

New Tools for Voice and Video

The following are Web sites that allow you to communicate in various ways with your students. With the exception of Wimba, which is a service that Chemeketa Community College has purchased, all of the tools mentioned here are free.



Audio Tools

Horizon Wimba: This service offers a suite of “voice tools” which can be added to Web pages or integrated with a course management system such as Blackboard’s e-learn. Wimba’s tools include a threaded voice discussion board and voice email functions.

To learn more go to: <http://www.wimba.com/>

YackPack: This oddly named service provides a unique interface for providing asynchronous voice discussions for groups.

<http://www.yackpack.net/>

Other Voice communication sites worth looking at include:

Odeo: <http://odeo.com/> (voice email)

Vaestro: <http://vaestro.com/> (voice board)

VoiceThread: <http://voicethread.com/about/empowering/>



Video Tools:

Viddler: This service allows you to record, share and comment on videos online using only a simple Web camera. Perhaps the greatest strength of this site is the user’s ability to comment on a video at a specific place in the timeline.

<http://www.viddler.com>

I’ve created a short Viddler tutorial here:

<http://newterra.chemeketa.edu/faculty/vanslyt//computerskills/tutorials/viddler.swf>

Other video tools:

Eyejot: Video email <http://www.eyejot.com>

More information on using technology: visit my Web page for teachers:

<http://newterra.chemeketa.edu/faculty/vanslyt/computerskills/tech4teachers.html>