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Google Sites

A Creative Alternative to Electronic Portfolios and
Classroom Projects

Welcome!

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Our objectives for today

Define “Google Sites”

Explain uses for Google Sites

Set-up Google Site

What's a Google Site?



It's an easy-to-create, easily accessible, website application for your students and you.

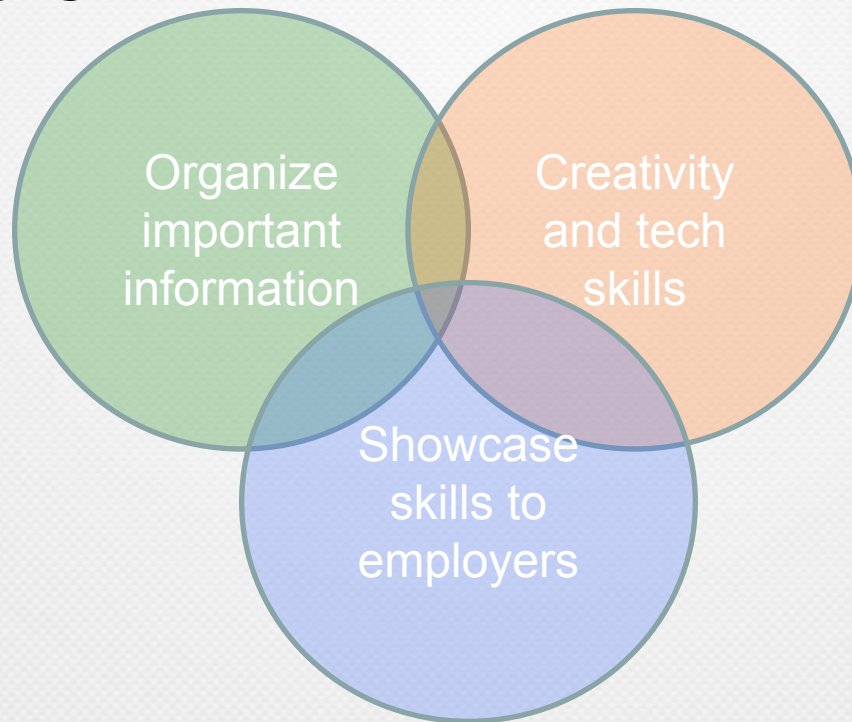
How would students use Google Sites?

Google Sites are great for:

- Electronic portfolios for employers
- Networking/Professional Web Presence
- Classroom Projects
- Student Clubs
- They may already have one
- They are free!

Electronic portfolios for employers

Three reasons to have a Google Site for employers



Show what you know

A Google Site: Your best stuff in one place

- Resume/cover letters
- Writing and project samples
- Letters of recommendation and awards
- Pictures! And video! (but no cats please)

Networking: Share your Google Site!

Create a positive online persona

- Link to your Google Site on LinkedIn
- Share on Facebook
- At conferences and networking events
- With potential employers

Classroom Projects

Google Sites are great for team or individual projects

- Students can add files
- Info from other Google apps
- Add and edit new content
- Remember: Can only create 5 sites/day

Student Clubs

Google Sites are a great tool for student organizations

- Use as marketing tool
- Store meeting minutes
- Organize information and membership data
- Add/integrate maps to events
- Easily add forms, and get feedback

What about privacy?

Access to Google sites is easily controlled

- Access can be limited to individuals or team members
- Can be published and available to anyone

Some Examples.....

From my Job Seeking Skills students....

How to do things

- **1. Getting Started**
- a. Creating my Site | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/TMsDBP>
- b. Finding your URL and Uploading it to D2L | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1qgwkMz>
- c. Changing your Site's Design | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1m682D7>
- d. Getting back in / Accessing your Google Site | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1uLNKRz>
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- **2. Photographs/Images**
- a. Adding an Image | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1z5uWAs>
- b. Moving a photo from your phone| link: <http://bit.ly/CSUFPTS>
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- **3. Uploading a File**
- a. Adding a file (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PDF) | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1z5uWAs>
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- **4. Text/Welcome Language**
- a. Add Text | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1BAmfjc>
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- **5. Tops/Bottoms/Name Display**
- a. Add Text | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1qvfNWC>
- b. Changing the template image/header. [Video](#)| link: <http://bit.ly/1wiJBWr>
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- **6. Privacy**
- a. Changing your Privacy Settings | [PDF](#) | link: <http://bit.ly/1r0RCgZ>
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- **7. Next Step**