

2011 JTAT Summer Workshop

Language Learning with Technology; using easy, quick, and fun computer applications:

多忙な日本語教育者がアプローチし易く、現場への応用、起用がすぐでき、生徒学生の日本語習得にも役立つTechnology を利用した「分かる授業」のために

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~Abstract~

Our life seems to be getting busier by the day. Technology is supposed to help us to make our life easier. However, it seems contrary. When you catch up to a type of technology and become comfortable with it, a new type of technology emerges. The chase never ends. In our classrooms, too, technology is supposed to make our life easier. Yet we are seemingly always facing new technology, staying up late, trying to bring the best learning experience for the students.

We will explore “easy, quick and fun” applications. As we examine Google Docs, you will find that you can easily access word processors and spread sheets. We will be able to share these documents with each other. We will also explore Microsoft PowerPoint’s animation function to spice up your class presentations. In order to create “fun” interactive presentations, we will use online tools, such as pixlr.com and stripgenerator.com. In Pixlr, you will be able to edit images and in Strip Generator, you will be able to create some manga. Lastly, we will take digital story telling to the next level with Google Earth Tour.