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# ***EASEIT-Eng in a nutshell!***

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***EASEIT-Eng is a consortium project, funded by HEFCE and DHFETE, involving the Universities of Heriot-Watt, Hertfordshire, Hull, Loughborough, Northumbria and Surrey together with LTSN Engineering. Importantly, we're supported by the Professional Engineering Institutions, particularly the Chemicals, Civils, Electricals and Mechanicals.***

## **Project Aims**

The *EASEIT-Eng* project aims to assist Engineering academics in choosing Computer Aided Learning (CAL) materials that are right for them and their students. Key elements include:

- Creation of a standardised evaluation process for Engineering CAL materials.
- Evaluation of a wide range of Engineering CAL materials.
- Freely accessible Web-based database of these evaluations.

## **Who are the Evaluators?**

Evaluators are paid by the *EASEIT-Eng* project to conduct evaluations. Anybody trained in the use of the *EASEIT-Eng* standardised evaluation procedures can be an Evaluator.

## **Who are clients?**

Engineering academics who are using or are planning to use CAL material in their teaching and are willing to allow an *EASEIT-Eng* standardised evaluation of the CAL material.

## **What does the client have to do?**

- Not a lot! That's the Evaluator's job.
- Take part in two interviews – one before and one after – each 30 to 40 minutes.
- Enable the Evaluator to do the following; distribute questionnaires to the students, observe a CAL session and meet a small group of students after the session.

## **What support can be given to the client?**

Software and hardware installation should always be the responsibility of the client's own institutional IT support services. Evaluators can assist clients by:

- Researching the availability and use of suitable CAL packages.
- Demonstrating the use of CAL software to the client and/or their students.
- Liaising with the client or their IT support staff on hardware and software issues.
- Conducting the whole evaluation.

## **What's in it for the client?**

- Up front help and advice, as above, followed by an evaluation report and analysed data.
- Publishers may provide free software in return for the evaluation report.
- The opportunity to publish.
- A fee of £150!

***The EASEIT-Eng project is run by engineering academics for engineering academics. Be a part of creating this valuable and unique database. To get involved, please contact Fiona Lamb on 01509 227171, f.m.lamb@lboro.ac.uk***