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For this paper, I chose to research applications I never knew about. Of all those I checked out that were either listed in the textbook, handout, and websites provided, I found the following three very interesting. I even messed around with them and created some examples of my own.

3D PhotoFace

http://host-d.oddcast.com/php/application_UI/doorId=357/clientId=1/?mId=0.4

I found this application while researching the Cool Tools for Schools Website. 3D PhotoFace is a breakthrough technology that renders uploaded 2D images into ultra-lifelike 3D avatars. With 3D PhotoFace, users upload a head shot to create a fully rendered 3D face. Then they can easily manipulate the features: age, emotional expression, makeup and accessories. Users can also alter nose, eyes, mouth, and more. Users are able to use images provided by the application, upload their own, or search for images online via Google, Flickr, or Photobucket. Once you have created your avatar, you can add voice to it using pre-recorded files, or you can record your own using your microphone or your telephone. Another way to add voice is to type in what you want your avatar to say and then choose a computer like voice from the list provided.

I found this application to be truly amazing and easy to use. As mentioned before, I have been working on animating my comic character using CrazyTalk and wanted to find an online web. 2.0 application that can do similar things in an easier way. While I thought Voki might be a good alternative, I found 3D Photoface to be much better! The only thing I found to be a problem with the application is time. You are only given 60 seconds to voice your message, which is not that much time if you have a big message to relay. However, for simple introductions and short tidbits, it is perfect! I used this application to create an introductory video that I incorporated into the header of the homepage of my upcoming Internet project that covers infographics. I found myself glued to the application for most of an entire day. You'll have to wait for my Internet project to see the video I created for it, but in the meantime, check out a couple others I made while messing around.

[Hello! My name is Neytiri](#) – From the 2009 movie, Avatar - I typed in what I wanted this character to say and used one of the built-in computer voices.

[My Nephew, Kane](#) – You'll love Kane! He sure loves me! He He! I used the telephone feature to record my own voice for Kane's character. Enjoy!

VoicesGuides

<http://voicesguides.com/>

I found this application listed on the handout in Learn's folder titled "Top Web Tools for Enhancing Collaboration. WoicesGuides is a tool for sharing "echoes" that are linked to specific geographic locations or real-life objects. Users can upload custom maps or use google maps, define as many levels (in case of indoors guides) as they need, place points of interest on top of the maps, add media (audio, text, images and so on) to every point of interest, upload images to customize the guide look and feel, and add additional interesting information for visitors.

I am a member of the Ladies Auxillary of our local American Legion Post 374 and attended the Veteran's Day Dinner we held in honor of our local VETS. An East Liverpool High School teacher friend of mine was there with a couple of his students, recording the stories of some of the VETS that were there. The students are working on a project that includes as many videos of our local veterans telling their own individual stories pertaining to their service time. I think WoicesGuides would be the perfect application for them to use for an East Liverpool, Ohio Veteran's Memory Guide Project that they can incorporate their videos into. They can even add still images to complement each Vet's story. Once they complete it, they can send their guide for publishing. WoicesGuides will automatically compile and create the guide from their materials and design. Woicesguides will even publish their guide to [AppStore](#) and [Google Play](#). What I really like about this tool is that "echos" can be as long as ten minutes! I don't know if my teacher friend knows about this tool or not, but I am definitely going to pass it on to him, as well as my ideas.

[Hello from East Liverpool, OH](#) – My echo! Sorry if I sound too loud!

Youblisher

<http://www.youblisher.com/>

Youblisher is another tool I found while researching the "Cool Tools for Schools" Website. It is used to turn magazines, books, catalogs, business reports, presentations and all other pdf documents into publications with flipping pages. I see this being a great tool for student to use to create their own story books. It can be used by teachers to store handouts and lessons that can be shared with others. Businesses can use this tool to create flyers and downloadable product advertisements. I want to use this to put together a product catalog for my mom and sister. They make and sell homespun and primitive home décor. They will love this! Also, developers can use this tool to create application user guides that are very visually appealing.

What I really like about this tool is not only that it creates beautiful page flipping books, you can embed them into your website with a large or small cover page or you can share the link with everyone using social networking and so on. Another great feature to this tool is that those who see you publications can download the pdf version to save and print. This is a good feature for teachers who want to share lesson plans with each other. All you have to do is create your document in whatever application you want to use, save it as a pdf, and upload it to make it a beautiful presentation you can share with the world. Check out mine below!

[Keeping the Strangers Out and Why I Didn't Give Up](#) - A story about my house and how home is where my heart is!

[Endangered Species Lesson](#) – A lesson I created for a prior class.