

Why Social Networks Matter (Resources)

Dr. Alec Couros

couros@gmail.com

@courosa

skype: aleccouros

Uh, this document is public. You *may* want to change the permissions...

Standards/Background:

- [The Typical Teacher Network](#) - This diagram attempts to visualize the typical network of teachers.
- [The Networked Teacher](#) - Increasingly more teachers are developing rich personal learning networks (PLNs) through the use of social media (sometimes called [Web 2.0 tools](#)).
- [PLE Diagrams](#) - Scott Leslie has compiled comprehensive list of individuals who have visualized their personal learning environments.
- [What Does the Network Mean to You?](#) - I asked the question of my network, "what does the network mean to you?". As a result, dozens of people responded via [Voicethread](#) (through text, audio, video) to explain their thoughts on networked learning and professional development.
- [ISTE/NETS Student Standards](#)
- [ISTE/NETS Teacher Standards](#)
- [NCTE Definition of 21st Century Literacies](#)
- [2011 Horizon Report](#)

Examples and Information About Open Courses

- [Social Media & Open Education](#) (#eci831)
- [Call for Networked Mentors](#) (#eci831)
- [Call for Networked Mentors - Follow-Up](#) (#eci831)
- [CCK08/09](#)
- [Personal Learning Environments Networks & Knowledge \(PLENK\)](#)
- [What is a MOOC](#) (video)
- [Success in a MOOC](#) (video)
- [Knowledge in a MOOC](#) (video)
- [Digital Storytelling](#) (#ds106)
- [CCK11 - Week 6 Readings](#)

21st Century Learning in Practice (videos):

- [Welcome to my PLE](#) (video)
- [The Networked Student](#) (video)

Communication/Networking Tools & Tutorials

- [Twitter](#)

- [Twitter for Teachers](#) (list of tweeps in various categories)
 - [Twitter for Teachers](#) (another wiki with tools & resources)
 - [Twitter Handbook for Teachers](#) (online document with tools & tips)
 - [Tweetdeck](#) (most popular Twitter client, software download)
 - [HootSuite](#) (another Twitter client, web-based)
 - [MapMyFollowers](#) (easily map the range of your network)
 - [List of Educational Hashtags](#) (from Cybraryman)
- [Wordpress.com](#) (a simple and free, hosted, blogging platform)
- [Wordpress.org](#) (where you can get Wordpress software if you want to host it yourself)
- [Kidblog.org](#) (Wordpress-based tool for hosting & managing student blogs easily)
- [Weebly](#) (easy to use website creator and blogging tool)
- [Wix](#) (free and easy, Flash website creator)
- [Edmodo](#) (easy but powerful, classroom social networking)
- [Wikispaces](#) (one of the most popular wiki tools, adfree for educators)
- [PBWorks](#) (another popular wiki tool)
- [LinkedIn](#) (important, career-based social networking tool)
- [Schoology](#) (free learning management system, course communication/creation tool)
- [Posterous](#) (very easy blogging/communication tool)
- [Tumblr](#) (media-friendly blog platform)
- [Skype](#) (most popular video/audio conferencing tool)
- [join.me](#) (video/audio conferencing tool)
- [Tokbox](#) (similar to skype but nothing to install, free for videoconferencing)
- [Chatzy](#) (free private chat rooms)
- [TinyChat](#) (live video chat rooms - beware of some inappropriate content)
- [Today's Meet](#) (easy to setup chat w/ tags)
- [WiziQ](#) (virtual classroom for online teaching and learning)

Productivity & Collaboration Tools

- Google ([Gmail](#), [Docs](#), [Calendar](#), [Sites](#), [Reader](#), [iGoogle](#), [Trends](#), [Analytics](#), [Adsense](#), [Others](#))
- [Open Office](#) (Free alternatives to Microsoft Office)
- [Dropbox](#) (free storage & cloud syncing)
 - [AirDropper](#) (works w/ Dropbox to extend functionality) - similar, [DropItToMe](#)
 - [The Ultimate Dropbox & Toolkit Guide](#) (great guide with many useful tips)
- [Evernote](#) (a great notetaking tool) - [EverNote Webclipper](#) add-on recommended
- [Delicious](#) (the standard for social bookmarking)
- [Diigo](#) (advanced social bookmarking)
- [Instapaper](#) (simple tool to save web pages for reading later)
- [Scribd](#) (easy document hosting & management tool)
- [Learnboost](#) (online grade management tool)
- [MapAList](#) (create and manage address-linked maps)
- [Pearltrees](#) (organization tool good if you use multiple websites and tabs at a time)

