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Dear SW List, and Antonio Carlos!
What a pleasure to view your SW-Edit program, Antonio Carlos...

The moment I saw it, I know it will be popular. When it is ready, it will be used quickly around the world. I know I personally will use BOTH SW-Edit and SignWriter Java ...there is no question about that...Both programs provide the world with a more modern, cross-platform exchange of SignWriting symbols, and they are also different from each other, and provide different features...

SignWriter Java is a typing program. SW-Edit is a "drag-and-drop" graphics editor. Both programs use the same SignWriting symbols, which originate from the Gleaves' Symbol Editor, and which are used in SymbolBank and SignBank...so the SignWriting symbols look the same between all of our computer programs.

 So here is a brief look at the future SW-Edit, which is not ready yet...

SW-Edit 1 ...
See attached GIF (more will follow).

I opened SW-Edit in Windows XP Home Edition.
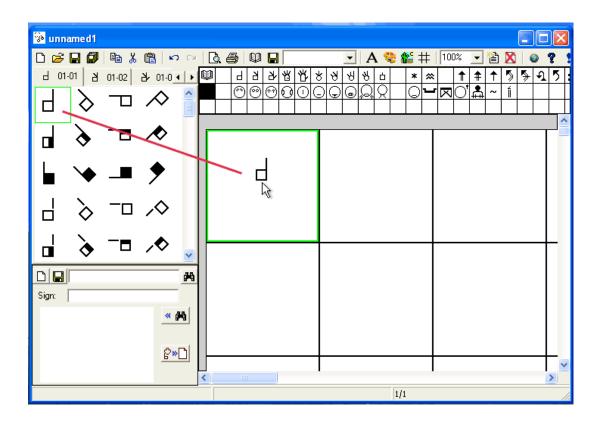Here are the opening credits:

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SW-Edit 2 ...
See attached GIF. The SSS is categorized by Groups in a box to the left. You can drag and drop any symbol into the SignBox...The Sign Box is used to create a sign....
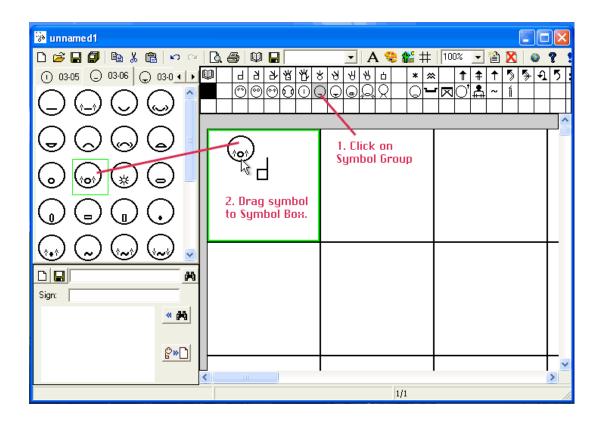
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SW-Edit 3...
See attached GIF. Each Symbol Group has a representative symbol placed in the top grid. To change Symbol Groups, click on a group. The symbols for that Group appear to the left. Then drag and drop the symbol you want into the Sign Box.

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SW-Edit 4
See attached GIF. The SW-Edit program provides a Dictionary feature. You can save your signs in the dictionary, retrieve them, and paste the signs into documents. You can drag and drop, or copy, signs from SignBank into SW-Edit, and we hope vice versa too...

The files that are saved from the SW-Edit program are in SWML. They actually end with a new .SWML extension. And Todd Duell and Antonio Carlos are working out a process, so that signs from SW-Edit can be quickly and efficiently entered into SignBank...

SW-Edit will be able to read and convert SignWriter DOS and Java files, creating SWML files, and in turn creating a bridge into SignBank. And if SignWriter Java can also save a file to SWML, we will have two computer programs that can work well with SignBank.

SW-Edit will be for Windows and Macintosh. But it is not ready yet, and it may take at least a year...Meanwhile I am working more on SymbolBank, to provide both the Java and SW-Edit programs better symbols etc...So this is a team effort -