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Technology Freebies.

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	Description / Web Address / Limitations	Possible Uses
Poll Everywhere	Live audience polling tool – Present questions in PowerPoint and your audience answers questions via the Web or a cell phone text. Free version allows 30 responses per question. Responses are anonymous. Available for a price if more responses or tracking are needed. http://www.poll everywhere.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anonymous classroom participation that engages students and gives instant feedback to both instructor and students. Voting in meetings. Energizing presentations.
RSS Feeds	Real Simple Syndication (Rich Site Summary) is a format for delivering regularly changing web content. Many news-related sites, weblogs and other online publishers syndicate their content as an RSS Feed to whoever wants it. http://www.what is rss.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping track of news from research sites Updating news
Jing	Visual Conversation - Make a quick narrated video of anything on your computer screen or save a screenshot with Jing. Videos are saved as Flash and screen shots are saved as “png” graphics. Allows a maximum of 5 minutes of audio-video production. Free version includes a small, tasteful mention of the “Jing Pro” product at the end of each produced video. \$15 per year gets rid of it! VERY simple to use! http://www.techsmith.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short tutorials on computer processes. Narrate PowerPoint slides. Narrate reviews of Web sites.
ooVoo	Video Chat and Video Conferencing via the Web – OoVoo is free video calling. See up to six people at the same time with video quality that’s like being face-to-face in the same room. ooVoo handles three (free) or six (paid) video inputs per call. If more than 6 people participate, only texting is available from the rest of the participants. http://www.oovoo.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking face-to-face with distance students. Conducting meetings with people who are separated geographically Online office hours. Staying in touch with grandchildren and/or children across the miles.
Animoto	The End of Boring Slideshows – Animoto combines music, video, text and images into an animated slideshow. You provide the pictures and the music and Animoto creates the slideshow with amazing results. 30 second videos are free. Longer videos free for educational use. http://www.animoto.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students create music videos for class projects. Visual collections for portfolios, introductions to main topics, and more! Weddings / Birthdays / Father’s Day.
WizMouse	WizMouse makes your scroll wheel work wherever you point your mouse without having to click into the window first. If the window is partially hidden by a “live” window, you can still scroll in the hidden window without activating it. find.pcworld.com/62539	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work faster with multiple windows open. No need to ‘ground’ your cursor in order to scroll between open windows
irfanview	Free Graphics Editing Utility – Irfanview lets you view, convert, optimize, scan and print graphics easily without having to spend money on more complicated programs like Photoshop. http://www.irfanview.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a photo taken with a digital camera for use on the Web or in a document by reducing the size and/or resolution. Add arrows and text to images.