

101 Great Websites: Free Resources for Faculty*

(*Some sites require the use of Chrome or Firefox; some sites charge for tiered service)

Useful sites – technology that can save you time and help your students learn

<http://xrl.us/freetools> -- just what it promises – links to free online resources

<http://docs.google.com> – make all your documents accessible

<https://del.icio.us/> -- put all your favorite sites in one place and tag by topic

<http://zamzar.com> – free file converter (save videos to show without internet access)

<http://www.printwhatyoulike.com/> -- get rid of the clutter to print only what you want from a site

<http://bookletcreator.com/> -- make a booklet from a document

<http://www.online-stopwatch.com/> -- a timer to use in class

<http://edu.allmyfaves.com/> -- hundreds of resources for educators all in one place

Free educational videos to use in your courses

www.intelecomonline.net – educational videos for online or face-to-face classes – free to LAVC faculty [username: lavc password: zp9ab2y]

<https://www.3cm mediasolutions.org/> -- videos, captioning, etc. from the State Chancellor's Office

<http://nextvista.org> – online library of free videos on a wide range of topics

www.youtube.com/education – browse by course name or specific topic

www.teachertube.com – videos submitted by teachers (quality varies)

<http://dotsub.com> – video translations and captions

<http://video.google.com> – put in a key word to find videos on many sites

Create your own videos and audio presentations

<http://screencast.com> – sign up for a free account to host your projects

<http://jingproject.com> – create presentations with this free version of Camtasia Studio

<http://www.ustream.tv/get-started> -- free tool to record video using the camera on your computer

www.gimp.org – free tool for editing images (similar to Photoshop but simpler)

www.audacity.sourceforge.net – use for audio editing

<http://dspeech.en.softonic.com/> -- turn text into speech

<http://www.freeplaymusic.com/> -- free music for your presentations

Online tutorials for Microsoft programs: [Microsoft Imagine Academy](http://www.microsoft.com/learn). Use a Microsoft account or set up a new one, then click on the Catalog to find the tutorials you want,

Software Discounts

www.collegebuys.org – huge discounts for CA community college employees and students

Free grade management system

www.gradekeeper.com – [username: Los Angeles Valley College; password code #687033]

Photos, PowerPoint, Presentations (finding, using, posting, sharing)

<http://www.slideshare.net/> -- slides and PowerPoint presentations to use in your courses

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

<http://shutterfly.com>

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

<http://morguefile.com>

<https://picasaweb.google.com> -- post and share your photos

Digital Imaging Projects – <http://storycenter.org> -- Center for Digital Storytelling
Assessing Learning

<http://rcampus.com> – site for building your own or accessing 1000's of ready-made rubrics
<http://www.polleverywhere.com/> -- conduct surveys in class [free for up to 40 students]

Create your own website or web enhance your class

<http://haikulearning.com> – Free site (up to 5 classes and 2GB)
<http://rcampus.com> -- To help you create and store instructor or student organization web pages
<http://sites.google.com> -- Sign up for a Gmail account and create a free website
<http://kompozer.net> -- Easy website authoring

Teaching Strategies/Tips

<http://www.lcc.edu/cte/resources/>
<http://www.cpcc.edu/parttime/teaching-tips>
<http://www.theideacenter.org/> -- ideas for effective instruction

Plagiarism Prevention

https://www.indiana.edu/~istd/plagiarism_test.html -- a test on plagiarism for students to take!
<http://www.plagiarism.org/> -- a website about preventing plagiarism
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/1/> -- useful resources on how to avoid plagiarism

Teacher Training Sites

<http://www.4Faculty.org> – training for teaching [site is 8 years old and not supported]
http://www.lcc.edu/cte/resources/self_paced/ -- self-paced online workshops

On the Pedagogy of Teaching and Learning

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm> -- all about online education
<http://www.academiccommons.org/> -- issues and resources in liberal arts education
<http://www.educause.edu/> -- promoting the intelligent use of IT
<http://www.nade.net/> -- National Association for Developmental Education
<http://www.isetl.org> -- International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning

