

SchoolStat™

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I hope you like SchoolStat™, and welcome suggestions!

Philosophy & History of SchoolStat™:

If you are interested, I recount here the disappointing saga of SchoolStat™'s development in brief. It sprung from an HyperCard stack of probability distributions, but required proper compiling to achieve acceptable speed. The current version has now been demonstrated to 100s of people in the software industry, notably here in the USA. They have all praised it highly (sic) but would not commit themselves and publish it.

Its release has thus been delayed for over 18 months! I now bitterly regret this, for I originally wrote it to be used in schools and to be sold cheaply. I have learned quite a lot about software publishing businesses, and am disheartened for the many small developers and enthusiasts like myself. I now offer SchoolStat™ as shareware, in the hope that it can still appeal to some students and their Statistics teachers, and assist them in understanding graphically some statistical concepts. I fully intended putting more features into it, but frankly found it hard to sustain interest after so many knock-backs. However, such interest can be re-kindled if enough people use, like and inform me of their suggestions. Also note that this has so far taken approximately 2-3 years to develop to its current state. If you want improvements (eg ANOVA, multiple regression, better graphing...) then please do show your interest by registering with a reasonable shareware fee. I am particularly keen to hear from statisticians with constructive criticisms (the more detail the better!).

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