TOP 100 TOOLS FOR LEARNING 2008

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About the Top 100 Tools List

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During 2008, over **220** learning professionals from around the world shared their **Top 10 Tools for Learning.** You can view their individual lists at c4lpt.co.uk/recommended/

From these lists I compiled the **Top 100 Tools for Learning 2008**. You can view the entire list at c4lpt.co.uk/recommended/top100.html

I have also categorised the list into related tools to create **Toolset for Learning 2009.** This also shows the Top Tool in each category as well as the Top Free Tool (if different): c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/toolset.html

About the Tools

Each tool page shows:

- Its ranking on the list in 2008, as well as its previous rankings in 2007 and Spring 2008
- Tool or vendor logo
- 1 line summary of the tool
- Cost: **FREE** or commercial or both
- Availability: To download and install or hosted/online service
- More info: Link to the page at Centre's website to find out more about the tool including what learning professionals think about it

1

Delicious

Social bookmarking tool

A place to store your bookmarks online, tag them and share them with your colleagues and/or students.

Spring 2008: 1
2007: 2

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/delicious.html

2

Firefox

Web browser with extensions

The award winning browser is now available in its third version, Firefox 3., an d there are thousands of extensions to add to its functionality.

- Spring 2008: 2
  2007: 1

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/firefox.html

3

Google Reader

RSS reader

A web-based reader to aggregate and manage all your news and blog (RSS) feeds in one place.

Spring 2008: 3
2007: 7=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googlereader.html

4

Skype

Instant messenger and voice call tool

Use it to have text and voice message conversations with others who have Skype on their computers.

Spring 2008: 4
2007: 3=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows and Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/skype.html

5

WordPress

Blogging tool

A blogging platform that is free and easy to use.

Spring 2008: 6
2007: 6

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Hosted or Download

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/wordpress.html

6

Google Search

Web search tool

A powerful web-based search engine, so to find any information, you just “Google” it!

Spring 2008: 5
2007: 3=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

Link:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/google.html

7

Google Docs

Office suite

To create, store and share documents, spreadsheets and presentations online, and where you can work on your own or collaboratively.

Spring 2008: 11
2007: 14

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googledocs.html

PowerPoint

Presentation software

This presentation software is part of the Microsoft Office suite.

Spring 2008: 7
2007: 5

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows & Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/powerpoint.html

Moodle

Course management system

It provides all the sophisticated high level functionality of an educational course management system and more - and there are no license fees.

Spring 2008: 13
2007: 12=

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/moodle.html

Blogger

Blogging tool

A simple and quick way to get a blog up and running, now owned by Google.

Spring 2008: 9=
2007: 9

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/blogger.html

Twitter

Micro-blogging tool

Keep in touch with colleagues and friends no matter where you are or what you're doing.

Spring 2008: 17=
2007: 43=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/twitter.html

Audacity

Audio/podcasting tool

A sound editor and recorder suitable for podcasting.

Spring 2008: 9=
2007: 11

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Unix/Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/audacity.html

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Wikipedia

Collaborative encyclopaedia

This huge online encyclopaedia has been written collaboratively by volunteers around the world.

Spring 2008: 12
2007: 26=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/wikipedia.html

gMail/Google Mail

Web mail

A web-based email service with many megabytes of storage space for archiving mail threads.

Spring 2008: 8
2007: 7=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/gmail.html

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Flickr

Image hosting and sharing tool

A place where you can store your photos, tag them and share them with others.

Spring 2008: 15=
2007: 16

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/flickr.html

Ning

Private social networking tool

A tool to create customised private social networks and communities.

Spring 2008: 17=
2007: 31=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/ning.html

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iGoogle

Personal start page tool

Here you can aggregate all the Google resources you use on your online desktop, e.g. gMail, Google Calendar, Google Reader and more.

Spring 2008: 15=
2007: 17=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/igoogle.html

YouTube

Video hosting and sharing tool

A place where you can host, tag and share videos online .

