

SignWriting 2003 Year-End Report

From The Desk of Valerie Sutton ;-)



[FileMaker Web Server for SignWriting Databases](#)

FileMaker programmer Todd Duell of [Formulations Pro](#) created a FileMaker Web Server on an Apple Macintosh computer in Valerie's office, using TomCat and Apache software. Todd made a very difficult job easier, by designing a special program in FileMaker to help Valerie enter data into the online databases. By the end of 2003, Valerie had created three online databases!



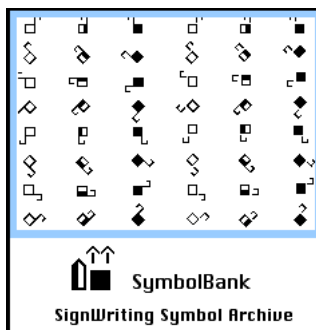
[New Web Database in 2003: Shop Online](#)

Read about SignWriting and DanceWriting books, CDs, videos and software on the web in this online shopping cart. Download catalogs and fax forms, or pay directly with a credit card on PayPal. Valerie designed three sections to the Shopping Cart, writing the descriptions, creating diagrams, and testing PayPal. Although sales were slow in 2003, this was partly do to the fact that the shopping cart was new. Sales help our non-profit organization continue.



[New Web Database in 2003: SignBank Online](#)

Want to find a sign quickly in the SignWriting dictionary? Are you getting tired of having to start the SignWriter Computer Program, to search the dictionary inside the program? Well, now the signs in the SignWriter dictionary are on the web in a FileMaker database. Go to [www.SignBank.org](#) to link to the new **Online Dictionary**. Type in a word and press the Search button. The equivalent sign will appear, written in SignWriting. You can then copy the sign and paste it into your documents!



[New Web Database in 2003: SymbolBank Online](#)

SymbolBank is an archive that holds every symbol in the Sutton Movement Writing system. It is a database built in FileMaker, that works with SignBank, to sort dictionaries by Sign-Symbol-Sequence (SSS). Computer programmers are creating SignWriting software in several countries, and they need information on SignWriting symbols. The **SymbolBank Web Database** provides programmers with a quick way to find information about symbols on the web. It is also used by teachers, students, researchers and graphics designers.



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Important Events Around The World!

Thousands of People Write SignWriting Daily

It became clear, in the year 2003, that SignWriting is a living, breathing writing system, used daily by thousands of people in 27 countries...This Year-End Report cannot list all the SignWriting projects around the world. There are just too many of them! So thank you to all the hardworking teachers, researchers, students, publishers and software programmers for your storybooks, web sites, computer programs, classroom documentation, videos and published SignWriting literature!



Map by [Bill Reese](#)

New Software Developments in 2003

Valerie posted the old partially-completed **SignWriter Java** program on the web, free for download, and even though the program is not perfect, there were people using it immediately. Then Deaf programmer Daniel Noelpp, in Switzerland, took on the big task of re-designing SignWriter Java to fit with modern operating systems. Dr. Ingvild Roald in Norway found assistance to help fund Daniel's team of Swiss programmers. In Brazil, Dr. Antonio Carlos da Rocha Costa's SWML became increasingly important, as a web-dictionary project in Belgium needed SWML to revolutionize SignWriting dictionaries on the web!



www.SignWriting.org/forums/software

Some Publications Using SignWriting in 2003

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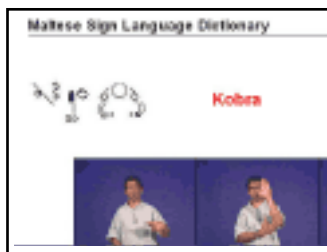
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