

Lab 5

1. Polling/Assessment (text message voting application)
 - a. <https://www.tallyspace.com>
 - b. This website application provides secure online and text message voting with instant results.
 - c. This tool seems to work very well, with good results. Customer reviews are generally high. However, it isn't free (as is expected). It's about \$90 a year for the basic use.
2. Keyboarding 1 (beginner keyboarding)
 - a. www.learntyping.org
 - b. This website application is a free typing program that teaches beginners as well as experts.
 - c. The tool seems to be a bit childish, but that's only because I know how to type. I'm sure for a beginner the lessons are easy to understand and well-paced. The expert exercises are also well-set-up. They address common letter combinations that are difficult for keyboardists.
3. Keyboarding 2 (website for children to learn keyboarding)
 - a. www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games/typing-factory.html
 - b. This website provides several applications and games for teaching children how to type. This application specifically is called "Typing Factory" and uses fun visuals in an online program to introduce and strengthen a child's typing abilities.
 - c. I think the idea of making keyboarding a game is a great way to get children involved in typing. This game has a fun feel to it that I think works well for its goals.
4. Diagram Drawing (Microsoft Visio)
 - a. www.gliffy.com
 - b. Gliffy.com provides an online application similar to Microsoft Visio. It allows users to create diagrams online, for free.
 - c. The setup is very familiar to Microsoft Visio users, making it extremely easy to manipulate and use. I think the interface is intuitive. There was nothing I could find to confuse me on this website.
5. PDF Converter (anything to PDF)
 - a. convert.neevia.com/pdfconvert/
 - b. This online application is able to convert numerous different document formats to PDF format. The list of viable document formats is extremely long.
 - c. The website itself looked a bit out dated, but the application worked well and was able to convert my documents to PDFs.
6. Picture Converter (PNG to JPG)
 - a. www.pictureize.org/online-images-converter.html
 - b. This online application converts many different picture formats to other formats.
 - c. The front page was a bit cluttered, making it hard for me to find where I was supposed to browse for my selected picture. There was no way to grab a picture through a URL and convert it that way, which was disappointing.
7. Audio Converter (WAV to MP3)
 - a. audioformat.com/wav-to-mp3
 - b. This website application is able to convert a .wav file to a .mp3.
 - c. The application had a user-friendly interface with a quick conversion time. It took very little effort for me to convert my files.