Spring 2008: 17=
2007: 22=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/youtube.html

Wikispaces

Wiki tool

A service that lets you create a wiki for collaborative working.

Spring 2008: 20
2007: 15

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/wikispaces.html

Slideshare

Presentation hosting and sharing tool

A place where you can store, tag and share your presentations with others as well as synchronise an MP3 audio with a slideset to create a slidecast.

Spring 2008: 14
2007: 31=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/slideshare.html

SnagIt

Screen capture tool

Capture anything on your screen, edit the image and print it or share it as you wish.

Spring 2008: 21
2007: 26=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/snagit.html

22

Word

Word processing software

This word processing software is part of the Microsoft Office suite

Spring 2008: 22=
2007: 10

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows and Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/word.html

VoiceThread

Collaborative slideshow tool

voicethread

A service that lets you create collaborative presentations by collecting comments - both text and voice.

Spring 2008: 24=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/voicethread.html

Facebook

Social networking site

A social networking site with over 120 million members, that also includes many applications that allow it be used productively in education and business.

Spring 2008: 28=
2007: 17=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/facebook.html

Articulate

Rapid e-learning suite

Contains three powerful yet easy-to-use products - Presenter, Engage and Quizmaker - each of which can be purchased separately.

Spring 2008: 22=
2007: 22=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/articulate.html

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Camtasia Studio

Screencasting tool

Record your screen to create training, demo, and presentation videos, aka screencasts.

Spring 2008: 35
2007: 50=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/camtasia.html

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Jing

Screen capture and screencasting tool

An always-ready program that can instantly capture and share images and video.

Spring 2008: 30
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/jing.html

iTunes

Music and podcasting player

Listen to music and podcasts as well as watch videos.

Spring 2008: 26
2007: 26=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/iTunes.html

Google Calendar

Online calendar

Use it for your own personal diary or for scheduling events with with others

Spring 2008: 31=
2007: 36=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googlecalendar.html

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Bloglines

RSS reader

A web-based RSS reader and aggregator to keep you up to date with news and blog postings

Spring 2008: 24=
2007: 12=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/bloglines.html

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LinkedIn

Professional social networking site

A public social network aimed at the professional community.

Spring 2008: 38=
2007: 31=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/linkedin.html

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Captivate

Screencasting tool

To create simulations, software demonstrations, and scenario-based training without programming knowledge or multimedia skills

Spring 2008: 27
2007: 17=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/captivate.html

Google Alerts

Keep track of new information

Provides you with email updates of latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your choice of query or topic.

Spring 2008: 43=
2007: 57=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googlealerts.html

Google Maps

Maps and directions

Searchable and zoomable maps of the UK, US, etc, where you can find businesses and get directions.

Spring 2008: 40
2007: 36=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googlemaps.html

35=

Diigo

Social bookmarking tool

A social annotation tool where you can highlight, clip and sticky-note any page and then share your findings with others

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/diigo.html

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PBwiki

Wiki tool

A wiki solution suitable for both business and education.

Spring 2008: 28=
2007: 43=

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/pbwiki.html

Netvibes

Personal start page

A start page that provides you with access to all your digital resources in one place::blogs, news, videos, podcast, pictures, e-mail, etc,

Spring 2008: 43=
2007: 26=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/netvibes.html

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Flash

Animation authoring tool

Lets you create powerful and engaging animations.

Spring 2008: 36=
2007: 43=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows and Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/flash.html

38=

Outlook

Email software

This email client is part of the Microsoft Office suite.

Spring 2008: 31=
2007: 17=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/outlook.html

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Google Earth

Satellite and aerial imagery

Combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings.

Spring 2008: 48=
2007: 40=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/Googleearth.html

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Pageflakes

Personal start page tool

A start page tool where you can use it to aggregate all kinds of resources and tools on your web-based desktop.

