


Awesome Software & Applications

The secret of success is not necessarily working harder, but working smarter. These suggested free software and applications will improve the technology experience for you and your students.


GMX: Global Mail X-Change

 GMX is a completely free, robust Web mail service that is used by 10 million people worldwide. Here are its advantages:

- Large selection of names: your choice is most likely available.
- Maximum virus protection guaranteed from McAfee and Symantec.
- Seven anti-spam modules eliminate 98 percent of unwanted emails.
- Allows access to your existing email address with the GMX Mail Collector.
- Manage all third-party email accounts and receive all your email in one mailbox.
- State-of-the-art secure servers with guaranteed availability.
- 5 GB storage space, with up to 50 MB attachments per email.
- Interface is clean without any pop-ups or advertisements.
- 1 GB storage space is available for all file types with the option to share folders.

GMX definitely surpasses all the well-known free online email services. Be sure to view the video tour on the home page.
gmx.com

MailStore: Backing Up Your Email

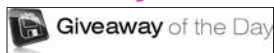
 Email is a crucial part of an educator's daily life in school or at home. What if something were to happen to one of your accounts? Please don't assume that your school system has the perfect backup system, especially if you use an Outlook account.

MailStore is a freeware program that will back up all your email from multiple accounts, including attachments, into one safe archive on your computer. It supports Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Outlook Express, Windows Mail, Thunderbird, Gmail, Yahoo! Mail, plus many others. Once your email is backed up, it can be searched and organized with the option to burn a Backup CD.

www.mailstore.com

For specific directions on using MailStore, read the article *How to Back Up Your Email with MailStore Home* by Jordan Running.
tucows.com/article/1954

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Zamzar



Zamzar is a free and convenient way to convert your songs, videos, images, and documents into different files. It takes only four easy steps to convert a file without purchasing a costly software download.
zamzar.com

When a file conversion is completed, you will receive an email with a link to the converted file. You must download the file within 24 hours, after which it is deleted. There is no limit to the number of conversion files, but you can only convert five within one session. There is no registration required and the service is free for up to 100 MB files. There is a fee for larger files with additional enhancements. While this site is sponsored by lots of advertising, the functionality of this website's free conversion tools is worth the hassle.

What are some typical educational uses of this site?

- Download and convert videos from YouTube, Google Video, and MySpace.
- Convert PDFs to docs and vice-versa.
- Convert Mac to Windows extensions.

Be sure to download the Zamzar Web browser button on the tools page that will make your file conversion even easier. Use the Convert It! button to convert and save the video you are watching. To see a demonstration of the various uses of this button, click the video link at the bottom of the Web page.

zamzar.com/tools

Sendit



Sending large attachments via email is always a problem. For example, Gmail supports 10 MB, GMX allows 50 MB (the largest allowed for email attachments), and most school accounts permit up to 4 MB. Try Sendit, a Web-based file distribution utility that supports up to a 100 MB limit. There are only two steps to the process. Step one: upload your file (no registration required) and choose your expiration date. Once the file is uploaded, proceed to step two: copy and paste the email link provided or click Email this link.
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