

Our Favorite Technology Things

Below is a list of "favorite tools" discussed at a sharing session on 5/21/2009.

In Plain English

<http://commoncraft.com/>

In Plain English videos are short, simple and focused on making complex ideas easy to understand.

7 Things You Should Know About...

<http://www.educause.edu/ELI/ELIResources/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAbout/7495>

...series provides concise information on emerging learning technologies and related practices. Each brief focuses on a single technology or practice and describes what it is, how it works, where it is going, why it matters to teaching and learning.

Instructional Technologies Online Help Resources

<http://courses.durhamtech.edu/wiki>

This site houses a collection of online resources available for faculty, staff and students. You can easily access these resources from the Blackboard login page under Need Help with Blackboard? > Help for Instructors.

Embedding YouTube Videos in Blackboard

<http://courses.durhamtech.edu/wiki/index.php/YouTube>

This wiki page contains step-by-step instructions and tutorials for a simple way to incorporate videos in your Blackboard courses. It also lists some useful sites to search for videos to use in your Blackboard courses.

Embedding Other Items in Blackboard

<http://www.archive.org/>

The Internet Archive houses collections of videos, audio books, podcasts and music that can be embedded into your Blackboard courses. Simply look for an embed code to copy and paste into Blackboard.

Jing

<http://www.jingproject.com/>

Jing is a free tool that allows you to capture images or make short videos to demonstrate how to do tasks on your computer. Embed these videos in Blackboard to share with your students. Can also be used to provide individualized video feedback to students on their work (such as papers).

DimDim

<http://www.dimdim.com/>

Dimdim lets anyone deliver synchronized live presentations, whiteboards and web pages and share their voice and video over the Internet - with no download required. Or you can use it "solo" to create narrated PowerPoints that you can post in Blackboard.

Delicious

<http://delicious.com/>

Delicious is a social bookmarking web service for storing, sharing, and discovering web bookmarks.

Instructional Online Help Resources/Tutorials

http://courses.durhamtech.edu/wiki/index.php/Handouts_Tutorials

This page contains links to resources such as the Common Craft in Plain English Videos, the Internet Archive and other great (free!) online resources.

Wikis

http://courses.durhamtech.edu/wiki/index.php/Tools:_Wikis

Wikis allow a group of people to collaboratively create (and edit) web pages.

Contributors

Lyndsay Al-Shibli

<http://www.wetpaint.com/>

Wetpaint is a free tool that allows users to develop web sites collaboratively. Lyndsay Al-Shibli used WetPaint wikis with two ENG090 classes. To learn more about how Lyndsay uses wikis with her students, be sure to come to her TLC session Friday, October 2 at 11:00. You can also view her students' creations here:

<http://thebeantrees001.wetpaint.com/>

<http://thebeantrees030.wetpaint.com/>

Brent McCardle

<http://googledocs.blogspot.com/2008/01/new-features-for-2008.html>

Brent McCardle uses Google Docs to easily post PowerPoint presentations into Blackboard. Simply embed the link into Blackboard.

Bonnie Tilson

<http://www.youtube.com/>

Plays motivating You Tube videos to set the mood for her Women's Studies class (e.g. Peggy Lee singing I'm A Woman, W-O-M-A-N and Aretha Franklin singing Respect)

John Hurlburt

<http://doodle.com/>

Great for letting participants vote on choices or sign-up for meeting times.

Liz Filipowski

<http://www.screentoaster.com/>

Allows you to record video for posting online. Not great quality, but someone may want to use it for Blackboard.

<http://www.bookfinder.com/>

Book search engine.

<http://mynoteit.com/>

Keeps students organized with a task manager, edit and share notes, calendar, and class groups.

<http://joongel.com/>

If you need a more comprehensive search than Google.

<http://www.stumbleupon.com/>

Just for fun to see what people find interesting.

Don Ward

"My students love to give feedback on my work. I provide them with a website where my stuff is available for their appraisal."

<http://web.mac.com/dward7097/iWeb/>

Wayne Durkee

<http://www.iespell.com/>

ieSpell is a free Internet Explorer browser extension that spell checks text input boxes on a webpage.

Charlene West

Charlene uses online calendars to schedule advising appointments with students. She currently uses

<http://www.localendar.com/>

Charlene creates a custom homepage using iGoogle. She is also looking into using Google Calendar to schedule advising appointments with students.

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/>

Brenda East

Can you embed videos in an Announcement in Blackboard? Yes.

Tom Murphy

<http://www.polleverywhere.com/>

Inexpensive Audience Response System that uses audience mobile phones or the web.

<http://skydrive.live.com/>

Create an account and receive 25 GB of free storage on Windows Live, it's easy to store and share your files and photos with almost anyone.

Many folks are using various Google apps and tools (available when you set up a free gmail account)

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/>

Charlene West: iGoogle, Google Calendar

Peter Wooldridge: Google spreadsheets

Tracy Mancini: Google translate

Karen McPhaul & Susan Horton: Google web site creation tool

Karin Abell: Google images

Karen McPhaul

<http://www.flickr.com/>

Share or search for photos online. If you click on "Search" and then "Advanced Search," you can select boxes (at the bottom) to see only photos that are licensed through "Creative Commons" (meaning you can legally use them, as long as you provide attribution to the creator/owner).

Patrick Coin

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/>

Wikimedia Commons is a repository of free content images, sound and other multimedia files.

Janice Stuart

<http://youtubedownload.altervista.org/>

YouTube Downloader is software that allows you to download videos from YouTube, Google Video, Yahoo Video, and many others and convert them to other video formats.