Spring 2008: 31=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/pageflakes.html

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Google Scholar

Scholarly literature search engine

A simple way to search broadly for scholarly literature

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 36=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googlescholar.html

42=

MindManager

Mind mapping tool

A tool that lets you visually capture, organize and communicate ideas and information effectively

Spring 2008: 31=
2007: 17=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/mindmanager.html

44=

Dreamweaver

Web authoring tool

A powerful web authoring tool.

Spring 2008: 43=
2007: 26=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/dreamweaver.html

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eXe

Course authoring tool

An authoring application to assist teachers and academics in the publishing of web content.

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

For info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/exe.html

44=

OpenOffice

Office software suite

An office suite of tools to create documents, spreadsheets and presentations

Spring 2008: 41=
2007: 31=

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/openoffice.html

44=

TypePad

Blogging tool

A blogging service with a number of pricing plans to host 1, 3 or more blogs as well as extra functionality like storage space, scheduling of postings etc.

Spring 2008: 41=
2007: 57=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info: c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/typepad.html

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Wetpaint

Wiki tool

A service to create free wikis, simple to start; easy to build and fun to share

Spring 2008: 43=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: Free
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/wetpaint.html

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Zoho Suite

Office & productivity suite

An office suite that includes the word processing, spreadsheet and presentation tools as well as tools like Zoho Meeting, Zoho Planner,Zoho Creator and Zoho Wiki.

Spring 2008: 36=
2007: 57=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/zoho.html

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Excel

Spreadsheet software

This spreadsheet software is part of the Microsoft Office suite

Spring 2008: 36=
2007: 22=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/excel.html

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Elluminate

Web conferencing software

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 50=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Hosted

A solution for live e-learning and web collaboration.

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/elluminate.html

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iPod

MP3/podcast device

Mobile devices to listen to music and podcasts (in MP3 format) as well as watch videos.

Spring 2008: 48=
2007: 43=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Hardware

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/ipod.html

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Thunderbird

Email tool

An email client from Mozilla - the home of Firefox.

Spring 2008: 63=
2007: 22=

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Hosted

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/thunderbird.html

54=

Drupal

Content management system

It supports a variety of websites ranging from personal weblogs to large community-driven websites.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free, Open Source**
Available: Download
Platform: Any platform that can support (1) a web sever capable of running PHP and (2) a database

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/drupal.html

54=

Remember the Milk

Task manager

Lets you manage your tasks quickly and easily, and works with Google Calendar, twitter, iPhone and gMail.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/rememberthemilk.html

54=

FreeMind

Mind mapping tool

A mind mapping tool that can be used as a high productivity tool.

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 50=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/freemind.html

54=

Second Life

Virtual World Application

Create an avatar and explore this virtual world - a highly imaginative, creative world,

Spring 2008: 41=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/secondlife.html

54=

Survey Monkey

Survey & Questionnaire Tool

Intelligent survey software for anyone to create professional online surveys quickly and easily.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info: c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/surveymonkey.html

59=

Acrobat Professional

Create and control PDFs

Create, combine, and control Adobe PDF documents for easy, secure distribution, collaboration and data collection

Spring 2008: 110=
2007: 72=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/adobeacrobatpro.html

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Photoshop

Photo/image editing tool

A photo imaging tool for professional and serious amateur photographers as well as graphic and web designers.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: 50=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform:

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/photoshop.html

59=

Edublogs

Blogging tool for educators

Blogging for teachers and students, made easy

Spring 2008: 43=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/edublogs.html

59=

Garageband

Personal Recording Studio

A personal recording studio, part of the Apple iLife Suite.

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: -

Cost: **FREE**
Available: Download
Platform: Mac

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/garageband.html

59=

Google Sites

Web / wiki Tool

Lets you create simple, secure group websites.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/jotspot.html

59=

Mindmeister

Mind mapping tool

A collaborative mind-mapping tool.

Spring 2008: 110=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted
More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/mindmeister.html

Keynote

Presentation software

Cinema-quality presentation software

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 72=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Mac

More info:

http://c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/keynote.html

66=

Adobe Connect

Web conferencing software

Spring 2008: 72=
2007: 52=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Hosted

A communication system that provides enterprise web communication and online collaboration.

