

If they build it, they will use it: Student-centered Information Management

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Definitions:

Information Management – Organizing, retrieving, acquiring and maintaining information.

Cloud Computing – A general concept that incorporates software as a service (SaaS), Web 2.0, and other recent, well-known technology trends, in which the common theme is reliance on the Internet for satisfying the computing needs of the users.

Gadgets – Computer programs that provide services without needing an independent application to be launched for each one, but instead run in an environment that manages multiple gadgets.

RSS – a family of Web feed formats used to publish frequently updated works—such as blog entries, news headlines, audio, and video—in a standardized format.

The above definitions were excerpted from Wikipedia.

Video clips:

Did You Know? – There are at least four versions of this video based on the original by Karl Fisch and Scott McCleod.

Learning to Change, Changing to Learn – This video can also be found under the name “Learn to Change.”

Both of these videos can be found at www.youtube.com and at www.teachertube.com

Web sites:

iGoogle – <http://www.google.com/ig>

Partnership for 21st Century Skills – <http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/>

AASL Standards for the 21st -Century Learner –
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslproftools/learningstandards/standards.cfm>

Articles:

Flat World/Flat Classrooms by David Warlick
<http://davidwarlick.com/wiki/pmwiki.php/Main/OurStudentsOurWorlds>

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Build your digital toolkit

Tool box = iGoogle (Google Personalized Homepage)

1. Create a Google account if you don't have one.
(<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>)
2. Sign in to your Google account.
3. Go to <http://www.igoogle.com/ig> and create a homepage.
4. Customize your home page with a Theme
5. Add and Remove Gadgets (Tools)
6. Customize your page layout (Just drag and drop Gadgets)
7. Customize your gadget settings
8. Add and Remove Tabs (Pages)

Gadgets you want for sure

- Gmail
- Google Docs
- Google Calendar
- Enhanced Bookmarks (Web Links)
- To Do List

Gadgets you may want for fun

- Clock
- Weather
- News
- TV Guide
- Movie Showtimes
- Google Maps
- Ski Report
- Twitter
- Quotes of the Day
- Stock Portfolio

Gadgets you really should learn to use

- Remember the Milk (A more powerful To Do list)
- Google Reader (RSS Feed Reader)