

On the Security of Computers in the CALL System : With Refernce to Kyushu University (In Honour of Professor Keiichi Onizuka On the Occasion of His Retirement)

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One of the LL rooms on the Ropponmatsu Campus Kyushu University was converted early in 1997 into a new language room where the CALL (Computer-Assisted Language Learning) system, coupled with the usual LL functions, enables efficient and interesting language learning by means of computers and the Internet.

The maintenance of students' computers (Macintosh), however, is an urgent and important issue. Students with poor computer literacy cause unexpected trouble with our machines and those familiar with the details of Macintosh try to play an intentional trick on the files and folders on the hard disk.

The financial circumstances of our university forced us to postpone the introduction of powerful security software until the fall term and to manage in the spring term with weaker free software and some other resources. The installment of the effective software alone, however, is not enough. The proper combination between the CALL system and the security software ought to be secured.

I focus in this paper on how we can temporally do without expensive software and how we can eliminate the conflict between the CALL system and the security software.