



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.
- **TodayMeet** - <https://todaysmeet.com/> - With TodayMeet, 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 TodayMeet.
- **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.