

Faculty Focus Edshelf.

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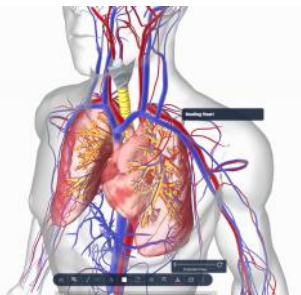


If you are looking for some new tools for teaching concepts in the classroom or if you are looking to revitalize an existing approach on what you have been teaching, but with a new digital tool, consider some of the tools that can be found through the edshelf engine. <http://www.edshelf.com>. According to the website, edshelf is "a socially-curated discovery engine of websites, mobile apps, desktop programs, and electronic products for teaching and learning."



Similar to other online offerings such as Pinterest or even the social bookmarking site del.icio.us, the free edshelf offers users the ability to create a "shelf" or portal of their most commonly used apps with the opportunity to share it with an online community. You then can use the edshelf engine to search out new tools for specific teaching subjects and then add this to your portal page. The portal page acts as a web interface to launch the programs if you are using an iPad. Although this is best used with an iPad any computer with internet access can make use of its resources.

After creating my own shelf I found additional tools that others shared within the community. These included applications for desktop and mobile machines as well as learning based websites. The website references were unique in that they showed how educators used specific software in their classroom. One resource that I found interesting was the education site for Microsoft <https://education.microsoft.com/?ref=edshelf>. I was impressed on how much content was on the education site by Microsoft and even discovered that they offer a complete computer programming course with Minecraft!



Another resource that I found through edshelf is <http://human.biodigital.com> which wikipedia describes as Google Earth for the Human Body.

is an 3D interactive medical reference library where you can browse symptoms and conditions in full 3D right in your web browser.

I hope that you find the time to check out this resource site and take a few minutes to discover some new and innovative ways to approach teaching as well as new tech learning.

