

SESSION NOTES: Emerging Technologies for Communication and Collaboration

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This demo and discussion included the following:

Why use technology in your class?

- Increases active learning. Can give pre-work to enrich classroom conversation.
- Synchronous & Asynchronous – young people think synchronous is far superior to asynchronous (e-mail is so yesterday!)
- Asynchronous is good, too, though – great for international students as they get time to see what other students say first and it gives them extra time to articulate in a second language
- Students can form study groups outside of class
- Some suggested forms of communication besides email:
 - o Yahoo Groups
 - o Pro Boards

Ask yourself: is this going to increase the educational value of what they're here to learn?

Hottest trends:

1. Text Messaging
2. Podcasting
3. Website Blogs

Free Tools:

1. **Subethaedit v2.2** www.codingmonkeys.de/subethaedit
 - a. Collaborative Editing tool
 - b. Can have many people from anywhere in the world participate
 - c. Used in ESL Multimedia lab – students love it!
 - d. Good for group brainstorming
 - e. Only Mac to Mac
 - f. Synchronous and Asynchronous
 - g. Like blog, bulletin board, Wikipedia – needs to be managed
2. **Skype** www.skype.com
 - a. Free to end of the year in North America and Canada for all calls
 - b. Text messaging
 - c. Audio chat 1 to 1
 - d. Video (NEW) 1 to 1 – all you need is a mike, headphone, and iSite camera

3. **iChat** www.apple.com/macosx/features/ichat
 - a. Bundled with Macs
 - b. Can chat with up to 4 people

4. **Yack Pack** www.yackpack.com
 - a. Asynchronous
 - b. Can add multiple people and listen to select pieces of conversations
 - c. Great for presentations!

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