

More Cheap and Easy Options for Incorporating Technology into Your Teaching

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This paper will serve as an overview of the tools we will be presenting at the conference. It may not be all inclusive as tools may be discovered after the date of this publication. An updated version will be distributed at the conference.

Collaboration Tools

The web has provided a platform for collaboration with colleagues, students, and friends. Students can interact with students anywhere and everywhere. These are some tools we have found that assist in collaboration.



Delicious is a social bookmarking site. You can save your bookmarks from anywhere. You choose tags for the sites and then can view them via these chosen tags. You can share you bookmarks with others or even just a certain category. Give them the link and then will always see the latest versions of your bookmarks for that topic.

Link: <http://del.icio.us/>
Cost: free



Bubbl.us is a mindmapping tool. You can collaborate on projects and brainstorming through bubbl.us. It is simple to use and you can save your mindmaps. You can keep it online or print or save as an image. Students can use it to brainstorm a project.

Link: bubbl.us

Cost: free



Zoho

Zoho is an online suite of collaboration applications.

- Word processor, spreadsheet, presentation
- Notebook
- Planner
- Chat, e-mail
- Projects
- Invoice
- Meeting
- Data bases

Link: <http://zoho.com/>

Cost: free for basic functionality



Produce digital stories or doodles that can then be commented on by others. Easy to use and comments can even be phoned in. This can be used to present class projects and have others comment on them. Creativity is the limit here.

Link: <http://voicethread.com/>

Cost: Free for limited functionality.



Slideshare is another great way to share student projects. Slides can have narration or not. They can also be shared publicly or privately. It works with PowerPoint. Also has some very interesting presentations that one might find useful.

Link: <http://www.slideshare.net/>

Cost: free

File Management



Jungle Disk

Jungle Disk is an application that lets you store files and backup data securely to Amazon.com's S3™ Storage Service

- Only pay for what you store.
- Safe and secure from viruses and other disasters.
- Available anytime and anywhere.
- Space is unlimited.
- Only pay for space you are using.

Link: <http://www.jungledisk.com/>

Cost: \$0.15/gigabyte and a small transfer fee. See site for details.

Senduit

Transfer large files that are less than 100MB simply.

Link: <http://www.senduit.com/>

Cost: Free



This is a free open-source disk encryption software for Windows Vista/XP, Mac OS X, and Linux.

- Encrypt flash drives
- Encrypt hard drives or parts of hard drives

Link: <http://www.truecrypt.org/>

Cost: Free

BCWipe Software Family

This software allows you to truly delete files from your hard drive or completely wipe clean the hard drive.

Link: <http://www.jetico.com/bcwipe.htm>

Cost: \$39



Videora Ipod Converter

Videora iPod Converter is a free iPod video converter that converts video files from other formats to the iPod format that can be played on any iPod.

Link: <http://www.videora.com/en-us/Converter/iPod/>

Cost: Free

Productivity



This is a simple but very useful tool. It enables you to call in a message to yourself or others. It then converts it to text to be sent to your phone and or your e-mail. It is great when you get that brilliant idea in the car on the way to work.

Link: <http://jott.com/>

Cost: free

Podcasting



This simple software can be used to produce podcasts from PowerPoint. The output can be

- MPEG-4 (podcasts)
- Quicktime
- HTML
- Microsoft handouts

Link: <http://www.lecshare.com/>

Cost: \$69

PodProducer

This is free software to make audio podcasts. It is simple and fairly easy to use.

Link: <http://www.podproducer.net/>

Cost: free

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This software helps to produce the RSS feed XML document you need to produce your own podcast.

Link: <http://www.podifier.com/>

Cost: free