

Online Media Toolbox

A list of Danny's favorite multimedia tools - Journalistopia.com

VIDEO

UStream.TV - *ustream.tv*

Streams live video from your laptop and camera and creates an embeddable player.

Livestream.com - *livestream.com*

A highly-rated live streaming service similar to Ustream.TV.

Qik - *qik.com*

A service that allows you to easily stream live video from many mobile devices.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twhirl and Tweetdeck - *twhirl.org and tweetdeck.com*

Desktop applications that let you manage Twitter much more easily.

Twitter Widgets - *twitter.com/goodies/widget_search, twitter.com/goodies/widgets*

Creates an embeddable widget of your tweets or of a search on a news topic.

Cover It Live - *coveritlive.com*

Host live web chats and liveblog events with an embeddable widget.

TIMELINES/SLIDESHOWS

VuVox - *vuvox.com*

Creates stunning multimedia timelines that let you embed slideshows, video and more.

PhotoPeach - *photopeach.com*

A quick and free way to make photo slideshows to music. \$3/month lets you upload audio.

Dipity - *dipity.com*

An embeddable timeline app great for lots of detailed data points.

PHOTO EDITING

Here are some powerful web-based image-editing tools:

Pixlr - *pixlr.com*

Picnik - *picnik.com*

Photoshop Express - *photoshop.com/express*

More image editors here: sixrevisions.com/tools/web-based-image-editors

SOCIAL BOOKMARKING

Becoming a power user on these sites can bring big traffic to your content:

Digg.com - *StumbleUpon.com* - *Delicious.com* - *Reddit.com* - *Newsvine.com* - *Tailrank.com*

WEB DESIGN

Notepad++ (For PCs) - *notepad-plus.sourceforge.net*

A much better text editor for working with HTML and other code. Has tabs and macros.

Firefox Web Developer Toolbar - *addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/60*

Has a pixel ruler, element inspector, CSS editor and much more.

Firebug + YSlow - *addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/1843*

Pick apart a Web site and edit HTML/CSS on the fly to fiddle with a design. Try with Yslow.

OTHER TOOLS

Tableizer! - *tableizer.journalistopia.com*

Quickly turns spreadsheets into HTML tables you can put online. Built by yours truly!

FireShot - *addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/5648*

Lets you easily create, edit and add notes to screenshots.

Audacity - *audacity.sourceforge.net*

A powerful, free audio-editing suite used by many multimedia producers.

Atlas & Google MyMaps - *fmatlas.com*, *maps.google.com*

Two powerful tools for building interactive Google Maps mashups.

iGoogle - *google.com/ig*

Monitor the web and news feeds with customized widgets.

Google Reader - *google.com/reader*

Save time by bringing all the news to you with this powerful RSS reader.

MicroPoll - *micropoll.com*

Create embeddable polls for your site with no hassle.

phpBB - *phpbb.com*

Popular open-source software used to create message board sites.

WordPress - *wordpress.org*

IMHO, the best blogging platform out there. It's free and has thousands of awesome plugins.

Media-Convert - *media-convert.com*

Converts an enormous array of files. Often great for mysterious file formats.