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Connecting to Dudal, the distance education software of the RAFT

The core activity of the RAFT is the webcasting of interactive courses targeted to physicians and other care professionals, the topics being proposed by the partners of the network. Courses are webcast every week via the Dudal platform, freely available, and followed by hundreds of professionals who can interact directly with the teacher. A bandwidth of 30 kbits/second, the speed of an analog modem, is sufficient, and enables the participation from remote hospitals or even cybercafés.

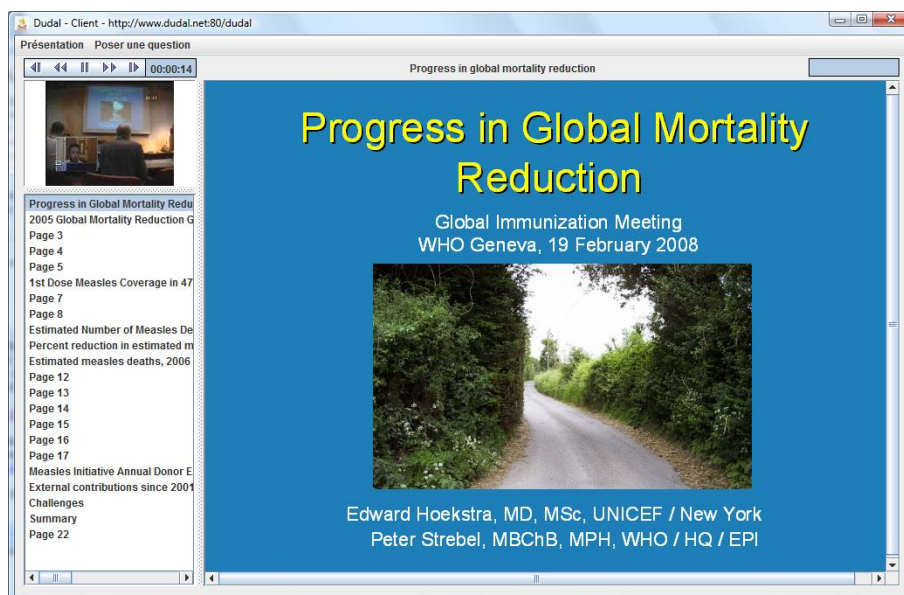
The Dudal software is a Java-based application launched from a web browser using the Java Web Start technology.

In order to run Dudal, it is required to have a recent version of Java installed on the computer (version 1.5 or later). In order to install Java or update it on the computer, download and install a free copy from the Java website: <http://www.java.com/en/>

Free Java Download

To test Dudal, use the following course, recorded at WHO in February 2008: http://www.dudal.net/dudal/apps/jws/uiclient?/oms/20080219_1640

The first time Dudal is used, it will be uploaded and installed automatically. You will have to choose the installation language (English or French) and the folder which will contain the courses (just use the default values). Once Dudal is installed and the course downloaded, it should start automatically.



If you have problems with it, please contact Dr Cheikh Oumar Bagayoko, coordinator of the RAFT, via e-mail, at cob@hcuge.ch

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