

A selection of my favorite Web2.0 applications and their uses

Application	Characteristics	Examples of activities
<p>Wiki Collaborative writing tool</p> <p>http://www.wikispaces.com http://www.pbwiki.com http://www.wetpaint.com</p>	<p>Each student can have his/her own or each group can have their own</p> <p>All types of documents can be uploaded</p> <p>Easy to create and edit online</p> <p>No need for html knowledge</p> <p>Free tool and nothing to download</p> <p>RSS feed</p>	<p>ePortfolio</p> <p>Personal notebook</p> <p>Creation of online presentations</p> <p>Collaborative writing</p>
<p>Springdoo * Voice e-mail and webcast</p> <p>http://www.springdoo.com</p>	<p>Students can send voice messages to teacher and classmates</p> <p>URLs generated by application so students can post the link to blogs, wikis, web pages, or send them by e-mail</p> <p>Recordings and webcasts are available on the Springdoo site if you register</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Sending questions to teachers</p> <p>Recording assignments</p> <p>Tutoring messages</p> <p>Giving instructions to students</p>
<p>MyChingo * Voice forum</p> <p>http://www.mychingo.com</p>	<p>Students can record messages</p> <p>Messages can be made public to be shown on a board</p> <p>Board can be embedded on webpages, wikis, blogs, or made private (code provided)</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Students can respond to teachers' questions</p> <p>Oral exams (answers available only to teachers, private mode)</p> <p>Open communication between teacher and student(s), and among students</p>
<p>Vaestro * Threaded voice forum</p> <p>http://www.vaestro.com</p>	<p>Teachers can create personalised forums</p> <p>Guests can leave messages for students</p> <p>Discussions are threaded</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Discussing topics</p>

<p>Gabmail * Threaded video e-mail</p> <p>http://www.freegabmail.com</p>	<p>Email video messages that are kept threaded on the site</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Topic discussions</p> <p>Communication between teacher and student(s) and among students</p>
<p>Bubbleshare * Photo album with voice recording</p> <p>http://www.bubbleshare.com</p>	<p>Takes any number of photos or images</p> <p>Written and audio-recordings can be added to each image</p> <p>Captions can be added to images</p> <p>Code provided to embed slide show on webpages, blogs, wikis.</p> <p>Free, web-based</p> <p>RSS feed</p>	<p>Online presentations (assignments)</p> <p>Topic presentations (by teachers)</p> <p>Illustrated tutorials for students</p>
<p>Podomatic * Podcasting blog</p> <p>http://www.podomatic.com</p>	<p>Blog to host podcasts</p> <p>Recordings can be made online or imported from the hard disk.</p> <p>Images can be added to the podcasts</p> <p>Text can be added to each entry</p> <p>Recordings can be downloaded to computers, then to MP3 players</p> <p>Code provided to add complete blog or individual entries to blogs, wikis, and web pages</p> <p>Free, web-based</p> <p>RSS feed</p>	<p>Students record and upload podcasts</p> <p>Students react in writing to podcasts</p>
<p>Audacity Creating and editing sound recordings</p> <p>http://audacity.sourceforge.net</p>	<p>Easy to use application to create and edit sound, then convert to MP3</p> <p>Free, application needs to be downloaded</p>	<p>For group or individual work to be uploaded to a podcasting blog, or to any blog, wiki, web page or LMS</p> <p>Guests can send audio messages using this application</p>
<p>YouSendIt Sending large files</p> <p>http://www.yousendit.com</p>	<p>Application sends an URL where the file can be found</p> <p>File available for 7 days</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Making large files available to others</p>

<p>YouTube * Videos on the Internet</p> <p>http://www.youtube.com</p>	<p>All kinds of videos available</p> <p>Videos can be uploaded</p> <p>Code provided to add video to wikis, blogs, web pages</p> <p>Free, web-based</p> <p>RSS feed</p>	<p>Students can create videos for assignments</p> <p>Teachers can create content videos, then make them available online</p> <p>Students and teachers can search for videos related to subject matter</p>
<p>Gliffy * Graphic organizer online creator</p> <p>http://www.gliffy.com</p>	<p>Creator of different types of graphics (with color and text)</p> <p>Can be used by groups for collaborative work</p> <p>Generates URLs in different sizes</p> <p>Free, web-based</p>	<p>Students can create mind maps, and other types of graphics to summarize readings, videos, recordings</p> <p>Brainstorming on topics</p>
<p>Box.net Online Storage</p> <p>http://www.box.net</p>	<p>Upload all kinds of files</p> <p>1 GB free storage</p> <p>Organize files in folders</p> <p>Make documents public or private, or just for those you choose to invite.</p> <p>URLs generated to share documents</p> <p>Free, web based</p>	<p>Students can upload their work to have them available online without having to use hosting services</p>
<p>Del.icio.us Social bookmarking</p> <p>http://del.icio.us</p>	<p>Create networks of del.icio.us users</p> <p>Enable networked information exchange</p> <p>Accessible from any computer</p> <p>Free, web based</p>	<p>Find resources for projects</p>

All the asynchronous applications (marked *) can be used with large groups. They foster autonomy, students can use them from any computer connected to the Internet at any time. Links can be added to wikis, blogs, LMSs, web pages, so teachers and students can keep track of the work done.

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