

# Top 200 Tools for Learning 2016: Overview

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It was in 2007 that I compiled the first Top 100 Tools for Learning from the votes of learning professionals worldwide and have done so every year since then. This year to mark the 10th anniversary I have compiled the **TOP 200 TOOLS FOR LEARNING 2016**. The full list appears in the left-hand sidebar; follow the links to find out more about each of the tools. The slideset of the Top 200 Tools is embedded at the bottom of this page.

This year's big news is that Twitter loses its No 1 place on the list after 7 years, but the Top 200 list contains a huge variety of tools – with many more new tools being included this year. So how are all these being used for learning? In order to address that question I compiled a [BEST OF BREED 2016](#) list in which I categorise the different tools, as well as 3 sub-lists that show the popularity of the tools in different contexts.

1. [Top 100 TOOLS FOR PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL LEARNING](#) (for formal/informal learning and personal productivity)
2. [TOP 100 TOOLS FOR WORKPLACE LEARNING](#) (for training, e-learning, performance support and social collaboration)
3. [TOP 100 TOOLS FOR EDUCATION](#) (for use in primary and secondary (K12) schools, colleges, universities and adult education.)

To get an overview of how the tools in these 3 Top 100 lists fit into the Top 200 list, I've also created a comparison table in this [QUICK VIEW](#).

Which tools are new on the list or are significantly on the move compared to last year? Here are the [MOVERS & SHAKERS](#).

In summary, although the 1st Top 100 Tools list in 2007 was hailed as “cutting edge”, this 10th list (together with the sub-lists) offers a better indication of the state of play of the use of tools for learning – i.e. a mix of both tradition and innovation. Take a look at the 3 different sub-lists for deeper observations but in summary ..

- **Individuals** continue to reap the benefits of the opportunities offered to them on the Web to learn in all kinds of ways – both planned and unplanned, formal and informal, through content and people, online or on smart devices.
- **Education** is also making use of a wide range of multi-purpose web-based tools – probably because they are free and easy to use – alongside dedicated educational tools.
- **Workplace learning**, however, is still largely dominated by the use of traditional commercial tools for creating, delivering and managing e-learning. However, there is increasing use of new-style content development tools and greater use is being made of tools for social collaboration (and social learning) within work teams and groups.

[Top 100 Tools for Learning 2016](#) from [Jane Hart](#)

## **Voter Demographics**

*1,238 contributors from 64 countries worldwide, working as: 17% trainers/instructors, 15% university/college/adult ed teachers, 16% instructional designers/e-learning developers, 12% consultants/advisors, 11% L&D managers/specialists, 7% administrators, 6% primary/secondary (K12) teachers, 4% online facilitators, 2% vendors, 10% others.*