Ideas for PowerPoints -- Instructional sites to improve your presentations

http://www.presentationzen.com/presentationzen/2007/04/powerpoint_some.html -- PPTs
http://www.presentationzen.com/presentationzen/2007/02/creative_video_.html -- Videos
http://sethgodin.typepad.com/seths_blog/2007/01/really_bad_powe.html -- Really Bad PPTs
<http://norvig.com/Gettysburg/> -- How Lincoln could have ruined the Gettysburg Address
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpvgfmEU2Ck> – Death by PowerPoint – a classic

Make Learning Visual

<http://www.wordle.net> -- To make word clouds
www.prezi.com and www.mindomo.com -- Concept mapping
www.gimp.org & www.whitsoftdev.com/unfreez -- Free editing tools
<http://images.google.com> -- pictures and photos
<http://fcit.usf.edu> -- Presentation backgrounds, clip art (royalty-free), lesson plans, lit2go

Understanding Web 2.0 (explained simply and humorously)

<http://dotsub.com/view/aea442b2-8a07-4a2b-8ad4-de73b51aa0ed> --The Machine is Us/ing Us
<http://dotsub.com/view/77366331-a04d-48f0-8cab-cb5e278c4033> --Wikis in Plain English
<http://dotsub.com/view/f810c5b5-b8dc-4946-a58f-5f7ce7ce4d44> --Social Media in Plain English
<http://dotsub.com/view/d9363172-5f90-4db2-a6f8-bce35a8e5d1e> -- Podcasting in Plain English
<http://dotsub.com/view/dc75c2e2-ef81-4851-8353-a877aac9fe3c> -- Blogs in Plain English
<http://dotsub.com/view/d3007f32-2274-47b3-8d83-d2d9cff1485c> -- Online Photo Sharing
<http://dotsub.com/view/3d2a8e25-fca0-465d-83e0-3c2ceca3e6a9> -- Social Networking
<http://dotsub.com/view/e843f413-96c2-481f-bf1e-bf4548059ff1> -- Social Bookmarking
<http://dotsub.com/view/17eaa9f0-787b-4fd8-b1c7-f8d61db2e310> --Google Docs in Plain English
<http://dotsub.com/view/665bd0d5-a9f4-4a07-9d9e-b31ba926ca78> -- Twitter in Plain English

Actual Web 2.0 Tools

<http://pbwiki.com/> & <http://www.wikidot.com/> -- To create Wikis
<https://www.blogger.com/start> and <http://wordpress.com/> -- To create blogs and websites
<http://documents.google.com> -- Create, share, and edit documents online
<http://www.kckccfacultysupport.blogspot.com/> -- Links to Web 2.0 tools
<http://www.teachersfirst.com/content/edge.cfm> -- Safe tools to use in the classroom
<http://freetech4teachers.com/> -- Free technology resources for educators

Fun Stuff and Games

<http://www.lavc.edu/profdev/teachingres/games.aspx> -- a Jeopardy template
<http://sendables.jibjab.com/> -- Put yourself and your students in the picture
<http://flipquiz.me/> -- Quizzes to use in class
<http://wisc-online.com/> -- Free game templates
www.puzzlemaker.com & www.technology.com -- Puzzles, games, lesson plans
www.educationworld.com -- Learning Games
http://people.uncw.edu/ertzbergerj/ppt_games.html -- PowerPoint games

Problem Based Learning: Students work independently to solve problems while you facilitate.

<http://www.edutopia.org/teaching-module-pbl> -- Modules on using Problem Based Learning
<http://www2.maxwell.syr.edu/plegal/ppa/intro.html> -- Public Policy Analyst site

Free resources for teaching -- access educational content to supplement your instruction

<http://hippocampus.org> -- Browse topics for online lessons
www.youtube.com/education -- Tutorials and videos from YouTube
www.teachertube.com -- Lessons from teachers (quality varies)
English <http://chompchomp.com/menu.htm>-- Grammar lessons and quizzes
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>-- Online writing lab
Math <http://www.math.com> -- Tutorials, worksheets, links to other sites
<http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu> -- Math notes from a professor
<http://math.about.com> -- Math lesson plans for instructors
<http://www.mathcracker.com> -- Aimed at the college and high school level
<http://www.khake.com/page47.html> -- Tutorials, formulas, calculators, directories
Science <https://nsdl.oercommons.org/> National Science Digital Library – resources for teaching