

It's both a blessing and a curse, but it's undeniable that our industry shifts at a rapid pace. Keeping up with those changes requires resources, and fortunately there are people out there invested in tracking and educating those changes for us. In that vein, below are a few of my favorite educational resources broken up into the categories of disciplines related to multimedia. No list like this is complete, so if you have a website that you think deserves inclusion, just leave it in the comments section of this post. Happy learning!

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- Audio -



- [thirdcoastfestival.org](http://thirdcoastfestival.org) -

A HUGE repository of audio documentaries from the now independent non-profit, Third Coast Festival. There are endless hours of radio docs to be heard in their library. Additionally, for audio educators, Third Coast offers a free (\$5 for shipping) curriculum, teacher's handbook and cds of work.



- [transom.org](http://transom.org) -

My absolute favorite website for information regarding radio style audio documentaries. Transom regularly interviews the big names in public radio, and is a fantastic resource for gear reviews and software tutorials.



- <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/about/make-radio> -

Unless you live under a rock you've probably heard WBEZ's radio series This American Life. However, buried in their newly designed website is a treasure trove of information about how to make compelling documentary audio. Click on the 'Make Radio' link and find videos from Ira Glass about storytelling, links to essays about radio from the TAL staff, and a number of additional educational resources. I'd strongly suggest picking up their \$5 comic book written by Ira and Jessica Glass.

- Photography -



- [photojournalismlinks.com](http://photojournalismlinks.com) -

Photojournalism. Links. Awesome.



- [socialdocumentary.net](http://socialdocumentary.net) -

An online gallery for social documentarians and photojournalists. Check the submissions guidelines for information on how to include your work in their archive.

# FOTO8

- foto8.com -

An archive of heady documentary photography and discussions about that photography. FOTO8 has a number of audio interviews and debates about subjects concerning photojournalists and documentary work.

## A PhotoEditor

- aphotoeditor.com -

The personal blog of Rob Haggart, former Director of Photography at Men's Journal and Outside Magazine, A Photo Editor is an interesting look at the legal and marketing discussions that often determine how photography is used. Be sure to check out the Media Phonebook wiki that Rob links to in his sidebar: it's absolutely full of media contacts.

I ♥ PHOTOGRAPH

- iheartphotograph.blogspot.com -

A blog for user submitted fine art photography, it's a great place to check up on how young artists are using the photograph.



- notifbutwhen.com/blog -

The blog of photographer and recent Guggenheim grant winner Brian Ulrich, NotIfButWhen is full of thoughtful sentiments about the state of contemporary photography.

- Video and Post-Production -

## *Ken Stone's* **Final Cut Pro**

- kenstone.net -

Stone is an expert at all things Final Cut Suite. From Final Cut Pro to Compressor, Stone shares his significant knowledge in easy-to-understand step-based tutorials. Don't be fooled by the simple-looking website; this is one of the best free resources out there.



- larryjordan.biz -

You might recognize Larry if you've done some of Lynda.com's Final Cut Tutorials. His personal website is full of information regarding the FCP suite. I'm particularly fond of his Editing Library which breaks down the vast amount of information that can be found on his site into nicely organized categories.



- creativecow.net -

A fantastic resource for help with video editing, CreativeCow's forums are a thing of beauty. If you have a technical question about editing related software it's probably got an answer somewhere in these forums.



Eric Maierson  
writer, producer, editor

- [ericmaier.com](http://ericmaier.com) -

Maierson, a multimedia producer for MediaStorm, is great at sharing practical information about multimedia production, Final Cut Pro and the creative process.



MediaStorm

- [mediastorm.org/blog](http://mediastorm.org/blog), [mediastorm.org/submissions](http://mediastorm.org/submissions) -

MediaStorm's blog regularly highlights inspiring work, jobs in journalism as well as workflow suggestions from the team. Additionally, the submissions page is a treasure trove of information related to content gathering techniques, video and HDSLR workflow as well as equipment suggestions. Download them all for free.



digitalartwork

- [digitalartwork.net](http://digitalartwork.net) -

The personal website of New York Times multimedia producer Zach Wise, Digital Artwork is a great place to learn workflow and storytelling from a seriously talented visual journalist. Wise's step-by-step tutorial on how to sync external audio to the Canon 5D Mark II should be required reading for anyone working with HDSLRs.



VIDEO  
COPILOT

- [videocopilot.net](http://videocopilot.net) -

Adobe After Effects is becoming an increasingly important part of many multimedia producers workflow. Video Copilot offers over one hundred absolutely free After Effects video tutorials. Some of the tutorials are on the advanced side, but a worthwhile resource nonetheless.



planet5D blog

- [blog.planet5d.com](http://blog.planet5d.com) -

A great place to find inspiration and technical tutorials regarding video on Canon's HDSLRs.

- Web Design -



KIRUPA.COM

- [kirupa.com](http://kirupa.com) -

Despite all the hubbub recently, Flash is still a commonly used platform for developing interactive websites. Kirupa offers a wealth of information for Flash designers in their forums.



SMASHING  
MAGAZINE

- [smashingmagazine.com](http://smashingmagazine.com) -

A daily updated blog with a wealth of free information regarding web design, coding (in just about any language you desire), and creative inspiration.



- [catswhocode.com/blog](https://catswhocode.com/blog) -

A resource-heavy website dedicated to web developers and designers. This site has tons of tutorials and posts regarding coding best practices.



- [wprecipes.com](https://wprecipes.com) -

For those of you out there using the increasingly popular Wordpress.org, WpRecipes offers daily posts on coding and customizing your WP site.