

# E-learning and an Adutainment Tool Xtranormal

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## Abstract

Because of the quickly changing technology a new term called “computer year” appeared in which a year is equal to seven months. With these technological developments e-learning replaced with traditional teaching/learning methods. E-learning provide users to learn efficiently and in a shorter time. There are various of e-learning tools.

Presentation tools like slideshare (<http://www.slideshare.net>) and prezi (<http://prezi.com>) that can be used instead of powerpoint and provide you have not to have anything on your computer. Video tools like pinnacle videospin, iSpring (<http://www.ispringsolutions.com/>), Animoto (<http://animoto.com/education>) and xtranormal (<http://www.xtranormal.com/index>) which provide you teaching by creating movies. Social tools that are closely connected to social web like Wordle (<http://www.wordle.net/>) to create word clouds, Glogster (<http://www.glogster.com/>) that is a tool similar to prezi but also it can combine to multimedia and ScoopIT (<http://www.scoop.it/>). Voice tools like voicethread (<http://voicethread.com/#home>) that is using especially for conferences, webinars and that can combine images, documents and your voice. One of the most adutainment e-learning tool is xtranormal, provides you teaching with creating short movies, animations instead of presentation slides.

This paper aims to explain e-learning tools, especially concentrating on xtranormal, how it works and how to create a short movie using xtranormal with an example movie.



<http://www.glogster.com/>). A good example for Glogster can be seen in this link (<http://msquayle.edu.glogster.com/medieval-life/>).

Another e-learning tool categorized in social tools is ScoopIT that provides preparing your own online journal easily. Other people can follow your journal and you can follow others' journals through facebook or social social networks (<http://www.scoop.it/>). For an example video you can visit this address ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnr6QKKcsII&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnr6QKKcsII&feature=player_embedded)).

Voicethread is a voice tool that provide to record your voice on presentations and to combine aimages, documents and your voice. It is especially used for conferences, webinars and it provides to study in collaboration (<http://voicethread.com/#home>).

iSpring is one of the video tools that is focused on the development of several media software. It provides to add some video or voice to your presentations that will explain the subject effectively. iSpring is especially used by teachers and businessmen because this tool makes you present in many environment without attending, especially meetings and lessons (iSpring, <http://www.ispringsolutions.com/>). The other important video tool which is the focus of this paper is Xtranormal, will be introduced with a new title.

### **Xtranormal**

Xtranormal is one of the most adutainment e-learning tool, provides creating short movies and animation films instead of written presentations. Xtranormal is very funny and enjoyable to be an e-learning tool. It is possible to address anyone with Xtranormal. After becoming a member of the Xtranormal website, you will choose actors for your presentation and you will add a mission to each actor. Second step in Xtranormal is chosing a place to play. Last step is writing texts to speech for your actors and to add motion to your actors. You can choose various languages for speeches. You can share your film on the internet especially on youtube (Xtranormal, <http://www.xtranormal.com/index>).

Example movie for Xtranormal will be our presentation of this paper.

### **Conclusion**

E-learning is a widely developing topic of the last years. The number of e-learning tools are also increases. We need to know about some of the e-learning tools to learn and to teach efficiently.

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