Screencasting, Video, Photos, Audio

- [Jing](#) (free software for screencasting and image capture)
- [Screenr](#) (free, web-based software for creating screencasts)
- [Animoto](#) (easy way to create engaging videos from your imagery)
- [Flickr](#) (popular photo-sharing site, great for finding copyleft images)
- [Aviary](#) (popular media-editing suite)
- [Jaycut](#) (free video editing)
- [Handbrake](#) (rip and pull DVDs (Mac))
- [KeepVid](#) (download videos from Youtube & other sources)
- [Zamzar](#) (online file conversion)
- [Lightworks](#) (free video editing software for Windows)
- [PhotoStory 3](#) (story maker for Windows)
- [One True Media](#) (create slideshows and share)
- [Soundcloud](#) (audio hosting & embedding)
- [uStream](#) (free live video streaming)
- [LiveStream](#) (another free livestreaming service)
- [Blip.fm](#) (social music service)
- [GrooveShark](#) (social music service, allows shared playlists)
- [fd's Flickr Toys](#) (number of 'toys' for your images)
- [Blabberize](#) (unique video making tool, fun for students)
- [ToonDoo](#) (make your own cartoons)

Presentation Tools

- [Prezi](#) (popular alternative to Powerpoint)
- [Slideshare](#) (great way to host slide decks & create screencasts)
- [Glogster](#) (alternative presentation format tool)
- [280Slides](#) (similar to Powerpoint, but online)
- [SlideRocket](#) (another popular Powerpoint alternative)
- [PhotoPeach](#) (easy, sharable slideshows)
- [Wordle](#) (easy way to create word clouds)
- [Tagul](#) (another way to create word clouds)
- [Stupeflix](#) (another slideshow creation tool)
- [Dipity](#) (timeline creation tool)
- [Voki](#) (creating talking avatars)
- [Xtranormal](#) (create movies via text)
- [GoAnimate](#) (create cartoons and animations easily)
- [Voicethread](#) (create interactive presentations)
- [VuVox](#) (create great presentations)

Collaborating Thinking/Writing Tools

- [Quora](#) (post questions & answers)
- [Dabbleboard](#) (online whiteboard)
- [Skrbl](#) (Super-easy whiteboard)

- [TypeWithMe](#) (multi-author document creator)
- [Mind42](#) (collaborative mindmapping tool)
- [Webspiration](#) (collaborative mind-mapping tool)

Referencing/Attribution Tools

- [BibMe](#) (online referencing tool)
- [EasyBib](#) (another online referencing tool)
- [Plagium](#) (plagiarism detection)
- [Zotero](#) (great research tool for organization, citation, bibliographies)
- [Mendeley](#) (a free reference manager and academic social network)

Polls & Surveys

- [Doodle](#) (easy scheduling tool)
- [PollEverywhere](#) (polling tool)
- [Polldaddy](#) (survey software)
- [Google forms](#) (surveys)

Aggregators

- [Netvibes](#) (personal, dashboard-like aggregator)
- [Symbaloo](#) (another popular dashboard-like aggregator)
- [Weblist.me](#) (easy way to quickly share links with visual interface- great for elementary)
- [Feedly](#) (Browser plugin to aggregate RSS magazine-style)

Media Resources

- [Creative Commons](#) (find & license copyleft material)
- [mgur.com](#) (Quick and iEasy Image Hosting site)
- [CompFight](#) (interface for Flickr photo search)
- [Behold](#) (returns high quality flickr images, pictures “like” search)
- [FlickrStorm](#) (another interface for search Flickr)
- [MorgueFile](#) (public image archive)
- [CCMixter](#) (a community music site)
- [Internet Archive](#) (ultimate source for public domain and copyleft media)
- [The Open Video Project](#) (community around shared video clips)
- [Wyllo.com](#) - Free embeddable images with citation

More Resource Lists to Explore

- [Toolkit A-Z](#) (alphabetized resource list)
- [50 Ways to Tell a Story](#) (great resource from Alan Levine)
- [TeachWeb](#) (great resource from Wendy Drexler)
- [Web 2.0 Tools](#) (great resource from CybraryMan - also see [this](#))