

Understanding Jobulator

Many of you have been asking some great questions about Jobulator, and we'll answer the most common ones here. We'd also like to clear up some common misconceptions that both administrators and subs have mentioned. We know that in many cases subs are asking you about Jobulator, and we not only want to tell you more about it, we also want to ensure that you have the technical support information handy to pass along to anyone who needs help.



So what is Jobulator?

Jobulator is a small, simple computer program called a “widget” that looks into a sub’s Aesop account to see if there are any new jobs. If so, it allows the user to manually accept them – without logging into Aesop itself. It’s like a remote view into a substitute’s Aesop account. Jobulator is a convenience product designed to solve a particular problem. Substitutes have told us that they often feel “chained to their computers,” because they want to keep checking Aesop to see if they have any new jobs. Jobulator allows these subs to break their chains and freely walk around the house as they await job offers. As long as they’re within earshot of their computers, subs can hear “ding-ding-ding” when a new job offer comes into Aesop for them.

Some subs are suggesting that Jobulator provides “advance notice” and is an unfair advantage.

This is a common misconception. Because Jobulator only displays jobs that are already in subs’ Aesop accounts and requires them to manually accept jobs, all it really provides is frequent checking and audible notification to those within earshot of their computers. Of course, users can proactively check Aesop by web or phone as frequently as they wish. In fact, there are several products out there that DO offer an unfair advantage—a feature called “automatic acceptance” that allows subs to accept jobs in Aesop 24/7, without even seeing them! You can see one such example at www.assignmentassistant.com. This program acts as a sort of “software robot” in place of the subs, constantly checking their Aesop accounts and then automatically accepting jobs on their behalf. Can you imagine what would happen if subs didn’t show up for your classes in the morning because they didn’t realize that jobs had been accepted while they slept? We feel that automatic acceptance is unfair to subs and may create problems for districts, so we’re taking steps to allow you to prevent its use in your district. Please contact your Client Services team for more info.

Some subs are suggesting that they now have to pay to get jobs.

Not true! Aesop continues to be free to all subs. Jobulator costs \$40/year because we have to pay for development, computer systems and support staff for it. Competitors (who charge much more) continue to sell their products.

Since you have always been the first line of help for substitutes, you will most likely receive some calls concerning Jobulator. You can direct any substitute with questions to our help page at www.jobulator.com/help or our Jobulator Client Services team via email - support@jobulator.com.

Thank you for your help and patience as we try to continually improve Aesop (and now Jobulator) for all users.