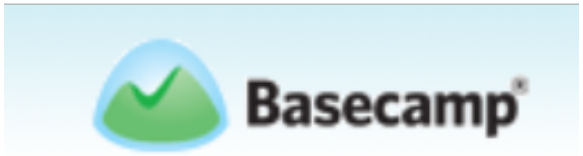
More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/adobeconnect.html

66=

Basecamp

Project management tool



Tool that lets you manage and track projects (or simply ideas) and quickly create client/project extranets.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info:
c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/basecamp.html

66=

Google Apps

Web conferencing software

Software-as-a-service for business email, information sharing and security

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 101=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/googleapps.html

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iMovie

Video editing software

Makes viewing and working with video as intuitive as enjoying your photos, part of Apple iLife Suite

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/imovie.html

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Joomla

Content management system

Content management system to build web sites and powerful online applications.

Spring 2008: 101=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Requires fully operational web server, database and the server side scripting language PHP

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/joomla.html

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Notepad

HTML and text editor

Simple text editor - useful for writing HTML, code or just unformatted notes..

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/notepad.html

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OneNote

Personal information manager

Gather your information in one place..

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/onenote.html

66=

Opera

Web browser

Award winning browser for your computer and/or mobile phone and other mobile devices.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/opera.html

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PollDaddy

Polling and survey tool

Create polls and surveys for the web and for Twitter.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/polldaddy.html

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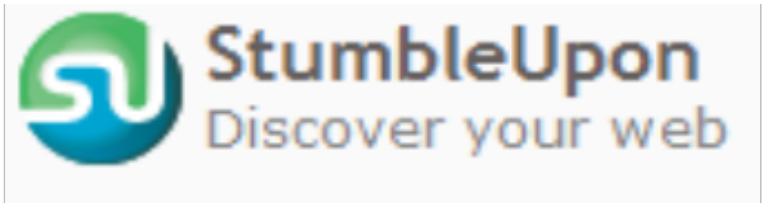
Stumbleupon

Polling and survey tool



Surf the internet to find great websites, videos, photos and more based on your interests.

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted (Downloadable toolbar)

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/stumbleupon.html

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Windows Live Writer

Blogging tool

A desktop tool that makes it easy to publish rich content to your blog. .

Spring 2008: 110=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/windowslivewriter.html

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Ustream

Live video broadcasting tool

In just minutes you can broadcast and interact with a global audience - all it takes is a camera and an internet connection.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/ustream.html

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Yugma

Web Meeting Tool

Instant real-time desktop sharing, virtual meetings and web conferencing, whiteboard, annotate and ability to share files.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**/Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/yugma.html

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Zotero

Firefox Browser Extension

Firefox extension to help you collect, manage, and cite your research sources

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/zotero.html

80=

Adobe Reader

PDF Reader

Well known and well regarded PDF Reader.

Spring 2008: 76=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Unix/Linux, Mobile

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/adobereader.html

80=

Nvu

Web authoring tool

A complete web authoring system that makes managing a web site a snap

Spring 2008: 48=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/nvu.html

80=

TeacherTube

Video Sharing Site

A place where you can host, tag and share instructional videos

Spring 2008: 76=
2007: 57

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/teachertube.html

83=

Adobe Presenter

PowerPoint-based e-learning tool

A tool to rapidly create Adobe Flash presentations and eLearning courses from PowerPoint

Spring 2008: 110=
2007: 72=

Cost: Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/adobepresenter.html

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Bubbl.us

Mind Mapping Tool

A simple web application that lets you brainstorm online

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/bubblus.html

83=

Course Lab

Course authoring tool

A powerful, yet easy-to-use, e-learning authoring tool for creating interactive e-learning content.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 101=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/courselab.html

83=

Furl

Social Bookmarking Tool

Makes it easy to save, share, and explore favourite web pages.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 72=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/furl.html

83=

Internet Explorer

Web browser

Web browser that comes as part of the Windows/Vista operating system .

