a complete course or as a reference tool
- Runs through a standard web browser on PC (or Mac with high-speed Internet)
- Easy to use, with convenient point-and-click operation

Students can work systematically through all 62 lessons by following the Weekly Preparation Guide. Organ 101 teaches organ registration, hymn playing, and other general concepts in “Study Lessons.” Lesson Objectives are provided for note taking to help focus on the most important points of each Study Lesson. Organ 101 also offers specific direction in legato manual and pedal technique and in hymn playing projects. Representative exercises and projects are modeled in “Video Demonstrations.” Video clips on the screen and helpful hints in the workbook lead to thorough learning of the techniques and projects.

Students may also use Organ 101 as a practical reference on specific topics. The lessons are grouped under six units, each of which contains a series of lessons on that topic that can be studied individually or in order:

- General Concepts
- Manual Technique
- Pedal Technique
- Organ Registration
- Hymn Playing
- Projects

**Teachers** can use Organ 101 as a sort of “teaching assistant” by sending the student home each organ lesson with an assignment. This may include particular lessons in one or more of the units. For example, an assignment from Stage 3 of the Weekly Preparation Guide might include the following lessons:

- Finger substitution (exercises with video demonstrations in the Manual Technique unit)
- Group 4: Single Foot on Naturals & Natural/Sharp Combinations (exercises with video demo’s in the Pedal Technique unit)
- Organ Types and Components (a study lesson in the Organ Registration unit)
- Hymn Playing: Introduction (a study lesson in the Hymn Playing unit)

Working through these lessons at his or her own pace, the student could use the following learning aids as often as needed in preparation for the next organ lesson:

- Video demonstrations and written instructions for the finger substitution and pedal technique exercises
- A helpful list of “Do’s and Don’ts” for those exercises
- Digitized photographs and textual descriptions on Organ Types and Components
- Score examples, audio examples, and textual descriptions on the basics of Hymn Playing
- Drill questions and a test in each study lesson to help the student assess his or her understanding of the concept

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