

Tales from the Web 2.0 Front... the Good, the Bad and the Ugly



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Agenda:

- Overview
- Google Docs, Web Pages, Blog
- Google Calendars



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Overview:

- History
 - 2008 (Fall) MDLA Presentation
 - Integration Web 2.0 objects into LMS
 - Auto-generated embed code
 - Advantages
 - Theoretical
- Today
 - Real-World Application
 - Lessons learned
 - Reality checks



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Google Docs, Web Pages, Blog

- Request from Program Director
- If he can embed an Avatar...
- Research Google products



[Blogger](#)

Share your life online with a blog -- it's fast, easy, and free



[Calendar](#)

Organize your schedule and share events with friends



[Docs](#)

Create and share your online documents, presentations, and spreadsheets



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Google Docs, Web Pages, Blog

- Built fun things and learning objects
- With available code, embedded objects into WT
 - Avatars
 - Google Docs
 - Google Page Creator
 - Blogger



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- **Benefits**
 - Embedded learning objects keep students in LMS
 - Editing done outside of LMS
 - Creative content (interactive, interesting, engaging)

- **Disadvantages**
 - Learning curve
 - Time to organize and develop materials
 - Maintenance, publishing, settings, etc.



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Google Calendars

History:

- Prior Research
- Request from Program Director
 - Hybrid Classes
 - Benefits
 - More visualized
 - Less Confusion
 - Changing Dynamic
 - More flexible features
 - Mobility



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Google Calendars

History:

PD Wish List:

- Portable
- Ease of Use
- Collaborative capabilities
- Rights management
- Multiple overlapping events
- Hyperlinks, Graphics / Branding
- Notification
- Customizable

Our Wish List:

- Free!
- Ease of use
- Embeddable



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Google Calendars

Search results:

- Many choices
- Calendar communities
 - Calendar Swamp
(<http://calendarswamp.blogspot.com>)
- Most are lacking
- The more powerful tools tended to charge for their services, with a few exceptions:
 - Google Calendars
 - AirSet
- Play by the calendar's rules



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Resources

Google Docs docs.google.com/

Google Calendars google.com/calendar

DE Oracle Articles: deoracle.org

[Embedding Web 2.0 Objects Into the WT Classroom](#)

[How to Embed Web 2.0 Content Into WT](#)

[Open Educational Resources](#)

[Suggested Web 2.0 Services](#)

PPT:

http://polaris.umuc.edu/de/csi/mdla_spring_09/presentation.ppt

