Collaboration on the edge of a Cloud

Google Apps are a collection of web-based programs that run in a web browser. The applications include communication tools (Gmail, Google Talk, Google Hangouts and Google Calendar), productivity tools (Google Docs: text files, spreadsheets, and presentations) and Google Sites (to develop web pages). Sharing content is as simple as granting access to facilitate collaboration and peer review.

This workshop will describe how this technology is being used in a secondary classroom, where it is going and why it matters to our teaching and learning. This presentation will be illustrated with some practical examples of how this technology can be used in a classroom setting. In addition it will provide scope for participants to try their hands at some of the activities that were undertaken and directly modelling how the technology was used.

Requirements

● Digital projector and display screen
● Audio and Internet wireless connection for laptops and devices
● Chairs and tables located in a relatively quiet room (carpet floors an advantage)
● Participants should bring their own laptops preinstalled with Chrome web browser, a Gmail account with access to http://docs.google.com and bring a glove puppet.

Presenter

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