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# TechWatch Courseware News

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**VisSim FREE seminar from Adept Scientific:** VisSim is an award winning software program for the modelling and simulation of complex dynamic systems. To find out more about VisSim 5, go to attend this free-of-charge, half-day, ask questions and discuss your specific application. If you would like to attend this seminar, or have any questions, please contact us on 01462 480055 or email [vissim@adeptscience.co.uk](mailto:vissim@adeptscience.co.uk).

**Extra value with Mathcad 11 and Electronic Libraries bundle offer:** Electronic Libraries are encyclopaedic reference works that cover specific engineering disciplines in detail and include time-saving features such as hyperlinks, browsing, and full word search. Each Library contains hundreds of standard calculation procedures, formulae, and tables. And each combines three key texts on one CD. There are three Libraries available, as follows: Civil Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering. Buy Mathcad 11 and get one free electronic library before 31st March 2003

**Math on the Web:** A Status Report is a paper that Design Science publishes every six months to inform the maths, science, and education community on what is going on in the Math on the Web world. The January 2003 edition focuses on how browser support for MathML has significant implications for scientific publishing. It can be found at [http://www.dessci.com/en/reference/webmath/status/status\\_Jan\\_03.htm](http://www.dessci.com/en/reference/webmath/status/status_Jan_03.htm)

**UNISTAT version 5.5:** introduces many new features and enhancements. Also introduced is a new optional module, Statistical Analysis of Bioassays.

**Upgrade from Derive 5.0x to Derive 5.06 for free:** A free update from Derive 5.0x to 5.06 (English language only) is now available on the Texas Instruments web site. New User Math Packages for Derive 5 are also available

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## Disability Data, by gender, mode and subject centre Registered population, 2000 HESA data

Disability	MSOR Total	All subjects Total
An unseen disability	469	25,778
Blind/are partially sighted	39	2,861
Deaf/have a hearing impairment	59	4,955
Dyslexia	270	27,402
Mental health difficulties	28	2,736
Multiple disabilities	35	7,133
No known disability	25,941	1,811,697
Other Disability	128	10,670
Personal care support	2	225
Unknown	833	78,086
Wheelchair user/mobility difficulties	26	3,778
Grand Total	27,829	1,975,324

Source: With thanks to LTSN and HEFCE for supplying this data

LTSN Maths, Stats & OR Network have recently set up an email discussion list on MSOR teaching and learning issues related to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) and Special Education Needs and Disabilities Act 2001. To join go to:

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/DDA-LTSNMSOR.html>

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## FREE PDA GIVEAWAY at Accessibility and PDAs workshop: 3 April 2003, York...

For one lucky person we will pay £125 towards the £250 cost. If you would like to be considered for this single subsidised TechDIS workshop place, contact [info@mathstore.ac.uk](mailto:info@mathstore.ac.uk). All we require in return is an *MSOR Connections* article on PDAs in math, stats and operational research teaching and learning.....More info on workshop at: <http://www.techdis.ac.uk/workshops/>

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**'Capital Chances : 25 March 2003, City Hall, London between 10.00 am until 5.30...**The first event to provide a real-life, one-day experience of investment banking for disabled students. The event is sponsored by 6 of the world's leading investment banks and is supported by Skill, The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities. The sponsors are: JPMorgan, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, UBS, HSBC and Goldman Sachs. More info and to apply on line go to: <http://www.doctorjob.com/targetlive/disabilitychances> ....PLEASE TELL YOUR STUDENTS