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**BJB2:** Welcome, everyone, to this month's potpourri of web tools!

**BJB2:** we usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions, so please let Lynne know where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach.

**LizH:** I'm from NH and I teach technology for educators.

**LynneW:** I'm from Oregon and I teach technology for educators too.

**DaisyS:** Hi I'm Daisy and I'm studying to become a Pre-K teacher.

**AprilCT:** I am from Houston TX and am a student teacher of 6th grade science

**KeriA:** I am located in Tx and I hope to teach first grade.

**LudmilaS:** I am Ludmilla Smirnova and I am a professor at Mount Saint Mary College - Newburgh, NY -- Teach all my courses in Ed program with Technology!

**BJB2:** I'm in Pennsylvania and teach communication

**LynneW:** Welcome all to this month's Web 2.0 Tools for Schools special interest group session.

**LynneW:** Is there anyone new to this group?

**AprilCT:** me

**KeriA:** This is my first time.

**DaisyS:** yes

**LynneW:** You are warmly welcomed.

**DaisyS:** thank you

**LynneW:** Generally, I offer guest speakers. This month and next we will be refocusing on tools that we use.

**LynneW:** Consider this a potluck.

**LynneW:** Each of us bringing something to the table.

**BJB2 . o O** ( the April Web 2.0 Tools discussion will be April 10 )

**DaisyS:** funny I love potlucks.

**LynneW:** Even if it is simply an appetite!

**LynneW:** Before we dive into tools...are there questions about what Web 2.0 is?

**DaisyS:** yes, I have no idea.

**AprilCT:** no

**KeriA:** What exactly is it?

**LynneW:** Ludmila, how would you explain Web 2.0?

**LynneW:** Web 2.0 is the next generation web from an emphasis on the user experience.

**LudmilaS:** It is a platform

**LynneW:** In the past, users had to conform to the Internet and its protocols.

**LudmilaS:** that connects people anywhere,

**LynneW:** Now, many tools and services are free.

**LudmilaS:** anytime

**LudmilaS:** and allows each of us become

**LudmilaS:** producers, writers creators

**LynneW:** They are user driven and focused on a particular use. Not meant to be comprehensive like a suite of software programs.

**LudmilaS:** creators of the projects and share them with co-thinkers

**LynneW:** And collaborators

**LudmilaS:** Yes!

**LynneW:** There is much emphasis on collaboration

**LynneW:** So, let

**LynneW:** Let's look at some tools.

**LynneW:** Many of these sites require registration.

**LynneW:** So, you may only be able to see the splash page.

**LynneW:** Whoever offers a tool, please explain how you use it.

**LynneW:** Go take a look at the tool site for a couple of minutes and then return here.

**LynneW:** When you return, let us know you are back.

**LynneW:** Questions?

**KeriA:** no, got it!

**DaisyS:** where is the tool site?

**LynneW:** We will just provide links as we go through the session. Anyone can offer a link to a tool.

**LynneW:** Who would like to start us off?

**AprilCT:** [www.livejournal.com](http://www.livejournal.com)

**LizH:** <http://www.wikispaces.com> - this is an online wiki that I have my students register with. We have a collection of educational sites for various subject areas that they contribute to throughout the semesters.

**LynneW:** April, how do you use livejournal ?

**AprilCT:** it is free blogging site

**LynneW:** <http://www.bitstrips.com/> - is a colored comic strip creator

**KeriA:** at livejournal it can be a private journal or you can open it up to friends or the public

**AprilCT:** where anyone can set up a blog and invite the public or just friends or can remain private

**AprilCT:** to view their writing

**LynneW:** Let's take a couple of minutes to visit these sites. Come back and we'll share another round.

**AprilCT:** I love the bitstrips

**AprilCT:** it reminds of another site [www.toondoo.com](http://www.toondoo.com) (i think)

**DaisyS:** Yes, I like the bitstrips also but I think livejournal.com is a good one for students to interact with each other

**AprilCT:** my daughter created a poster project using toondoo to communicate the content of recycling

**LizH:** [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com) is another blogging tool. I haven't used livejournal but I have used blogger.

