



Web 2.0 Tools for the Classroom

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What are Web 2.0 tools?

1. Online services such as blogs, wikis, and Google docs that allow one user or several collaborators to access the sites from multiple computers and devices such as phones and iPads.
2. Online tools that allow users to create and store documents, presentations, wikis, etc. online and share and edit among multiple users/devices. No more emailing attachments or juggling thumb drives! Work on your own schedule from work, home, or the beach (ha!)
3. Web 2.0 is the term given to describe a second generation of the World Wide Web that is focused on the ability for people to collaborate and share information online.
--www.webopedia.com

Note: Technology is great, but unreliable (not to mention painfully slow). Murphy's Law is ALWAYS in play. Plan B's are strongly recommended. :)

PRESENTATION SITES

For teachers and students alike

A. Prezi (www.prezi.com)

-FREE to public (limited features; all Prezis are public to other Prezi users)

-FREE educator license available (can upgrade regular license to educator license free; Prezis are private)

B. Glogster (<http://edu.glogster.com/>)

-FREE: Single Teacher Account (provides teacher code which can be given to students; incredibly limited functions; students must email project URL to teacher)

-SUBSCRIPTION: \$30/year (50 student accounts) or \$99/year (200 student accounts) ; teachers add and manage students; no need to share URLs

SUGGESTION: Use class fee money to cover a license each year; can pay using PO

→ <http://thecopyrightsite.org/> ← Helpful information for teachers and students to reference before downloading and using images to presentations.

TEACHING TOOLS

Tools to help during instruction

A. Stopwatch (www.online-stopwatch.com)

FREE! Contains a variety of stop watches and timers; great for use on a screen to help students keep track of time during assignments

FREE! Great site for concept mapping

B. Popplet (<http://popplet.com/>)

Similar sites

-Bubbl.us (<https://bubbl.us/>) FREE

-Webspiration

(<http://www.inspiration.com/webspirationclassroom>)

SUBSCRIPTION

C. Tiny URL (<http://tinyurl.com/>)

FREE! Converts long URLs into short URLs to insert into documents, bibliographies, web pages, emails, etc.

D. Quizlet (<http://quizlet.com/>)

-FREE (limited features but probably sufficient; no real need for subscription; create flashcards; site creates variety of study/assessment activities; track student progress)

-SUBSCRIPTION (\$15/year; no ads; can upload own images; unlimited groups)

VIDEO / FILE CONVERSION

How to Convert Files Easily

Zamzar (www.zamzar.com)

FREE for files up to 100MB in size (premium account available); web-based.

NOTE: link to converted file sent via email; only available 24 hours

Similar Sites (not all are web-based; all are free)

-WinX (<http://www.winxdvd.com/hd-video-converter-for-mac/download.htm>) FREE (no reason to pay for this; features of free version are sufficient)

-We Transfer (<http://www.wetransfer.com/>)

-VLC Media Converter

(<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>)

-RealPlayer (<http://www.real.com/>)

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

A. Dropbox (www.dropbox.com)

FREE! 2 GB of online storage (only drawback is lack of storage; more storage available by adding Dropbox to devices, inviting users)

SUBSCRIPTION may or may not be worth it to pay; depends on storage needs/preferences

Similar Sites

-Pogoplug (www.pogoplug.com) FREE (may or may not be blocked in the classroom)

-Ubuntu (<https://one.ubuntu.com/>)FREE

-SugarSync

(<https://www.sugarsync.com/signup?startsub=5>) FREE

-SpiderOak

B. Sqworl (<http://www.sqworl.com>)

FREE! Store your favorite and most frequently used sites in one easy place.

C. Evernote (www.evernote.com)

FREE! Make notes that show up on all your computers and/or phones.

D. Google Docs/Drive (Sign in through your school email account)

FREE (Create, edit, and store lesson plans, papers, spreadsheets, etc. online and access from all your computers; collaborate with others in real time from different computers)

What is a wiki?

A wiki is a website in which the users are able to add, modify, or delete content via a web browser using an easy interface that the average person can easily understand.

Most wikis are created and/or used collaboratively.

Wikis use wiki software.

A well-known example is Wikipedia.

-- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>

A few classroom uses for wikis are teacher websites, project websites, club pages, etc.

TEACHER / CLASS WEBSITES AND WIKIS

Google Sites

FREE (Sign in through your school email account)

Similar sites (Websites)

-SchoolRack (<http://www.schoolrack.com/>) FREE

-Weebly (<http://www.weebly.com/>) FREE

Similar sites (Wikis)

-PBWorks (<http://pbworks.com/using-pbworks-individual-classrooms>) FREE workspace for individual educators

-Wikispaces (<http://www.wikispaces.com/>) FREE for individual educators

OTHER NOTE-WORTHY SITES

These sites have potential but may require some experimentation and/or cost

A. LiveBinders (<http://www.livebinder.com/>)

FREE! A 3-ring binder for the web.

Collect your resources and organize them neatly and easily.

B. Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/>)

FREE! Photo upload site

(NOT recommended for student usage and NOT for the faint of heart. Funny concept with loads of potential, but tedious process)

C. Blabberize (<http://www.blabberize.com>)

-DON'T CLICK ANYTHING BESIDES THE MAIN LINKS! Full of SPAM/phishing/etc., so use cautiously. Using the main controls shouldn't cause any problems; just avoid the ads.

D. Animoto (<http://www.animoto.com/education>)

FREE 30-second videos; limited features; 6-month free trial provides up to 50 student accounts

SUBSCRIPTION: \$30/year OR \$5/month if you only want to use it once or twice a year; student accounts available; very private and secure)

E. Xtranormal (<http://www.xtranormal.com>)

FUN! FUN! FUN! Make movies online. Great for a language class! Retell stories; create foreign language dialogues, etc. Costs money...pay for a month's usage...\$10/teacher, PLUS \$0.50/student.

F. Voki (<http://www.voki.com/>)

FREE! Lets you create customized avatars and add your voice to make really cool announcements, etc. Post your Voki to any blog, website, or profile.

The information in this presentation is just the tip of the iceberg.

For a well-organized, easy-to-navigate source for more Web 2.0 tools, please see the LiveBinder at this link:

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=365641

And of course, you can also Google any of these sites for additional similar sites.

For example, "dropbox + similar" revealed myriad alternatives to Dropbox.

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Feel free to email us if you have questions! ☺

Thanks!

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TOOLS ADDED AFTER PRINTING

Classroom Organizer

(<http://classroom.booksource.com/classroom/Default.aspx>)

FREE! This amazing tool lets you use your iPhone or Android phone to scan ISBN's from books to magically add them to your online library. In addition, it lets you add student info so you can check books out to students—complete with a deadline for return. You can pull up reports that show what books are out, what books each student has checked out, what AR level the books an individual student has checked out, etc. Oh, if you don't have a smartphone, you can just type in the info for each book manually. It's still worth using (in my humble opinion)!

Download & Convert YouTube videos

(<http://sqworl.com/bng15f>)

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