

Patrick Crispen's Complete and Total Waste of Time

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Cute Overload

<http://cuteoverload.com/>

Awww. Cute Overload is an overwhelming collection of really cute animal images. Really, really, really cute. Updated daily.

The image tool with a semi-naughty name

<http://tinyurl.com/7g4fa>

This 'site lets you turn any picture on the web or your computer into huge, multi-page, poster-sized image that you can print out, piece together, and hang on the wall. For free.

Pandora

<http://pandora.com/>

Pandora asks you to enter your favorite artists or songs and then creates a custom, online radio station that helps you find new music you'll love.

Free play Music

<http://www.freeplaymusic.com/>

Freeplay Music offers professional, royalty-free, 15 second, 30 second, and one minute background music that you can use for in-classroom projects, provided those projects are not made public.

Sudoku

<http://www.uclick.com/client/nwk/nwdoc/>

Sudoku is an insanely addictive puzzle game. This site, sponsored by Newsweek Magazine, posts a new Sudoku puzzle each day. Friday's puzzles are always the hardest, and there is an archive of puzzles going back several weeks.

DWheel

<http://www.digitalxpression.co.uk/dwheel.swf>

A 60 second optical illusion that will cause you to exclaim, "Dude! My hand is going all wiggly."

Optical Illusions and Visual Phenomena

<http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/index.html>

Whoa. 67 more optical illusions.

Concert Ticket Generator

<http://tinyurl.com/g7vvo>

With the Concert Ticket Generator, you can make customized, relatively realistic images of interesting or humorous concert tickets.

Custom Sign Generator

<http://www.customsigngenerator.com/>

The Custom Sign Generator is a collection of HUNDREDS of fake sign and image generators. Create your own "For Dummies" book cover, ketchup bottle label, church sign, and so on. Some generators work better than others. For example, I tried to create my own "Hello My Name Is" nametag, but the text I entered—"Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."—would not fit. Inconceivable!

Interface LIFT Wallpapers

<http://interfacelift.com/wallpaper/>

Interface LIFT offers insanely high-quality and high-resolution images you can use as your desktop wallpaper or as a background in a PowerPoint presentation ... for free.

TinyURL

<http://tinyurl.com/>

Cut-and-paste a really long URL into the box on Tiny URL's site and the site automatically smushes the URL into a shorter, permanent one that is much easier to share with others.

Broadband Reports Speed Test

<http://tinyurl.com/73862>

Want to know how fast your internet Connection really is?

MERLOT

<http://merlot.org/>

The Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching is a free, peer-reviewed collection of over 8,000 different online learning tools and simulations developed and used by college professors around the world.

For Educators

Rubistar

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/>

A free, online, rubric-creating tool designed to help educators who want to use rubrics in the classroom but don't have the time to develop them from scratch.

Standards for Success

<http://s4s.org/>

Created by the Association of American Universities , this site offers a free report specifically identifying what students need to know and be able to do in order to succeed in entry-level courses at America's research universities. The report is so significant that The College Board uses it as a foundational element in the development of College Board examinations, including the SAT, PSAT, and Advanced Placement exams.