**DaisyS:** that's cool

**DaisyS:** can someone tell me what a blogger is? sorry but I am so behind in the computer world..

**KeriA:** Where you write down your thoughts...

**AprilCT:** diary or reflection of whatever you want to write

**BJB2:** blog is short for web log, Daisy

**LizH:** Check out this video about blogs:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKcqge8SvzQ>

**LizH:** I love the "In Plain English" videos.

**LudmilaS:** It is a site where you create a blog and invite others to read and comment

**LudmilaS:** on what you are posting

**AprilCT:** live journal is

**DaisyS:** ok I'm with you now. thanks

**LudmilaS:** I use WizIQ -- <http://wiziq.com> for the online meetings, especially on snow days and when I am traveling. It is a wonderful FREE program -- hard to believe! - with a whiteboard, where students can type, draw, and present PPT

**LynneW:** I'm going to post a link to a site that is a "list" of web 2.0 sites - presented in web 2.0 fashion. Many of these sites may not be appropriate for the classroom but I

always find good new resources at these types of sites.

**AprilCT:** that would be so helpful

**LynneW:** It will take a minute to load.

**LynneW:** <http://www.go2web20.net/>

**LizH:** <http://pages.google.com> is another one I use. You can create Web sites with templates. My students use this to create a teacher page and a WebQuest.

**AprilCT:** google also has notebook which is good for group access to data

**LynneW:** The prize I found from this list site is an online hosting of your CV

**LynneW:** vita or resume

**LizH:** Yeah - the Google Docs is great.

**LynneW:** Oh, I meant from the go2web site

**LizH:** Sorry, I was responding to April.

**LynneW:** I'm in a meeting at a social service agency that is beginning now. I'm dual tasking.

**KeriA:** If you want a site to save all of your links in an organized way you can create an account on <http://del.icio.us/>

**LynneW:** I've asked BJ to help me moderate this conversation.

**LudmilaS:** If you want to collaborate on the documents besides Google doc you can your <http://www.sightspeed.com/> - video conferencing site

**BJB2** looks around the room to see if anyone needs moderated ;-)

**AprilCT:** what special equipment do you need to video conference on a school campus

**LudmilaS:** nothing

**AprilCT:** my campus says we can't do that

**BJB2:** no video cams?

**BJB2:** why, April?

**LudmilaS:** it is built in and now many computers come with video built in

**LudmilaS:** especially mac

**BJB2** nods to Ludmila

**AprilCT:** I know the teachers are getting new comp next year

**BJB2:** safety and security issue, April?

**AprilCT:** maybe this will be addressed

**AprilCT:** as far as I know I was told it was an equipment issue

**BJB2** nods

**LudmilaS:** I also use Skype

**AprilCT:** could be the Acceptable Use policy with the students

**BJB2:** anyone else use Skype?

**AprilCT:** I do but at home

**KeriA:** I have used it before - skype

**BJB2:** Right, April...I would suspect the AUP also

**DaisyS:** I think it would be great to have video cameras in schools so at least we could see what is going on.

**LizH:** I use Skype.

**LynneW:** I was just asked to demonstrate SKYPE to this group. If anyone is interested - I'm thinking we could do it at the end of this session.