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: 31=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/ie.html

83=

GIMP

Image/photo editing tool

Software for tasks such as photo retouching, image composition and image authoring.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 43=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/gimp.html

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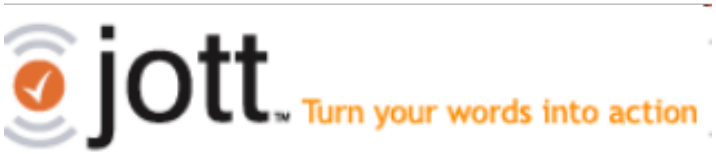
Jott

Image/photo editing tool



Converts your voice into emails, text messages, reminders, lists and appointments.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/jott.html

83=

LibraryThing

Book cataloguing tool

An easy, library-quality catalogue that also connects you with people who read the same things.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/librarything.html

83=

MediaWiki

Wiki tool

The wiki engine that powers Wikipedia, so any wiki site based on MediaWiki has the Wikipedia look and feel.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: 36=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Unix/Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/mediawiki.html

83=

MovieMaker

Video editor

Create, edit, and share your home movies right on your computer

Spring 2008: Not ranked
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

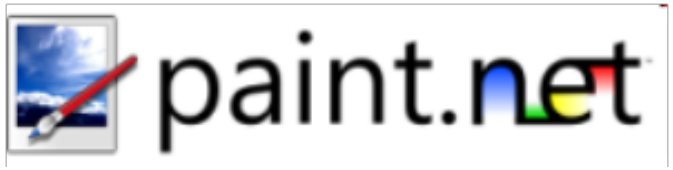
More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/moviemaker.html

83=

Paint.NET

Image/photo editing software



Features an intuitive and innovative user interface with support for layers, unlimited undo, special effects, and a wide variety of useful and powerful tools.

Spring 2008: 52=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/paint.html

83=

Safari

Web browser

With its simple elegant interface, Safari gets out of your way and lets you enjoy the web.

Spring 2008: 72=
2007: 79=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Mac, Windows

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/safari.html

83=

Scribd

Document hosting site

A place to store documents - doc, ppt, pdf, xls, etc and share them with others.

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: 50=

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/scribd.html

83=

SMART

Interactive whiteboard tools

At the heart of every SMART interactive whiteboard lies award-winning software that can help transform your classroom or meeting space into a dynamic learning environment

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free** / Commercial
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/smartboard.html

83=

TiddlyWiki

Personal wiki tool

A single file which has all the characteristics of a wiki - including all of the content, the functionality and the style sheet.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Mac, Unix

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/tiddlywiki.html

83=

Tumblr

Micro-blogging service

Tumblelogs are the easiest way to express yourself, as Tumblr makes it effortless to share text, photos, quotes, links, music, and videos, from your browser, phone, desktop, email, or wherever you happen to be.

Spring 2008: 110=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/tumblr.html

83=

Twhirl

Social Software Client

A desktop client for social software such as Twitter, Friendfeed, identi.ca, or seesmic

Spring 2008: Not ranked
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Requires Adobe Air

More info:

http://c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/twhirl.html

83=

Wink

Software Demonstration Tool

A tool primarily aimed at creating tutorials on how to use software (like a tutor for MS-Word/Excel etc).

Spring 2008: 64=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Download
Platform: Windows, Linux

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/wink.html

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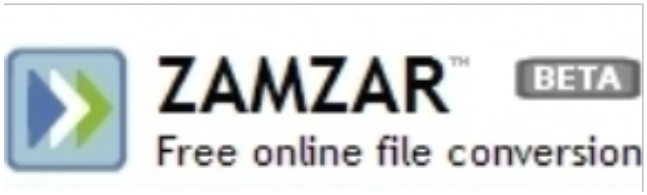
Zamzar

File conversion tool



Convert files online without the need to download software.

Spring 2008: 79=
2007: Not ranked

Cost: **Free**
Available: Hosted

More info:

c4lpt.co.uk/Top100Tools/zamzar.html