What the heck is that?
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Images & Presentations

Glogster provides an environment to design interactive posters. The user inserts text, images, photos, audio, videos, special effects and other elements into their glogs to generate a multimedia online creation. www.glogster.com

Jing is a free, simple software solution for easy screenshots and short screencasts. Enhance your reference and instruction with visual aids captured with Jing. www.techsmith.com/jing

PhotoStory3 allows users to create a show and tell presentation from their digital photos. The software allows adding narration, effects, transitions and background music to create a Windows Media Video movie file with pan and zoom effects. Google: PhotoStory3

Pixlr is a free online photo editing tool comparable to the full version of Photoshop. It has gadgets and tools to do just about anything you want to pictures on the web and from your computer. www.pixlr.com

Prezi is a web-based presentation application and storytelling tool that uses a single canvas instead of traditional slides. Text, images, videos and other presentation objects are placed on the infinite canvas and grouped together in frames. The canvas allows users to create non-linear presentations, where they can zoom in and out of a visual map. A path through different objects and frames can be defined, representing the order of the information to be presented. www.prezi.com

VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate pages and leave comments in four ways - using voice, text, audio file, or video. Share a VoiceThread with friends, students, and colleagues for them to record comments too. www.voicethread.com

Just for Fun

Voki is a free service that allows you to create personalized speaking avatars and use them on your blog, profile, and in email messages. You can customize your Voki to look like you and speak with your own voice which is added via microphone, upload, or phone. www.voki.com

Wordle allows you to create free word clouds from any large chunk of text, any blog, or delicious account. Build beautiful and customized visual displays of the most common words. www.wordle.net

Xtranormal is simple text to movie web-based application. Pick one or two cartoon actors, type in their lines, insert a few actions, and publish. www.xtranormal.com

Move Stuff Around

Dropbox allows you to store your documents online, access them from multiple computers or from an iPhone, iPad or Android, and share them with others. Files sync automatically, so no more digging through email attachments to find the latest version. www.dropbox.com

faxZERO is a simple online tool that allows you to freely send a fax to anyone in the U.S. or Canada via the web. A great resource for librarians (think ILL), students and small and home based business owners. www.faxzero.com

Zamzar is a web application that allows user to convert files without downloading a software tool. Users can type in a URL or upload one or more files from their computer. www.zamzar.com

Miscellaneous

Boogie Board is an erasable LCD tablet. It is a tree-friendly alternative to memo pads, sketchbooks, sticky notes, dry erase boards and other writing/drawing mediums. www.myboogieboard.com

Flip Camera is a handheld video camera with built-in software that you can plug directly into your computer. Flips are great for student projects, teacher assessment, documenting science experiments, and much more. The easiest video recording and editing tool on the market! Schools can even get a two-for-one deal through digitalwish.org. www.theflip.com

Lifehacker Overwhelmed by all the tools out there? Don't know where to look? Try Lifehacker – a site dedicated to helping you streamline your life and be more productive both online and off. www.lifehacker.com

NoteFlight is free online music notation software that lets the user link to, embed, and share music scores online. Includes audio playback and midi capabilities. Great for students AND teachers! www.noteflight.com

WifiDog is an open source captive portal software for authenticating and collecting usage statistics of public wifi users. www.wifidog.org

Online Presence

Omeka is a free, flexible, and open source web-publishing platform for the display of library, museum, archives, and scholarly collections and exhibitions. Omeka uses the Dublin Core standard. www.omeka.org

Wikispaces allows users to quickly create a free website or online space for easy collaboration. You don't need to know any code to get it up and running. www.wikispaces.com

Yola is a free online web design tool that will help you and your patrons create professional looking websites. Simple and easy to use, Yola is especially good for librarians, small and home based business owners, genealogists and anyone else that wants a fully functioning website. www.yola.com

Productivity

Doodle is a fast and free online tool for scheduling group meetings. No more fights with out-of-date Outlook calendars; let attendees mark their own availability on the doodle site. www.doodle.com

Feedly is a solution if you are tired of the plain look of Google Reader. This browser add-on creates a magazine/digest feel for your existing Google Reader account and allows easy sharing with other social networks. www.feedly.com

Google Forms creates instant survey forms! Create a simple form with your Google account, customize it, email it to your recipients or embed it in your website and get your responses automatically compiled in a Google Doc spreadsheet. www.google.com/google-d-s/forms

OpenOffice is free, easy to use, open source office productivity software that includes word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics and databases. www.openoffice.org

Scholarship & Education

Common Sense Media has an educators section that includes complete lesson plans, activity sheets, and videos for topics like: digital citizenship, cyberbullying, digital footprints, research, and information literacy. It is a great place to find ideas for middle school internet safety and research classes. www.commonsensemedia.org

Edmodo is an easy and safe way to teach basic social networking/digital citizenship skills. Edmodo lets teachers create accounts where they can add students (without a required email address!) to groups or classes, monitor discussions, collect assignments, and even do RSS feeds--for free! A great way to teach appropriate social network behavior or even handle overseas pen pals. www.edmodo.com

Free Citation Generators: *KnightCite* (www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite), *BibMe* (www.bibme.org), *CitationMachine* (www.citationmachine.net), and *EbscoHost* (gowyld.net/list.cfm?AlphaName=E) are tools to help students create citations for books, articles, websites and more in APA and MLA styles. See how they compare in the program slides: http://conference.wyla.org/2010/

Mashpedia aggregates content from multiple web services to provide an integral and real-time outlook of every topic. It allows users to discover and consume related digital materials loaded from Wikipedia, Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, newspapers, magazines, books and further sources in one single place. www.mashpedia.com

Thinkfinity is a web portal that lets users search eight different educational content partners at once: ArtsEdge, ReadWriteThink, Science Netlinks, EconEdlink, National Geographic's Expeditions, Smithsonian's History Explorer, Illuminations (math), and EdSitemen to find tens of thousands of lesson plans, interactives, printables, and more. Most resources are aligned to standards. Also contains online professional development opportunities. www.thinkfinity.org

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