**Social Networks Notes**

**Misc**

* Social Networks in Education (<http://socialnetworksined.wikispaces.com>) – Great list of education-oriented social networks for both classrooms and professional development.
* Ning for the ESL/EFL Classroom (<http://joshuawdavies.com/ning>) – Resources on building Ning sites from Joshua Davies. Davies is an English teacher in South Korea who has done a good deal of work designing Ning sites and using them with his university-level English classes.

**Professional Development**

* Classroom 2.0 (<http://www.classroom20.com>) – Large social network for educators.
* EFL Classroom 2.0 (<http://eflclassroom.ning.com>) – Large social network for English language professionals, particularly those teaching EFL.
* Academia.edu (<http://www.academia.edu>) – a social network specializing in mapping connections between people at universities as well as sharing research ideas, data, and so forth.

**Social Networking Services**

* Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com>) – Now the largest of the online social networks. Very popular in the U.S.A. and growing in popularity internationally. A general, all-purpose social network with a focus on “social.”
* MySpace (<http://www.myspace.com>) – One of the largest online social networks. Very popular internationally and in the U.S.A.. A general, all-purpose social network with a focus on “social.”
* Ning (<http://www.ning.com>) – A service for creating your own social networks. Extremely easy to get up and going.
* WiZiQ (<http://www.wiziq.com>) – Service that lets users create their own teaching/learning spaces. Focus is on educational spaces.
* Imbee (<http://imbee.com>) – Social network for children.
* Edu 2.0 (<http://www.edu20.org>) – This is a service to create social spaces for classes. Made for teachers with online classes (or blended) to host their courses. E-commerce aspect as well.
* Social Networking Classroom (<http://socialmediaclassroom.com>) – Application for building your own social networks for education to load onto your own server. Soon to have hosted services as well.
* Elgg (<http://elgg.org>) – Elgg is an application to create social networks focusing on learning environments.
* EduSpaces (<http://eduspaces.net>) – Service that allows users to create group spaces. Works off of Elgg platform.
* CyWorld US (<http://us.cyworld.com>) – the failing US arm of the CyWorld social network.
* CyWorld Korea (<http://cyworld.co.kr>) – The very successful Korean version of the CyWorld social network.
* Dodgeball (<http://www.dodgeball.com>) – Mobile social networking service with location-based functions.

**Social Networking Language**

* soZiety (<http://soziety.com>) – This is a social networking service focused on pairing language learners for conversation exchange via Skype.
* My Happy Planet (<http://www.myhappyplanet.com>) – Primarily a text-messaging-based social network for language learners. Also includes video sharing.
* Babble (<http://www.babbel.com>) – Social network for language learners (English, Italian, German, French, and Spanish). Include some learning activities and quizzes.
* LiveMocha (<http://www.livemocha.com>) – a robust social network for language learning. They support many languages and offer functions for interaction for any language (audio/video chat available).
* Italki (<http://www.italki.com>) – Social networking site focused on getting language learners to meet.

**Classroom-Focused**

* Flat Classroom Project (<http://flatclassroomproject.ning.com>) – The largest project that I am aware of. Attempts to link classrooms around the work in collaborative projects.
* SpeechMadeSimple (<http://www.speechmadesimple.com>) – Social network dedicated to improving English language learners’ presentation skills. The site is based around the publication of a speech communications book of the same name.

**Social Bookmarking**

* Diigo (<http://www.diigo.com>) – Social bookmarking site
* StumbleUpon (<http://www.stumbleupon.com>) – very popular social bookmarking site with the ability to group and organize bookmarks for groups.
* del.ic.ious (<http://www.delicious.com>) – Still the most popular social bookmarking site with very basic functions for adding, organizing, and displaying results.

**General Social Spaces**

* YackPack (<http://www.yackpack.com>) – Service that enables users to create private/public spaces to communicate through voice and text messaging. Interesting interface that visually displays participants.
* myenglishdiary (<http://www.myenglishdiary.com>) – A blog/journal site that focuses on receiving feedback on your writing.
* KidZui (<http://www.kidzui.com>) – A social networking site aimed at providing “safe” content for children. The social aspect is primarily based around adult ratings of resources.
* Knetwit (<http://www.knetwit.com>) – a social service that specializes in sharing class notes. It is trying to position itself as a knowledge sharing site now.
* WEbook (<http://www.webook.com>) – Webook is a social site for discussing and creating books. Writers present their works (finished or in progress) and the community can read and provide feedback.
* Tribaljunction (<http://www.tribaljunction.com>) – Social networking site focused on geneology.

**Articles**

* Educational benefits of social networks (<http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/NS_details.php?release=080619_3591&page=UMNN>) – Press release on study championing the use of social networks in education.
* Teens hang out at MySpace (<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/2006-01-08-myspace-teens_x.htm?csp=34>) – just as the title says.
* Social software in academia (<http://connect.educause.edu/Library/EDUCAUSE+Quarterly/SocialSoftwareinAcademia/39976>)

**Micro-Blogging**

* HelloTxt (<http://hellotxt.com>) – a service to update all of your status services at once.

**Blogging**

* Vox (<http://www.vox.com>) – blogging service that focuses on limiting access to “friends” and built upon Typeface.

**Life Streaming**

* Lifestreams (<http://lifestrea.ms>) – life streaming application.
* FriendFeed (<http://www.friendfeed.com>) – Certainly the largest life streaming service.