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Supporting Your Students with Chrome
Infinitec Webinar

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TEXT-TO-SPEECH

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Read&Write for Google (ext)	• Dual color highlighting with TTS • TTS • Works with Google docs • Translates single words • Select voice, speaking rate, continuous reading and language for translating • Subscription works on webpages, PDF and ePub files • Subscription includes talking dictionary, picture dictionary, highlighter and more	Free for 1 year for teachers Trial for 30 days After trial, TTS and translator available Special pricing for students and educational domains $3-$10/student
SpeakIt! (ext)	• Reads highlighted text on web aloud	Doesn't read apostrophes and dashes correctly. Seems to have a limit to the amount of text it will read consecutively.
ChromeVox (ext)	• Reads text under cursor • Announces item type i.e., list, article, # of items	
Natural Reader (app)	• Can select voice and speed • Copy and paste text into window • Or use bookmarklet	Text highlighting is sometimes off
Chrome Speak (app)	• Can select voice, rate, pitch, volume • Select text & right click	

VISUAL TOOLS

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Full Page Zoom	• Keyboard commands Control ++, Control +- or Control +0 • Chrome page menu	
Adjust font face & size	• Settings – advanced – web content	
ChromeVis (by Google) (ext)	• Magnify and change color of any selected text • Has keyboard shortcuts (i.e., toggle lens on/off with 0, increase text size with =, decrease with -)	
AdBlock Plus (ext)	• Prevents ads from running on sites	
AdBlock for YouTube (ext)	• Prevents ad from running at start of video and in the listing on the right	
Turn Off the Lights	• Watch YouTube videos on screen with sidebars and comments dimmed.	
Readability (ext)	• Use to de-clutter web articles	
High Contrast (ext)	• Converts screen to white text on black	
Hacker Vision (ext)	• Converts screen to yellow and gray text on black	

| Beeline Reader (ext) | • Adds color gradient to encourage eyes to track to end of line and on to next line easier
• Settings let you pick colors, customize colors and offers the OpenDyslexic font
• Works on webpages and PDFs; can even create ebook in Beeline format | |

MOTOR TOOLS

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Click-free Browsing (ext)	• Navigate links on webpage by dwelling • Scroll up/down/right/left by dwelling	Suggest increasing opacity of buttons. Does not work on https sites. Does not work with drop down arrows.
Easy Scroll (ext)	• Enables movement through large blocks of text • Select hot key and percentage of text	
Google Search (app)	• Search Google using voice	

READING/WRITING TOOLS - DICTIONARIES

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Google Dictionary (ext)	• Highlight word, click icon and definition appears.	Highlight definition and choose SpeakIt! to hear definition
Image Dictionary (ext)	• Provides multiple images from web • Create shortcut like Alt + double click	Works best with nouns

READING TOOLS

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Readium (ePub reader)(app)	• Download epub format • Open Readium – Add book to library from web or a file already downloaded	(www.epub.com or www.tarheelreader.org) Add text-to-speech with SpeakIt! Or ChromeSpeak
Clipped	• Provides 3 main ideas from online text	
SummarizeThis (app)	• Copy and paste text into window	
TLDR (Too Long Didn't Read)(ext)	• Provides real-time summaries of news articles or web pages • Can choose short, medium or long	Short seemed to miss the main idea Can pair with SpeakIt! For TTS

WRITING TOOLS

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Voice Recorder (app)	• Record audio • Can do some trimming • Save to computer	
PDFescape (app or ext)	• Type on PDF • Create new PDF	Files must be less than 10 MD and less than 100 pages Files get removed after 7 days of inactivity Has premium option that is ad free and extra storage

CoWriter Universal (app or extension)	• Premier word prediction. • Works based in Cloud • Use on iPad app, laptop or Chromebook	Use extension for writing on websites, blogs, email & Google drive. Use app with built-in word processor Not free.
Ginger (app or extension)	• Contextual Grammar Checker • Spell Checker • Synonyms • Translates • Dictionary • Rephrases	Has premium version that includes TTS Can autostart with Windows
MindMup (app)	• Free Mindmapping • Dropbox or Google Storage • Real time collaborative • Create storyboards	

SPEECH RECOGNITION

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Speechpad	• Has text field for recognition • Can download docs • Inconsistent recognition for punctuation	Improved recognition with use of headset microphone
Dictanote (app)	• Saves only one note in the cloud • Have to register • Understands , . ? and ! • Has basic word processing commands within window	Recognition is pretty good, but trouble with line commands

	• Use CTL + Z as an undo	
Voice Recognition (app)	• Can export to Dropbox, Google drive, or email. Also save to computer.	Does not handle commands for punctuation or line changes
VoiceNote (app)		Would not use. The menu item is off the side of the screen. It seems to miss first words of sentences and requires a repeat of speech every other time.

ORGANIZATION

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
New Tab to Tasks (ext)	• Click new tab and this extension brings in your Task list from Google.	
Diigo Web Collector (ext)	• Bookmark web pages • Annotate using sticky notes and highlighting • Search your library for all annotations or highlights • Share with others	Need to create account Save to Diigo (right click) – designate read later or upload a copy of the page Single click icon to link to library
Scrible Toolbar (app)	• Annotate using sticky notes and highlighting • Categorize annotations by type and color • Share with others via email • Save to library and search within library • Student version – capture citations and create bibliographies, 250 MB space, share libraries	Need to create account Student account available 250 MB free Instructor edition available 125 MB storage free Does not interact with flash content

Send Anywhere_File Transfer (app)	• Share files with handheld devices with QR code or numeric code	Uses app (iPhone or Android) or can identify available devices nearby and sends text. User then agrees to accept the doc.
Citelighter (ext)	• Use toolbar to collect facts for research projects. • Highlights information • Creates citations in MLA, APA or Chicago formats • Reorder the facts, add notes, create an outline • Export to Word, Google docs or email • Information stored in cloud • Settings has keyboard shortcuts	Works with Chrome, Safari and Firefox Need to create account Has Pro version that allows citation of PDFs (Firefox only), access to reference publications, newspapers, journals, and storage of unlimited projects. $10/month, $80/year.
MyStudyLife (app)	• Create class schedule • Keep track of assignments/exams • Keep task list	

ORGANIZATION - TIMERS

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Timer (Kuba Szulaczkowski)(ext)	• Installs in increments of 1,5,10 & 120 min, but can change to amounts • Shows popup when completed with auditory sound	
Timer (app)	• Set alarm, stopwatch and countdown • Uses YouTube chime, but can select alternative • Requires user to click to stop chime	
Progress Bar Timer (app)	• Gives visual of time left (timer bar or clock bar) • Popup appears when time is up	

	• Lets you name the bar	
Play Timer for Kids – Duckie Deck Tools (ext)	• Limit screentime as suggested by American Academy of Pediatrics • Set slidebar • Shows amount remaining in icon (very small) • Auditory cue when time is up	
Timerrr – Simple Timer (app)	• Looks like kitchen timer and has numeric countdown • Shows on browser tab • Simple auditory sound	
Sleeper (ext)	• Can set to shut down browser or just current tab	

COMMUNICATION

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Picto4me AAC Communication Boards (app)	• Create communication boards • Access boards with switch, mouse or keyboard	

FEEDBACK

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Kaizena (app)	• Leave feedback in google docs in text format or audio. • Highlight text you wish to comment on.	

	• Color code comments • #3 tag and leave resource – rather than make corrections, link to something like grmr.me • Combine notes • Share link by posting in google docs or send email. • Students find link to document with feedback in comments section of the specific google doc. • Builds a repository of resources as you add them. • Can open with Kaizena from within google drive with a right click.

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