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#### **New app links students to virtual reality lessons**

Interactive media platform ThingLink has launched a virtual reality content app called VR Lessons. The app is designed for elementary school students, their teachers and parents.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2016/05/02/new-app-links-students-to-virtual-reality-lessons/>

#### **VideoAnt: web-based video annotation tool**

Use VideoAnt to add annotations, or comments, to web-hosted videos. Export your annotations in a variety of data formats. You can even embed your Ants on a personal website, learning management system (like Moodle), or anywhere HTML is allowed.

<https://ant.umn.edu/>

#### **Google's new tool helps test your website's speed and mobile-friendliness**

Google has announced its own tool to help you measure your website's speed and mobile-friendliness. The site takes your URL and measures on a scale of 1-100 your mobile design and loading speed. It looks at things like CSS, HTML, scripts and images to see how long it takes for your website to load on both a desktop and mobile device.

<http://thenextweb.com/google/2016/06/02/google-launches-new-tool-help-test-websites-mobile-friendliness/>

### **Making More Effective Use of Availability Hours with a Booking Platform**

Youcanbook.me can help you get organised and put an end to the long exchange of emails or MIOs trying to find a date and time for appointments. Everyone can benefit from using this tool - teachers, education advisors, student and academic counsellors, and more.

<http://www.profweb.ca/en/publications/articles/making-more-effective-use-of-availability-hours-with-a-booking-platform>

### **Who's who in EdTech? Top 50 names in global innovation**

The list was launched by the World Innovation Summit for Education (Wise) and EdTechXGlobal, which organises the conference, EdTechXEurope, in a bid to honor the individuals' work in the field of educational technology.

<https://www.tes.com/us/news/breaking-news/whos-who-edtech-top-50-names-global-innovation>

### **4 Powerful Tools to Annotate Webpages**

Some of the things you can do with these apps include: highlight extended chunks of text, share your highlighted text with others, initiate discussions around highlighted text, add notes on a webpage, archive and bookmark pages and many more.

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2016/06/4-powerful-tools-to-annotate-webpages.html>

### **35 Interface Innovations that Rocked Our World**

We believe user interfaces have been pivotal to some of the world's most important innovations. And since the line between an "interface" and an "invention" can be quite fuzzy, we thought we'd explore that line – and take a tour of how interfaces have changed the world. Here's a list celebrating our favorite user interface examples.

<https://www.xerox.com/en-us/insights/user-interface-examples>

### **4 Fascinating Trends in Education Technology**

Technology has made collaboration possible in ways far beyond our imaginations in the 20th century, and done so in ways that are often highly affordable.

<http://www.livetiles.nyc/blog/4-fascinating-trends-education-technology/>

### **Kiddom: an easier way to manage standards-based grading**

Kiddom allows teachers to assign work that is best suited to each student's learning style and tracks student progress, all in one place.

<http://thecornerstoneforteachers.com/2016/06/kiddom.html>

### **This app builder is letting students turn their ideas into apps for free**

To help non-technical students get started, Bizness Apps, a DIY app development platform, has been giving free access to any student with a .edu account. In the first few months about 30,000 students have registered for the platform, and the company has partnered with entrepreneurship departments in about 50 universities to onboard students.

<http://techcrunch.com/2016/06/03/this-app-builder-is-letting-students-turn-their-ideas-in-to-apps-for-free/>

### **Everything you think you know about AI is wrong**

The point is that there's nothing predetermined about general AI when so much of our current research efforts are being poured into very specific branches of the field — buckets of knowledge that do more to facilitate the use of AI as a friendly helper rather than as the object of our undoing.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2016/06/02/everything-you-think-you-know-about-ai-is-wrong/>

## **IT and Education in Québec**

If you want to be up-to-date with what's happening in IT and Education in Québec, please visit these two websites:

**ProfWeb:** <http://www.profweb.ca/en>

**La Vitrine Technologie-Éducation:** <http://vteducation.org/>

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