Integrating Web 2.0 in Foreign Language Instruction

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Introduction

• Definition of Web 2.0
  ▪ “Web-based applications and services that provide users visual, textual, audial communication, interactive information, shared content, collaboration, authenticity and digital literacy” (O’Reilly, 2005; Yalcin, 2011)
  ▪ Web 2.0 is a concept that takes the network as a platform for information sharing, interoperability, user-centered design, and collaboration on the World Wide Web.” (from Wikipedia)
Examples of Web 2.0

- Blogs: Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Wikis
- Tagging and social bookmarking
- Multimedia sharing
- Audio blogging and podcasting
- Content syndication

(Anderson, 2007)
Features of Web 2.0

- Participatory information sharing
- User-friendly
- Collaboration and contribution
- Synchronous and asynchronous interaction among users (active communication and feedback available)
Pedagogical Benefits of Web 2.0

- Increases students’ motivation (Lam, 2000)
- Provides effective educational tools allowing collaboration, communication and interaction among students
  (Lee, 2005; Oskoz & Thorne, 2008)
Web 2.0 Applications

- Web 2.0 applications for Language Learning
  - Linoit: a virtual sticky note
  - Lingt: a recording device
  - Voki: a recording device using an avatar
  - Quizlet: a flashcard maker
  - PBWorks: wiki
Sample Activities

- Sample Activities
  - PBWorks
    Web 2.0 activities included in the Defense Language Institute’s Korean Basic Course Curriculum
• Post Conference Session
  ➢ Visit the following link and post any comments or questions.

References


Interactive Internet Resources

• Link of the Sample Activities
  ▪ PBWorks: [http://koreanbasiccourse.pbworks.com/w/page/47907083/Home](http://koreanbasiccourse.pbworks.com/w/page/47907083/Home)

• Link of the Web 2.0 Applications
  ▪ Linoit: [https://linoit.com](https://linoit.com)
  ▪ Lingt: [http://lingtlanguage.com](http://lingtlanguage.com)
  ▪ Quizlet: [http://quizlet.com/](http://quizlet.com/)
  ▪ Collection of Web 2.0 Tools: [http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Home](http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Home)