



## Description

Explore with Shedd Aquarium how to provide the most robust training environment for volunteers. Blended learning strategies provide unique opportunities for volunteers to participate in both self-directed and peer to peer learning. No matter what type of organization you represent, discover resources around technology, gaining support, digital content creation and evaluation that will work for you!

## Blended Learning

In blended learning, some portion of what we traditionally do face-to-face or analog with our volunteers has been moved to a digital format. (Source: adapted from <https://blended.online.ucf.edu/about/what-is-blended-learning/>)

**SAMR** (Source: <http://www.hippasus.com/rrpweblog>)

### Substitution

Technology acts as a direct tool substitute, with no functional change

- What will I gain by replacing the task with new technology?

### Augmentation

Technology acts as a direct tool substitute, with functional improvement

- Does the technology add new features that improve the task?

### Modification

Technology allows for significant task redesign

- Does the task significantly change with the use of technology?

### Redefinition

Technology allows for the creation of new tasks, previously inconceivable

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## Resources

- **WordPress** - <https://wordpress.com/> - WordPress is a free blogging platform that allows users to create their own, customizable website. Choose from a ready-to-go template or customize to fit your needs!
- **BadgeStack** and **BadgeOS** - <http://badgeos.org/badgestack/> - BadgeStack is a free WordPress plugin that lets you use your WordPress website to create a badging platform with “Levels,” “Quests,” and different types of badges.
- **Today'sMeet** - <https://todaysmeet.com/> - With Today'sMeet, you can create a “room” for participants to chat in without registering for anything. All they need is a computer and the website address. Your chatroom can stay active for an hour to a month, with more options if you sign up for Today'sMeet.
- **Storify** - <https://storify.com/> - Storify lets the user aggregate, curate, and archive material from social media, using things like hashtags to search for media.
- **Prezi** - <https://prezi.com/> - Prezi lets you create interactive presentations with ready-made templates.