

Free Tools for Creating Blended Classrooms

Furl:

www.furl.net

<http://www.furl.net/members/cswiderski/rss.xml>

Online Course Systems

My Project Pages

Built by teachers for teachers, use myprojectpages.com to create structured online inquiry-based learning activities for the courses you teach that enable your students to engage in meaningful learning experiences while online.

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

Blogger

A blog is your easy-to-use web site, where you can quickly post thoughts; interact with people, and more. All for FREE.

<http://www.blogger.com/start>

FreeWebs

Looking for a fast and easy way to create a free website, online photo album, blog and more? Freewebs has spent the past 4 years developing the easiest and most powerful free website publishing system on the net. Now, building your website is as easy as using email. Get a free website now!

<http://members.freewebs.com/>

www.freewebs.com/clswid/

Filamentality

Filamentality is a fill-in-the-blank tool that guides you through picking a topic, searching the Web, gathering good Internet links, and turning them into online learning activities. Support is built-in along the way through [Mentality Tips](#). In the end, you'll create a web-based activity you can share with others even if you don't know anything about HTML or serving web pages.

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/>

Eboard

Using eBoard, you can post text, links, photos, and documents on-line in just minutes - even seconds.

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

Ecollege

eCollege specifically designed its Course Management System (CMS) to support fully online teaching and learning. Through the development of features directed by online faculty, eCollege's CMS increases instructor and student efficiency, facilitates interaction and provides the opportunity for course customization.

But you don't have to take our word for it; you can experience the eCollege CMS for yourself with a FREE TRIAL of eCollege's industry-leading CMS.

<http://www.ecollege.com/freetrial/FreeTrial.learn>

Blackboard

Get started teaching and learning online today with the full power of the Blackboard Academic Suite. Blackboard CourseSites provides free hosting for your course for 30 days.

<http://coursesites.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

Free-ed

Free education on the Internet

No books to buy, no hidden fees

Courses, tutorials, and skill-building activities for today's most important vocational and academic discipline

<http://free-ed.net/free-ed/>

Username:

Password:

Advantages:

Disadvantages:

Merlot

MERLOT is a free and open resource designed primarily for faculty and students of higher education. Links to online learning materials are collected here along with annotations such as peer reviews and assignments.

<http://www.merlot.org/Home.po>

Starfall

The Starfall learn-to-read website is offered free as a public service. We also provide [writing journals and books](#) at a very low cost that can be used with the website or separately. Teachers around the country are using Starfall materials as an inexpensive way to make the classroom more fun and to inspire a love of reading and writing.

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

<p>Online Course Programs</p> <p>Moodle</p> <p>Moodle is a software package for producing internet-based courses and web sites. It's an ongoing development project designed to support a social constructionist framework of education. Moodle is provided freely as Open Source software (under the GNU Public License). http://moodle.org/doc/ http://216.213.201.11/moodle/</p> <p>TrainCaster</p> <p>TrainCaster LMS includes Course Builder - the easy to use course development tool. Course Builder gives you the convenience and affordability of creating online training courses using familiar desktop tools like Powerpoint, Word, or any HTML editor, so your training content is site specific. There is no new software to learn! Course Builder includes a quiz editor - so you can easily include auto-corrected quizzes into your online courses. http://www.traincaster.com/products_bui.shtml</p> <p>PhpNuke</p> <p>High-quality base of information that will stimulate your interest and challenge you into learning to do more and better with PHP. Learn basics of web development to such advanced topics as PHP internals, PEAR and Internet protocols http://www.phpnuke.com/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Discussion Boards</p> <p>NiceNet</p> <p>You will have many more options once you have created your class. The information you provide can be changed later. http://www.nicenet.org/ica/user_create.cfm http://www.nicenet.org</p> <p>Editboard</p> <p>Create your forum in few seconds. http://www.editboard.com/</p> <p>PHPBB for Free</p> <p>PHPBBforFree is a service which offers free forums or PHPBB web hosting using an automatic and custom forum creation script. PHPBBforFree allows you to setup a free online PHPBB forum instantly in seconds with full control over your free PHPBB chat forum. PHPBBforFree offers free forums and is very much different than other services out there that offer something similar free forums like PHPBBforFree. http://www.phpbbforfree.com/ http://s3.phpbbforfree.com/forums/index.php?mforum=elearning</p> <p>PHPBB Discussion board http://www.forumage.com/new_forum.php</p> <p>Vbulletin</p> <p>vBulletin is a powerful, scalable and fully customizable forums package for your web site. It has been written using the Web's quickest-growing scripting language; PHP, and is complemented with a highly efficient and ultra fast back-end database engine built using MySQL. http://www.vbulletin.com/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Web Casting</p>	<p>Advantages:</p>

