

Infusions of Technology

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Web 2.0~parts of the Internet that due to their design facilitate interactive information sharing and collaboration on the World Wide Web. Examples of Web 2.0 include web-based communities, social networking sites, video-sharing sites, wikis, blogs, and more. This is in contrast to non-interactive websites where static information is provided to the viewer.

(Paraphrased from Web 2.0 site, www.wikipedia.com)



Wikis

Wikis are online places where content can be edited and commented upon by the original author and others.

1. www.pbwiki.com
2. www.wikispaces.com
3. <http://umtechresources.wikispaces.com/Wikispaces> (Info on working with wikispaces)
4. <http://wiki.classroom20.com> (Site devoted to building class resources and prof. development using Web 2.0 collaborative technologies)



Blogs

Blogs, named for being “WeB LOGs”, are online places where content can be posted by the blog owner. Most allow comments by others but original content can only be edited by the blog owner.

1. www.blogger.com (create an easy blog)
2. www.blogspot.com (free blog hosting site)
3. www.powermonster.com (Get your own website. This service is run by a high school teacher. There is a fee.)

Podcasts & Audio



A Podcast, named as a broadcast message playable on an iPod, is an audio recording posted on line. Often podcasts are issued in a series.

1. www.odeo.com
2. www.podomatic.com/directory (Listen to & create podcasts)
3. www.gcast.com (Make a podcast from your cell phone, now has a fee)
4. www.vocaroo.com (Record your voice, which you can put on a website, blog, or e-mailed)
5. www.voki.com (create your own speaking avatar, with your voice!)
6. www.voicethread.com (Narrate and converse about images)
7. www.gizmoz.com (similar to Voki, creat a speaking avatar)
8. www.gabcast.com (students call toll-free number & record voicemails that can be downloaded by teacher or streamed online.
9. www.itunes.com (download podcasts and audio, some free, some for a fee)
10. www.audible.com (download podcasts and audio broadcasts)
11. www.profcast.com (record lectures, etc. Can include PowerPoint slides, presentations)
12. www.poducateme.com (classroom podcasting site, set up for teachers)



Videos

1. www.youtube.com (watch and post videos online)
2. www.teachertube.com (website not blocked by school filters, watch and post class/school videos)
3. <http://video.google.com> (more online videos to watch)
4. www.dailymotion.com
5. <http://one.revver.com/revver>
6. <http://vixy.net> (download/convert YouTube files)
7. www.zamzar.com (Another YouTube downloader)
8. www.pwnyoutube.com (Unblock and download YouTube files)
9. www.yodio.com (Create an audio postcard or audio photo album, can record from your phone)
10. www.screencast-o-matic.com (create a recording of your computer screen)
11. www.viddix.com (upload videos and add support notes, etc. Can publish to web pages or use for presentation)

Presentation Sites

1. www.scooch.com (online presentations, web-based)
2. www.prezi.com (zooming presentations)
3. www.empressr.com (presentations you can create and share online with photo, music, video, and audio)
4. www.sites.google.com (create a google website for your class)
5. www.prezentit.com (create presentations. You can collaborate with others online at the same time)
6. www.slideshare.com (upload presentations/powerpoints to share with others, or use theirs that they have shared)
7. www.scrapblog.com (combine photos, audio, video, text to create multimedia pages and mix 'em up)
8. www.ahead.com (zooming presentations)

Photo Sites

1. www.flickr.com
2. <http://images.google.com>
3. www.bubbleshare.com (make a slideshow of your pictures, add written and audio captions)
4. www.voicethread.com (make slideshow of photos, with audio comments)
5. www.slide.com
6. www.picnik.com (Edit and "enhance" photos)
7. www.befunky.com (Another photo editing site)
8. www.piclits.com (Pick an image and write on it as a caption, etc.)
9. www.glogster.com (Create an online "poster" that can include photo, video, or audio files)



10. www.bighugelabs.com (Make trading cards, inspirational posters, ID badges, billboards and more!)* I didn't get to present about this but seriously check out this website. It is SUPER COOL!!!
11. www.irfanview.com (photo viewer/editor)
12. www.faceinhole.com (put your face into famous art pieces, movie posters, etc.)
13. www.aviary.com (a photo editor, like photoshop)
14. sxc.hu (a stock photo site, free photos for use without royalties)
15. www.creativecommons.com (make sure your pictures are obtained legally)



Teacher Resources

1. www.google.com/educators/p_apps.html (Resources on using google for teachers)
2. www.readwritethink.org/materials (resources for writing, other areas, includes lesson plans)
3. <http://wings.buffalo.edu/litgloss/list-of-texts.shtml> (authentic, untranslated literature)
4. www.gotoquiz.com/create.html (Create quizzes, surveys, and polls)
5. www.21stcenturyskills.org/ Partnership for 21st Century Skills
6. www.polleverywhere.com (Create a survey which can have answers sent as text message or e-mail)
7. www.classroom20.com (social network for teachers using web 2.0 and other tech in classroom)
8. www.learner.org/interactives (Interactive modules for various grades and subject areas)

Class Resources



1. <http://poster.4teachers.org/> (Project Poster allows students to make online projects including one image, up to 4 links to other pages, and 3500 words.)
2. www.pdictionary.com (Online, multi-lingual picture dictionary)
3. www.bookbox.com/ (web-based jukebox of digital books from around the world)
4. www.toondoo.com (Create your own cartoons or cartoon books)
5. www.itpossibilities.org (A stand-alone program called Alice, free to download, using basic JAVA programming to make a story.)
6. Discovery education streaming (do a search to get link—various videos about cultural and language topics, other subject areas too.)
7. www.museumbox.com (create a shelf with “cubes” of information...a great way to make an easy portfolio!)
8. www.bubbl.us (interactive mind-mapping site)
9. Cmap.ihmc.us (Mind-mapping and flow-chart tools)

10. www.kartoo.com (search engine that shows a chart of related sites)
11. Pauker.sourceforge.net (free flash card-based learning application)



Random Fun

1. www.blingmysid.com/ (Dress up Sid from Ice Age)
2. www.mrpicassohead.com/create.html (Make your own Picasso-style self portrait)
3. <http://disney.go.com/surfswell/comiccreator.html> (Student can select Disney character, edit some details and write about it, then print.)
4. www.twitter.com (with membership, send short messages readable as a text message on a cell phone or online)
5. www.wordle.net (generate a word cloud from a text, essay, song, etc. The more a word is repeated, the larger it is in the cloud)
6. www.tagxedo.com (generate a word cloud, in a variety of shapes. Can be saved more easily than wordle)
7. www.thisissand.com (just play with the falling sand.)

A wealth of other pages is available at: cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com