

Digital tool

Short summary

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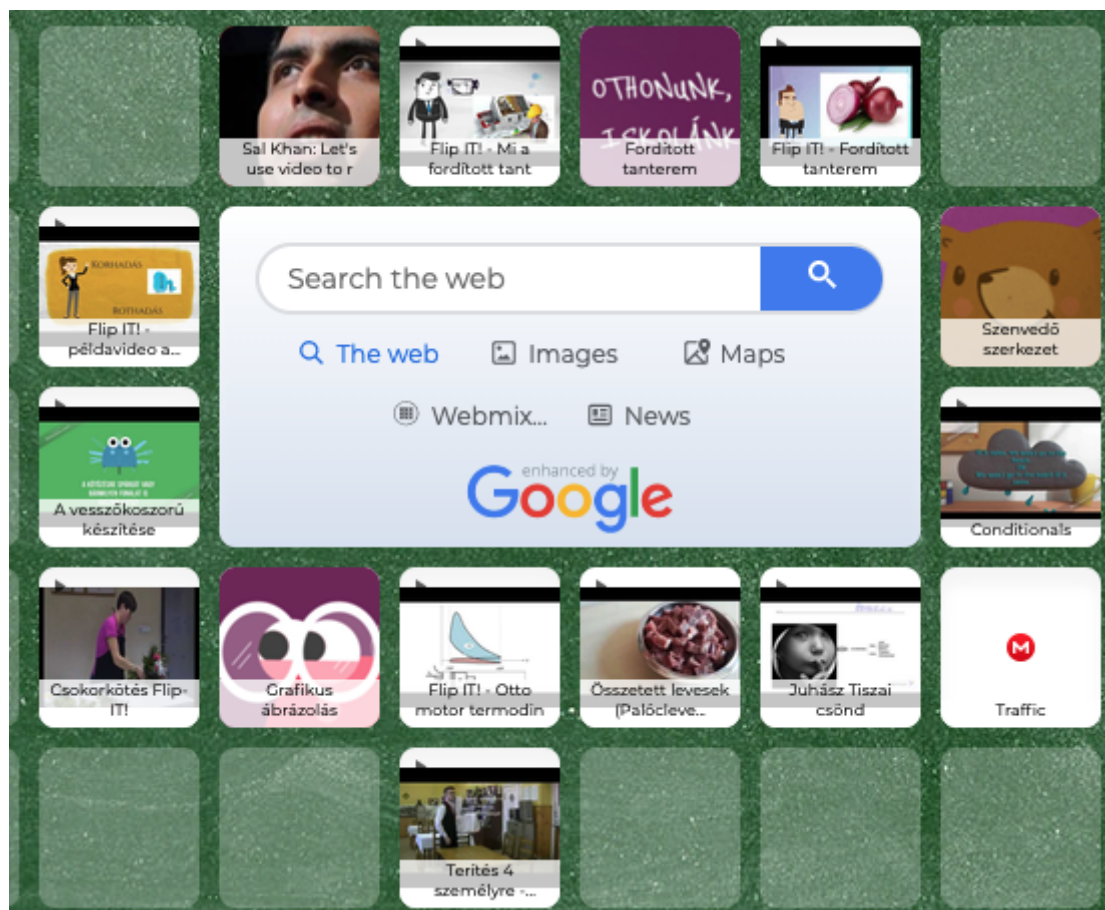
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- Link <https://www.symbaloo.com/>
- Type of tool Digital bookmark
- Pricing Free version available
- Interface language English
- Does it have a built-in repository where we can browse content created by other teachers? yes
- Does the free version support online cooperation? no
- Difficulty For beginners
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Description

In library reading rooms, books are shelved by subject and author, so it's easy to find the volume you need. With Symbaloo, you can create a collection of links to online resources on a particular topic and share the web address of the collection with students and colleagues. The collection is called a webmix in Symbaloo.

A webmix is a grid of small rectangles of 'clickable' coloured tiles, each of which takes you to a website. We can share it with others and, we can embed it in digital content on the same way with YouTube videos.



You don't even need to register to try it for the first time, you can create a collection of links, you can send the link to others, but many of the free features are only available after registration, so it's definitely worth registering.

Symbaloo offers several educational functions as well, like the creation of digital learning paths ([Symbaloo Learning Paths](#)) for students.

Advantages

- easy to use, visually spectacular
- you can create your first webmix without registering
- web addresses do not need to be typed manually, they can be simply copied onto the tiles
- can be embedded in any online content, e-learning materials like a video
- [we can find many public, re-usable webmixes for educational purposes on the net](#)
- supports collaboration and differentiation
- accessible from mobile devices

Disadvantages

- the language of the platform is English
- the free version includes advertisements

Usage in teaching/learning

- teachers can create a collection of reliable resources on special topics for our students
- for flipped teaching, the teacher can provide resources to be reviewed before class
- we can start a collaboration with students by building up a webmix on a selected topic
- we can use Symbaloo for own professional developments or research by collecting online resources in webmixes
- teachers can gather experience, study collections of published links made by others

Examples

On the embedded webmix, we have collected internet resources related to the flipped classroom method, videos demonstrating the method, and links to videos made by Hungarian teachers of vocational education.

A freely available webmix in English: collection of educational games.