Windows Encoder

Windows Media Encoder 9 Series is a powerful tool for content producers who want to take advantage of the many innovations in Windows Media 9 Series including high-quality multichannel sound, high-definition video quality, new support for mixed-mode voice and music content, and more.
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/9series/encoder/default.aspx>

Disadvantages:

<p>Web Meetings</p> <p>WebEx Benefit from on-demand web meetings from WebEx now, with no significant up-front costs, no servers to maintain, and no software to install or support. With just a web browser and a telephone, you can start using WebEx today. Take a tour now or sign up for a free trial. http://www.webex.com</p> <p>Bridgit Hold a meeting with someone across the office or around the world using Bridgit conferencing software, which offers a simple and affordable way to share voice, video and data over the Internet. It's quick, it's easy – it's a complete conferencing solution. 30 day conferencing free trial https://www.smarttech.com/onlinestore/bridgit/trial/</p> <p>Skype www.skype.com</p> <p>Broad data Imagine a remote meeting that engages people and actually inspires true remote collaboration - the next best thing to having an in-person meeting. Our visual remote meeting solution provides you the personal contact and hands-on collaborative features that are crucial to productive communication. http://www.broaddata.com/conferencecalling/webex.cfm</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Screen Captures</p> <p>CamStudio Powerful video capture software that records AVI movies (screencam) directly from your monitor, for software presentations, software training, demos, tutorials, and fun! ftp://www.edtech.esc11.net/</p>	
<p>Web Storage</p> <p>Briefcase Web storage http://briefcase.yahoo.com/bc/home</p>	
<p>Web Development Programs</p> <p>FreeWebs Looking for a fast and easy way to create a free website, online photo album, blog and more? Freewebs has spent the past 4 years developing the easiest and most powerful free website publishing system on the net. Now, building your website is as easy as using email. Get a free website now! http://members.freewebs.com/</p> <p>Easysite Build your site for free. http://www.easysite.com/?LS=Google2</p> <p>Free Online Web Page Editor http://www.creatingonline.com/webmaster/html_generator.htm</p> <p>TrackStar TrackStar is your starting point for online lessons and activities. Simply collect Web sites, enter them into TrackStar, add annotations for your students, and you have an interactive, online lesson called a Track.</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>

<p>Create your own Track or use one of the hundreds of thousands already made by other educators. Search the database by subject, grade, or theme and standard for a quick and easy activity. There is a fun Track already made for each day of the year, too! http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/index.jsp</p> <p>Netscape Download If you have Netscape the browser you already have Netscape Composer. Look in your start up menu. http://channels.netscape.com/ns/browsers/download.jsp</p>	
<p>Online Databases</p> <p>BasePortal Baseportal is a web-based database platform. Use it from anywhere from any computer without programming knowledge - for free! Within minutes the first database is created. Adapt the design to your own needs and if you are an experienced user you can use your own programs as well. www.baseportal.com</p> <p>ECriteria Supplement your desktop PC database software with eCriteria's exciting new data management features. http://www.ecriteria.net/Registration.asp</p> <p>Database Designer http://www.rvmdb.com/users/usr0000/cp1.asp#</p> <p>Interactive Spreadsheet A smaller version of the Spreadsheet and Grapher Tool which just contains the spreadsheet. These instructions describe how to use the spreadsheet. http://illuminations.nctm.org/tools/tool_detail.aspx?id=39</p> <p>Create a Graph http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/</p> <p>Rent a Database If your Website is about more than one person, link, book, song, photo ... it should deliver the contents from a database. We let you rent one for free. http://www.rent-a-db.com/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>File Conversion to PDF</p> <p>CutePDF Printer 1.1 This program installs itself as a printer subsystem. This enables any Windows applications that can print to create PDF documents. http://www.tucows.com/preview/317507.html</p> <p>CutePDF Tutorial This tutorial applies only to computers running Windows operating systems. CutePDF currently Supports Windows 98/Me/2000/XP. http://webpages.charter.net/tuckpress/pdf_tutorial/cutepdf_tutorial.html</p> <p>Free PDF Creator - PrimoPDF Convert to PDF from any application by simply 'printing' to the PrimoPDF printer - it couldn't be easier! Within minutes, you can create high-quality PDFs by converting from Word, Excel, PowerPoint and virtually any other printable file type. http://www.primopdf.com/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>

