

37signals.com hosts a number of collaboration tools which focus on simplicity and ease of use. *Basecamp* handles simple project management and collaboration for teams and clients. *Higbrise* is an online contact manager and simple CRM tool; we have used this for managing our partner database and it is incredibly useful. It features an email “dropbox”—an address you can cc: customer-related email correspondence to (e.g. emails that schedule meetings with donors). *Backpack* enables people to share information, documents and to-dos. *Campfire* offers instant messaging optimized for groups.

Another strong player in the web-based office market is Zoho.com. This site has several tools similar to those found in Google Docs (e.g. word processor, spreadsheet, powerpoint, etc) but also has tools similar to those on 37signals (project management, CRM, etc) as well as others (wikis, notebooks, collaborative meeting software).

Google is currently beta-testing *Google Health*, which will let you keep track of your conditions, allergies, prescribed medications, and previous medical procedures. It will also enable you to find doctors, search for health information and save pages to your profile. Most importantly, you’ll have access to your medical records wherever you are, without having to wait for a doctor to transfer files to your new doctor every time you move. A screenshot (<http://tinyurl.com/2qy9wy>) at Google’s blog shares more of the philosophy behind the service. Might be useful longterm for missionaries who need an easy way to keep track of medical information. Microsoft launched HealthVault in October 2007 to accomplish a similar goal.

Yet another service for project management is Intervals ([www.myintervals.com](http://www.myintervals.com)) which offers a limited but free individual plan as well as four business plans ranging from \$20 to \$175. This service is mainly for tracking time spent on projects and related tasks.

uTIPu ([www.utipu.com](http://www.utipu.com)) is another free, potential training tool creator. It enables you to record “screencasts” (record your computer screen as you move through a software application: for example, a powerpoint). You can record videos up to 20 minutes long and add voice-over tracks after you’ve finished recording the video (which saves you having to think about the video and the audio at the same time). Besides training tools, uTIPu could be used to create playable stories for orality-based ministry (couple voice with images).

LearnItLists ([www.learnitlists.com](http://www.learnitlists.com)) is an interesting language-learning assistance tool. “Some linguists say that most of the time people speaking any language only use about 1,000 words.” So, getting those 1,000 common words could give you a basic degree of fluency. LearnItLists is a web gadget that quizzes you on 10 words a day

in the language you’d like to learn. It currently supports 16 languages, but more are on the way. Presently the languages include, among others, Chinese, Tagalog, and Arabic. This kind of tool probably wouldn’t be too hard to develop further with the support of someone really good at language translation—say, SIL? The problem is, there is no audio component to the tool (that I was able to discover), and without the audio, tonal languages (like Mandarin) would be very difficult to learn. A better tool probably is Rosetta Stone.

FotoFlexer ([www.fotoflexer.com](http://www.fotoflexer.com)) is one of several free online photo editor. You can upload images and create photo albums. You can apply basic tweaks to images such as red eye fixes, cropping, resizing, rotating and flipping. There are also a number of advanced effects, decorations, and even special “geek” tools: smart resizing, smart recoloring, smart cutouts (to remove backgrounds), morphing, and more. Another similar photoeditor is Picnik. Additional online photo editors are reviewed by Techcrunch here: <http://tinyurl.com/2j5o8m>.

AVG Antivirus is rolling out version 8.0, a fairly major update that will include anti-spyware, anti-rootkit, and linkscanner tools. The codebase of the package has been streamlined in order to increase its speed. AVG remains one of the most popular free antivirus solutions (and certainly, in this writer’s opinion, far better than Symantec’s tools).

If you’re traveling and you don’t want to bring your computer along, you can download a number of applications into a USB stick and use local Internet cafes, running the apps from the stick. One site for downloading portable versions is, aptly enough: <http://portableapps.com/apps>.

### Cybersecurity in Mumbai, India

Indian journalist Amit Varma reported (and veteran technology news site Slashdot.org picked it up) Mumbai’s police are requiring the city’s 500 Internet cafes to install keystroke loggers, which will capture every keystroke by users and turn that information over to the government, perhaps in realtime. Buy things online, and the Indian police will have your credit card number.

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