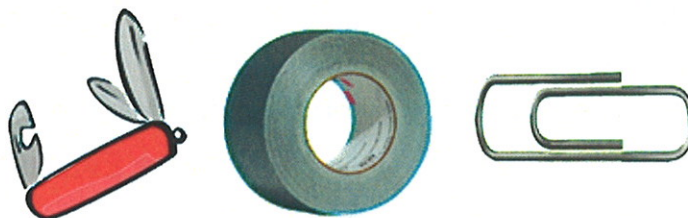


MacGyver's Toolbox



PollEverywhere

Date Evaluated: _____

www.polleverywhere.com

Voting and audience response system. Users can respond via text messaging or the web. Free for up to 30 participants.

Portable Apps

Date Evaluated: _____

portableapps.com

A portable app is a computer program that you can carry around with you on a portable device and use on any Windows computer. You have access to your software and personal data just as you would on your own PC. And when you unplug the device, none of your personal data is left behind.

Google Voice

Date Evaluated: _____

www.google.com/voice

Free calls & text messages to the U.S. & Canada. Get transcribed messages delivered to your inbox. Use a single number that rings you anywhere.

Google Books

Date Evaluated: _____

books.google.com

Create your online bookshelf and add items that are not normally accessible via your typical bookstore or library. Local history buffs will appreciate out of date material and genealogists will like finding out what their relatives have published or what has been written about them.

Google Apps

Date Evaluated: _____

www.gmail.com

Create and share documents, spreadsheets, calendars, and surveys. Don't want to create one from scratch? Use one of the many provided templates to save some time.

UStream

Date Evaluated: _____

www.ustream.tv

Turn any computer or mobile phone into a television studio. This is live streaming video from your device to the world. You can use your computer or even a cell phone to broadcast your video.

GoToMeeting

Date Evaluated: _____

www.gotomeeting.com

Share any application on your computer in real time with others around the world. Take control of somebody else's computer to fix a problem, demonstrate a resource, or to collaborate on a document.

LogMeIn

Date Evaluated: _____

www.logmein.com

LogMeIn Free gives you remote control of your PC or Mac from any other computer with an Internet connection.

Skype

Date Evaluated: _____

www.skype.com

Free video calling plus the ability to actively share your screen to a remote patron.

Ditch your cable TV

Date Evaluated: _____

www.netflix.com/ www.roku.com/ www.apple.com/appletv/ www.google.com/tv/

Free and almost free services such as Netflix or a Roku box help extend what you want to watch when you want to watch it. Still want over the air channels for your local news and other basic stations?

Build your own HD antenna from these directions:

www.tvantennaplans.com/

Make your own smartboard

Date Evaluated: _____

johnnylee.net/projects/wii/

Make your own smartboard by using a remote and an LED (light emitting diode) from a TV remote.

Jing

Date Evaluated: _____

www.jingproject.com

Take a picture or make a short video of what you see on your computer monitor. Share it instantly via web, email, IM, Twitter or your blog.

Dropbox

Date Evaluated: _____

www.dropbox.com

Dropbox allows you to sync your files online and across your computers automatically. Dropbox backs up your files online without you having to think about it. Automatically create shareable online photo galleries out of regular folders.

TED

Date Evaluated: _____

www.ted.com

Be inspired by creators and thinkers from all backgrounds that present the most fascinating tools and ideas in a challenged fifteen minutes or less.

Instructables

Date Evaluated: _____

www.instructables.com

Step by step instructions for making items that are fun and a little out of the ordinary. Because they are made by the average person, the items created are usually within most people's reach.

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