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<p>Document Creation Programs</p> <p>ThinkFree Online</p> <p>ThinkFree Office is a suite of Microsoft® Office-compatible applications, which includes word processing, spreadsheet, presentation graphics and file management software that all look, feel and behave just like Microsoft® Office. Additionally, ThinkFree Office is delivered and upgraded over the Internet, giving users an unprecedented level of computing choice and freedom. http://www.thinkfree.com/register.jsp</p> <p>OpenOffice OpenOffice is a free office productivity suite. OpenOffice is the free version of Sun StarOffice. OpenOffice can read and create Microsoft Office documents. OpenOffice contains a word processor, spreadsheet program, presentation software, and paint program. OpenOffice is a multi-platform productivity running on: Linux, Windows, Solaris, and MacOS X pc's. http://download.openoffice.org/index.html ftp://www.edtech.esc11.net/openoffice_install.zip</p> <p>Tutorials http://www.hgresaettc.org/~free/word_quicktips.pdf http://www.hgresaettc.org/~free/quicktips_presentation.pdf</p> <p>NeoOffice - OpenOffice.org for MacOSX NeoOffice the main development project for making OpenOffice.org to run natively on MacOS X. It is a free software port of OpenOffice.org to the MacOS X platform. http://www.neooffice.org/</p> <p>Free Star Office Productivity Software StarOffice 6.0, from Sun Microsystems, is now available to all member schools at no cost! This full-featured office productivity suite runs across multiple platforms, including Linux, Solaris and Windows. The StarOffice licensing agreement gives schools the right to make StarOffice available for internal use only. "Internal use" means that your enrolled students, faculty and staff may use the software on computers that your school owns. The StarOffice 6.0 productivity suite is comparable to other productivity suites as it includes word processing, spreadsheet, drawing, and presentation applications. It also directly imports and exports MSOffice documents along with other common formats. http://www.ecesc.k12.in.us/starofficeoffer.htm7</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Graphic Editors</p> <p>Pixia 3.1</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p>

<p>This is the English version of a famous Japanese free painting and retouch software for full color graphic, with mask, layer functions. Use your own customized brush tips and even use an image file as a brush tip to create unique effects..... http://park18.wakwak.com/~pixia/</p> <p>Gimp</p> <p>The GIMP is an image manipulation program that was originally created for the Linux Platform. This is really a GREAT program, that REALLY could be compared with programs like Adobe Photoshop and CorelDRAW. In fact what these programs can do, the GIMP can do. With all these features included the program and the best thing: IT'S FREE!! For detailed information you should ask Tor Lillqvist who made the GIMP Windows-compatible. http://www.gimp.org</p> <p>Ten Min Flash</p> <p>Just make your own free website here, download it and host it virtually anywhere or burn to a CD-ROM. http://www.10minuteflash.com/_create_account.html</p> <p>Microsoft Producer</p> <p>PowerPoint 2003 Add-in: Microsoft Producer for Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003. http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=1b3c76d5-fc75-4f99-94bc-784919468e73&DisplayLang=en</p>	<p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Surveys</p> <p>Zoomerang</p> <p>Create surveys and get feedback from your peers. Over 100 survey types. http://www.zoomerang.com/web/signup/Basic.aspx</p> <p>SurveyMonkey</p> <p>Intelligent survey software for serious primates of all species. SurveyMonkey has a single purpose: to enable anyone to create professional online surveys quickly and easily. http://www.surveymonkey.com/</p> <p>Free Online Surveys</p> <p>Invest just a few minutes of your time and discover a wealth of valuable information about your customers, employees, or anyone else with Internet access! No Technical knowledge required http://free-online-surveys.co.uk/</p> <p>ActiveFeedback</p> <p>An outstanding Web application to lead Internet surveys. This version allows the usage of the application to its utmost ability. It can be used in both Internet and Intranet systems. http://www.activefeedback.com/af/user/form.cfm?formid=71274673 http://www.activefeedback.com/af/rw/freereg1.cfm</p> <p>Formsite</p> <p>Create surveys, tests and various other forms. http://fs3.formsite.com/uswid/form477347227/index.html http://www.formsite.com/</p> <p>Profiler</p> <p>ProfilerPRO allows for the evaluation of knowledge, attitude, and skill based on simple surveys implemented via the World Wide Web. Inspired by the widely popular collaboration tool - Profiler, ProfilerPRO maintains the ability for members of a group to share knowledge and promote collaboration based on responses to skills-based survey items. http://www.profilerpro.com/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Games/Quizzes/Tests</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p>