**BJB2** nods to Lynne

**LudmilaS:** but you have to schedule the session!

**LudmilaS:** and send the invitations

**BJB2:** the next wiziq demo will be on April 14

**BJB2** . o O ( it's posted on the TI calendar )

**LudmilaS:** I use <http://wiziq.com> a lot!

**LudmilaS:** An enjoyable and FREE tool!

**AprilCT:** could you use that to collaborate with classrooms all over the world

**LudmilaS:** Students are excited to participate in the sessions

**LudmilaS:** Yes

**LudmilaS:** I was traveling to Russia and Egypt

**LudmilaS:** I was using it

**LudmilaS:** for my online class

**LudmilaS:** Students saw me and heard me and presented their

**LudmilaS:** PPTs through WiZiQ

**AprilCT:** sounds like an easy tool to heighten student engagement

**LudmilaS:** during my first class students didn't have their mic

**LudmilaS:** by the end of the course all

**LudmilaS:** had mics and used during the discussions

**LudmilaS:** Fascinating!

**LudmilaS:** I used it today to teach my KDP counselors

**LudmilaS:** how to use it for the virtual meetings

**LudmilaS:** with the members

**LudmilaS:** It is very easy to use

**AprilCT:** I was looking at the site. could you create an tutoring portal for your class only

**LudmilaS:** and it is a web tool you do not need to download anything

**LudmilaS:** I use Jing for that

**LudmilaS:** Jing is a great screencasting tool

**LudmilaS:** that can be used for tutorials

**AprilCT:** good

**LudmilaS:** Yes, April, you can

**LudmilaS:** You create a session and send the invitations to your students

**AprilCT:** ok that sounds great

**LudmilaS:** When they get the invitation, they register and are ready to join the session

**DaisyS:** what's a screencasting tool?

**LudmilaS:** Jing

**LudmilaS:** It allows you

**LudmilaS:** to make a screenshot of your desktop

**DaisyS:** so what is the purpose of that?

**LudmilaS:** and then either make a photo of it and give explanations or record your voice

**LudmilaS:** If you want to explain how to create a good project

**LudmilaS:** Or how to create a graphic organizer

**LudmilaS:** you show the steps on your computer and video tape it

**BJB2:** there was recently a demo of ScreenSteps

**BJB2:** which is similar.

**LudmilaS:** If you want I can give you the link about the WiZiQ I created for today

**LudmilaS:** for my other meeting

**BJB2 . o O (** ScreenSteps was in TI on Feb 27: <http://www.screensteps.com/> )

**LudmilaS:** It will take me a minute to find it in my google notebook

**BJB2:** and what about Squeak?

**BJB2 . o O (** discussion in TI on March 11 )



**BJB2:** that is a web 2.0 authoring tool also

**BJB2** . o O ( for science and math concepts )

**BJB2:** <http://www.squeakland.org/>

**BJB2:** Squeak was featured in the March TI newsletter that was just sent

**MarleneK:** I want to mention [www.mapwing.com](http://www.mapwing.com) as well as voicethread

**LudmilaS:** Here is the URL that was BIG-long and I used tiny URL tool to make it short! <http://tinyurl.com/yvy5er>

**LudmilaS:** Here is the site <http://tinyurl.com/create.php> for shrinking long URL addresses

**JeffC:** Ludmilla... I prefer <http://snurl.com> for that.

**MarleneK:** If you ever have a situation where students are doing group work, but there is someone who has all the stuff and that person is sick, google docs is a great way for them to share the work online and keep the notes handy

**JeffC:** The advantage to snipurl over tinyurl is that you may register... and \*edit\* the names of your shortened urls.

**LudmilaS:** Thank you Jeff!

**AprilCT:** on mapwing, do you create a separate photostory or etc and upload it or create it on the website

**MarleneK:** Mapwing is created right on the website

**AprilCT:** is it easy for middle school to use

**MarleneK:** But preplanning helps, you can add photos and text

**MarleneK:** Very easy to use, I made up my first tours in a matter of minutes. Its a great way to do a research project online, and the kids can count the number of people who visit as well to view their tours

**AprilCT:** sounds like fun

**MarleneK:** Zucchini the Ribbon Snake is my tour that I made up.

**MarleneK:** I also created Edible Fractions and My grade one tree... for edible fractions I found pics on the web and just used them, so I didn't need a digital camera or a scanner

**LudmilaS:** Oh, VoiceThread is a wonderful tool for digital storytelling and teaching writing skills!

**BJB2** looks at the clock on the wall.

**BJB2** wonders if there are any last comments or questions?

**MarleneK:** Did someone mention Skype?

**AprilCT:** this has been awesome if I can organize all it so I can use it all

**LudmilaS:** It was a great session of sharing !

**LudmilaS:** Web 2.0 tools

**KeriA:** thanks everyone

**AprilCT:** thanks!

**LudmilaS:** Thanks BJ, Lynne, and all!

**DaisyS:** Thanks for the session.. I wrote down a lot of these website and I will check them out. I will join some others sessions. this was fun..

**MarleneK:** Thank you :)

**BJB2:** thanks, everyone, for your contributions to the discussion