Rich Internet Applications for Language Learning Dennie Hoopingarner, Michigan State University

All of these tools are free and can be used without limits

http://ria.clear.msu.edu/

What if adding speaking work to your language class was as easy as clicking a "Record" button on a web page?



The Flash plugin plus special server software make recording as easy for students as browsing a website.

What kinds of speaking work could you add to your language class?

1. Directed speaking assignments



http://ria.clear.msu.edu
Audio Dropbox
Type your name here:
your name
2008.11.23.07

Sammy Pickles
Recorded: 2009-03-13 02:12:15
Download MP3 (right-click)

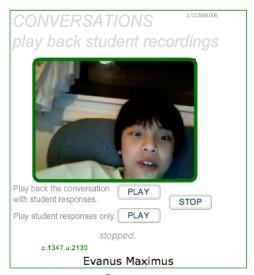
Teachers put an *Audio Dropbox* into their web page. From the web page, students record themselves. Audio files are automatically deposited into the teacher's dropbox, from which teachers can listen to, download, and delete the files.

2. Prompted oral responses



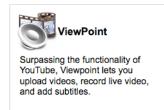


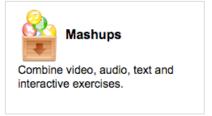
Using *Conversations*, teachers create prompts, which are presented to students in sequence, as in an interview situation. The program presents the prompts and begins recording students' responses automatically.



Teachers can listen to the responses online.

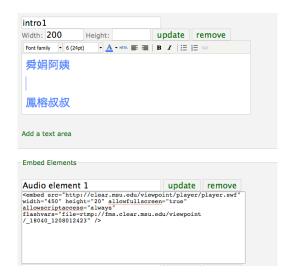
3. Student projects







Viewpoint is an online recording tool. Files are stored on the server. As soon as they're created, they can be linked to and embedded in web pages.





Combining audio, text, images, and video is easy using *Mashups*. Students can create projects that include their speaking work in minutes. The tools require computing skills no more than copy and paste, drag and drop.