Free software

There is a vast amount of free to use software out there. Here is a list of some of the tools the Regional Support Centres have found to be useful in education

Lists of free to use software

http://wiki.rscwmsystems.org.uk/index.php/Learning_software

http://ahi2000.com/studyzone/webtools/webdesign.htm

http://delicious.com/deliboy/webtools

http://sites.google.com/site/technologyenhancedlearning/

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/click_online/7712554.stm

The Techdis list http://www.techdis.ac.uk/getfreesoftware

Website/homesite

Google sites http://www.google.com/sites/help/intl/en/overview.html

Google page creator http://pages.google.com

Pageflakes http://www.pageflakes.com/

Netvibes http://www.pageflakes.com/

Video

SolveigMM AVI Trimmer http://www.solveigmm.com/?Downloads

SolveigMM Video Splitter (link as above)

DivX the video converter recommended by YouTube http://www.divx.com/

Manchester College. Free conversion of your video to Flash and other useful formats. Includes video hosting and sharing effective practice http://ourtube.ccm.ac.uk/Default.aspx?module=AllMovies

VLC. http://www.videolan.org/vlc/ A media player that plays most video formats (more than Windows Media player)

Two of the alternatives to YouTube http://videospin.com/Redesign/ and http://www.vimeo.com/

Wink. A screen capture/recording tool http://www.debugmode.com/wink/

Camstudio. Another screen capture/recording tool http://www.camstudio.org

Windows MovieMaker. Video capture, editing and distribution. Included with Windows XP and Vista

JING. A mixture of screen capture and online sharing of what you have produced http://www.jingproject.com/

Sound

Audacity. The most popular free audio editing tool. http://audacity.sourceforge.net/

Images

An easy to use photo correction/editing application Picasa 2

Snippy. To quickly capture images from your desktop and the WWW http://www.bhelpuri.net/Snippy/

Adobe Photoshop online. An online image editing tool, providing some of the features found in Photoshop https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html

Picnik. Another online photo editor http://www.picnik.com/

Blender 3D. A 3D modelling tool. A bit more of a learning curve, but produces good results http://www.blender.org/

Google Sketchup. A 3D/CAD tool http://sketchup.google.com/

Truespace. More 3D authoring http://www.caligari.com/

An online, shareable whiteboard http://www.dabbleboard.com/

Flickr http://flickr.com/

Slideshow

Create slideshow videos from your digital images with Photo Story3

Esnips http://www.esnips.com/

http://www.jumpcut.com/

www.slideshare.net

Mind-mapping

http://www.bubbl.us/

Freemind

http://www.mindmeister.com/

Drawing and painting

google sketchup

Paint.net

Artage http://www.ambientdesign.com/

Presentation

LiveWeb - Insert and View Web Pages in PowerPoint in Real-time

PowerPoint Producer

Sound

e-learning authoring

XERTE http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/xerte/

http://www.glomaker.org/

Assessment

Hot potatoes http://hotpot.uvic.ca/

MUVEs

Google lively http://www.lively.com/html/landing.html

Accessibility

SpokenText.net is a free online text to audio converter
http://www.spokentext.net/

This site acts as a portal to 6 free online conversion tools, including SpokenText http://www.dancewithshadows.com/tech/text-to-speech.asp

RoboBraille is a European funded project for converting Word document to MP3 format and Braille http://tiny.cc/RobboBraille

ReadTheWords.com is a free, web based service which coverts text to speech. The voices are very good – well worth a visit!

Techdis portable apps http://www.rsc-ne-scotland.ac.uk/accessapps/compare.php

Timeline tools

http://www.mnemographc.om

http://www.ourstory.com