No Excuse Needed for TestTaker on Mac

Opportunity
To move NWEA's flagship TestTaker application onto the Mac platform. NWEA currently administers more than 10 million tests annually to more than 4 million children. Many of these test takers were on Macs, and NWEA needed to service that market.

Hurdles
Apple’s move to Intel-based Macs in 2007 meant that the PowerPC version of TestTaker would no longer run. A solution was needed to take NWEA’s late-1990 vintage fat client application, and somehow make it run on the new Intel Macs. Furthermore, the ported application would need to deliver good performance, handle complex file-locking requirements, and have the necessary graphical ‘spit and polish.’

Solution
By utilizing CrossOver, NWEA’s existing PC source code was able to be ported to the Intel platform on a very short timeframe. In less than three months, CodeWeavers was able to deploy an initial beta solution for field testing, with full product rollout just a month later, in time for NWEA’s heaviest testing season.

Benefits
CodeWeavers ported version of TestTaker fulfilled two crucial needs. It allowed a new Mac solution to be deployed very quickly, without breaking the bank. At the same time, CodeWeavers freed up resources within NWEA’s software development team, so that a follow-on native Mac version could be developed without rushing it into production. The result was a graceful transition to a fully native Mac version, enabled by the initial port of the Windows codebase.

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“The project had a number of challenges, but CodeWeavers was very responsive.”
-Karl Boekelheide, CQO