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What is Web 2.0?

When many of us began using the internet, we functioned as hunters and gatherers of information. We consumed content that was placed online by the webmaster lords of the World Wide Web. This was the internet as we knew it.

More recently, a different phenomenon has take over the way many internet users think of the web. The responsibility for the creation of content has moved away the dictatorial role of the webmaster to a decentralized model of content creation. Some of the most popular sites on the web are simply a platform for users to generate and disseminate content. Think about Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Wikipedia. Each of these sites rely on user-generated content. Almost all of the content on these sites is generated by the users of the sites. You wouldn't have much to look at on Facebook if your friends didn't post anything.
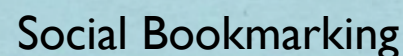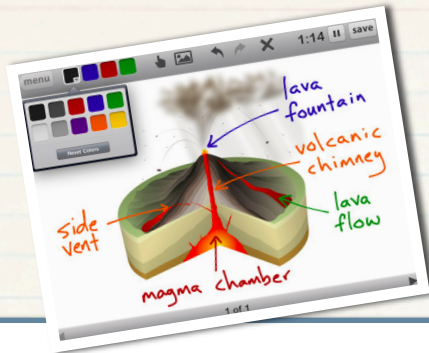
Web 2.0 describes creative, interactive, collaborative, and user-generated content platforms and tools available on the web. As we all know, creating is at the top of the Bloom's Taxonomy pyramid!

Examples of Web 2.0

Wordle.net

Word Clouds

Doppleme.com

Avatars

Pearltrees.com

Social Bookmarking

Some of our favorite Web 2.0 tools

EDUCREATIONS

Create, narrate, and store your lessons online so students can access them anytime and anywhere they have access to the internet.

FROM THE EDITORS

This is just the beginning of a long and growing list of Web 2.0 tools available to you. We hope you visit some of these sites for yourselves and find use for them in your classrooms. You may have already been a Web 2.0 contributor without even knowing that was what you were doing. As we move forward with Web 2.0 in schools, we hope to take information ownership out of the hands of a few privileged elite, and place knowledge and creativity into the hands of our students.

-- Nicole and Carla

1. **Voki - Create talking avatars**
    http://www.voki.com/
2. **PearlTrees - Social bookmarking**
    http://www.pearltrees.com/
3. **MakeBeliefsComix - Comic creations**
    http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/
4. **WebDoc - Web poster creation tool**
    http://www.webdoc.com/
5. **Blabberize - Make any picture talk**
    http://blabberize.com/
6. **Create-a-Graph - Easy chart and graph creation**
    http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/
7. **Wall Wisher - Post-it wall for questions or comments**
    http://www.wallwisher.com/
8. **Animoto - Picture and music mashups**
    http://animoto.com/
9. **Edmodo - School-safe social networking**
    http://www.edmodo.com/
10. **Word It Out - Word cloud generator**
    http://worditout.com/

WEB 2.0 CLEARINGHOUSE SITES
http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/

http://www.go2web20.net/

More Web 2.0 Tools

File Storage

Surveys

Visual Bookmarking