



A few things about....

Bill Van Loo



about me

I'm the Technology Specialist for Honey Creek Community School in Ann Arbor. My role at the school is split between teaching technology and engineering in the classroom, and serving as the school's technology director.

I oversee all our technology strategy, purchases and implementation, as well as working with teachers to improve technology integration and usage. I love my job!



skills & tools

I consider myself an expert user of technology. My skills include:

- **Productivity Tools**

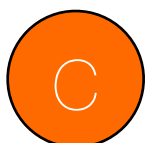
I am most comfortable using the iWork suite of applications, since I think they lend themselves to well-designed documents, but I am also a big fan of the Google Drive suite. I avoid Microsoft Office whenever possible, but can use it if necessary. Keynote is hands-down my favorite presentation software ever created.

- **Web Design & Programming**

As a career-switcher after having been a Web developer, I bring along a set of unique skills, including programming in HTML, CSS, JavaScript and PHP. I also have deep experience with usability, information architecture, and software testing. Hand-coding HTML is underrated.

- **Multimedia Production**

Being a musician and photographer gives me another set of tools and skills to apply to teaching and learning, including music recording, video production, and image editing. Adobe Lightroom saves my bacon.



course goals

My goals for this course are to explore areas of productivity tools I don't commonly use myself, and to learn better strategies for teaching about those tools. I am looking forward to the chance to learn!