HotPotatoes

The *Hot Potatoes* suite includes six applications, enabling you to create interactive multiple-choice, short-answer, jumbled-sentence, crossword, matching/ordering and gap-fill exercises for the World Wide Web. Hot Potatoes is not freeware, but it is free of charge for those working for publicly-funded non-profit-making educational institutions, who make their pages available on the web.

<http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/halfbaked/>

There are also tutorials to download as well for the software

Here is a site that tells you all about installing Hot Potatoes

<http://callisto.si.usherb.ca/~eslcafe/hot-potatoes/install/>

Game-0-Matic

Suite of wizards that create web based learning activities

<http://clear.msu.edu/dennie/matic/>

Funbrain

Create tests and surveys for web access or use other teacher created quizzes.

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

<http://www.funbrain.com/teachers/index.html>

Quia

Create games and tests and various interactive forms or search for already created ones.

<http://www.quia.com/hm/70451.html>

<http://www.quia.com/pages/esc.html>

Puzzle Maker

Puzzlemaker is a puzzle generation tool for teachers, students and parents. Create and print customized word search, crossword and math puzzles using your word lists.

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

Quiz Star

Create a custom quiz that others can take online

<http://quiz.4teachers.org/>

Disadvantages:

<p>Class Utilities</p> <p>Rubric builder As teachers increasingly design online learning experiences for their students, evaluation of those activities remains a challenge. The Rubric Builder enables teachers to build effective assessment rubrics and to make them available over the World Wide Web. http://www.landmark-project.com/classweb/tools/rubric_builder.php3</p> <p>Rubistar RubiStar is a tool to help the teacher who wants to use rubrics but does not have the time to develop them from scratch. http://rubistar.4teachers.org/</p> <p>Citation Machine Citation Machine is an interactive Web tool designed to assist teachers in modeling the proper use of information property. http://citationmachine.net/</p> <p>Noodle Tools NoodleTools is a suite of interactive tools designed to aid students and professionals with their online research. From selecting a search engine and finding some relevant sources, to citing those sources in MLA or APA style, NoodleTools makes online research easier! http://www.noodletools.com/</p> <p>Notestar Notestar enables teachers to create online workspaces for students to capture notes. Automatically records source information for their bibliographies. Very cool. http://notestar.4teachers.org/</p> <p>Google Scholar http://scholar.google.com/</p> <p>Portical – Administrator Tools http://www.portical.org/</p> <p>Backflip – Bookmark filing online http://www.backflip.com/login.ihtml</p> <p>Google Earth Want to know more about a specific location? Dive right in -- Google Earth combines satellite imagery, maps and the power of Google Search to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. http://earth.google.com/</p> <p>Powervideos Electronic delivery of educational videos directly to your computer http://www.powervideos.org/</p> <p>Hand Writing for Kids Learning to write numbers and letters are important tasks for children. It should be exciting and enjoyable activity through which children can experience success. http://www.handwritingforkids.com/handwrite/</p>	<p>Username: Password: Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>
<p>Zip Programs</p> <p>StuffIt http://www.digitalriver.com/dr/v2/ec_dynamic.main?SP=1&PN=14&sid=52277</p>	

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