

## FREE Online Technology Tutorials

Are there times when you just need a short training or a refresher on a particular technology concept? Perhaps you're looking for training that isn't offered at ESU 10, or you couldn't attend a workshop on the day it was offered. Maybe you're a self-paced learner. There are many sites on the Internet with online technology tutorials, and most of them are free. Even the ESU 10 Technology Training staff gets some of their tech training online. Check out the following sites with web-based technology tutorials.

**About.com** - <http://www.about.com/compute/> - This is probably one of the most extensive tutorial sites. Continue to use the navigation bar at the left to narrow down your topic.

**Adobe** - <http://www.adobe.com/designcenter/tutorials/> - Learn how to use and integrate Adobe products with step-by-step tutorials on new features, key workflows, and advanced techniques. Use the grey navigation box in the middle to visit product design centers, where you can find and search for tutorials.

**Atomic Learning** - <http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/home> - Atomic Learning provides web-based software training for more than 110 applications students and educators use every day. Although it's subscription based, it has many free tutorials.

**iLife** - <http://www.apple.com/ilife/tutorials/> - Follow tutorials on the products in the iLife suite: iMovie, iPhoto, Garageband, iDVD, and iWeb.

**iWork** - <http://www.apple.com/iwork/tutorials/> - Follow tutorials on the products in the iWork suite: Pages, Keynote, and Numbers.

**Lynda.com** - <http://www.lynda.com/> - Lynda. Com contains the latest tools and techniques in digital media, design, and development. Although it's subscription based, it has many free tutorials.

**Microsoft Office** - <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/training/FX100565001033.aspx> - Free self-paced training for Microsoft Office 2003 and 2007 products.

**Microsoft Windows Vista Basics** - <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/windows/en-us/winbasics.mspx> -

**Microsoft Photo Story 3** - <http://www.windowphotostory.com/> - How to create slideshows with digital images and audio (voice and music).

**SMART Board** - <http://smarttech.com/trainingcenter/> - Learn to use your SMART product with easy-to-use Quick Reference Guides, Hands-on Practice exercises and Two-Minute Tutorials, or follow the self-paced [Learning Path](#).

**Web Development Tools** - <http://www.webdevelopersnotes.com/tutorials/index.php3> - Basic web development tips including HTML, JavaScript, Flash, and SQL.

Many applications now have an in-depth Help component that can give you the tips and steps you need to accomplish a particular task. Don't forget to look there.

While the above sites are great for self-paced training, you may still benefit from hands-on workshops. Visit the ESU 10 Technology workshops at <https://odie.esu10.org> and see what's coming up soon. Not only will you have the opportunity to get one-on-one assistance, but you'll have the opportunity to share ideas and resources with other teachers – and it's also the chance to get away from the distractions of school and/or home so you can concentrate and accomplish more in the time you're away.

Here is to a great 2008 and improving your technology skills as well as integrating technology your curriculum.