IT-HELPS: Free Online Exchange Tools and Activities for Intercultural Communication

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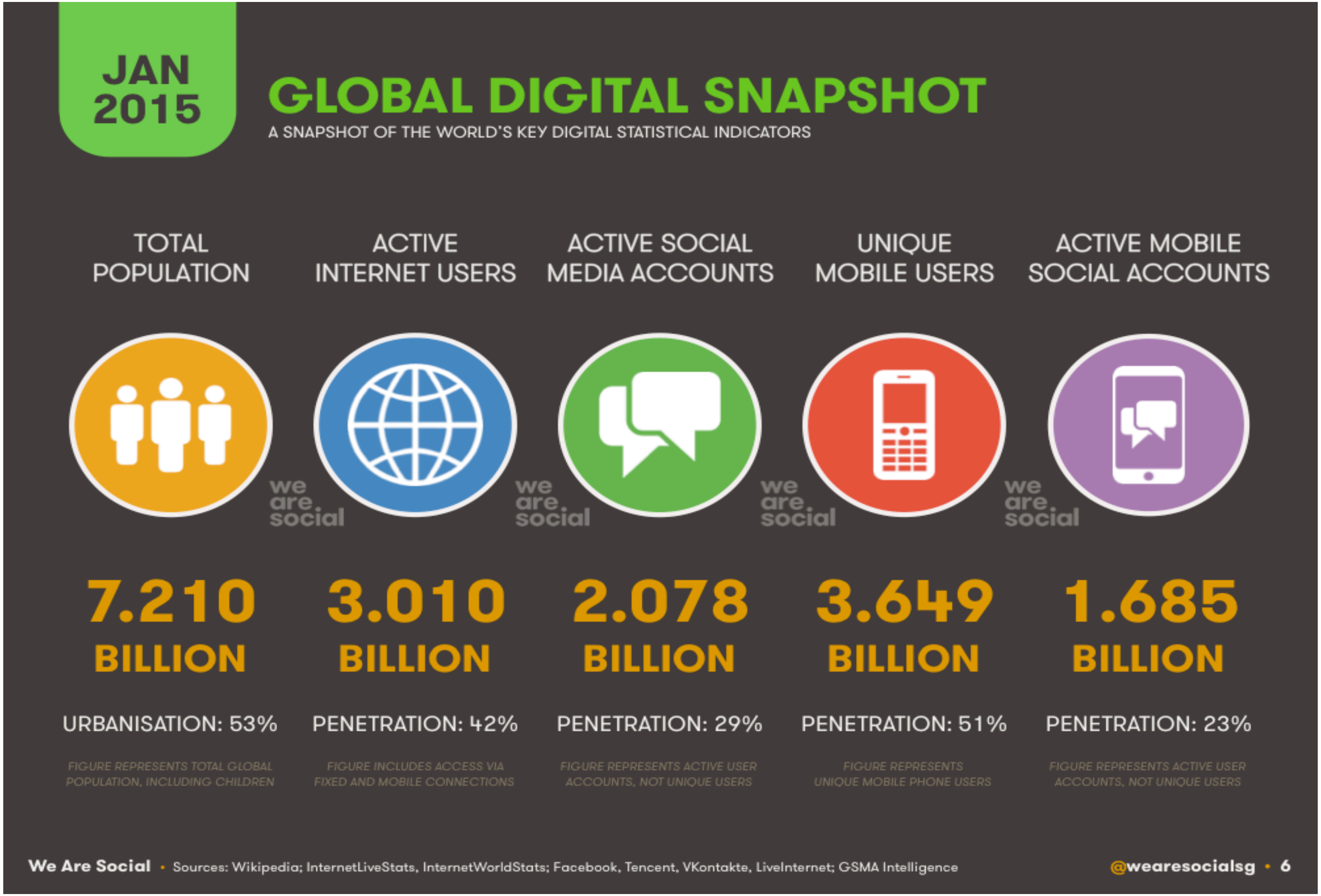

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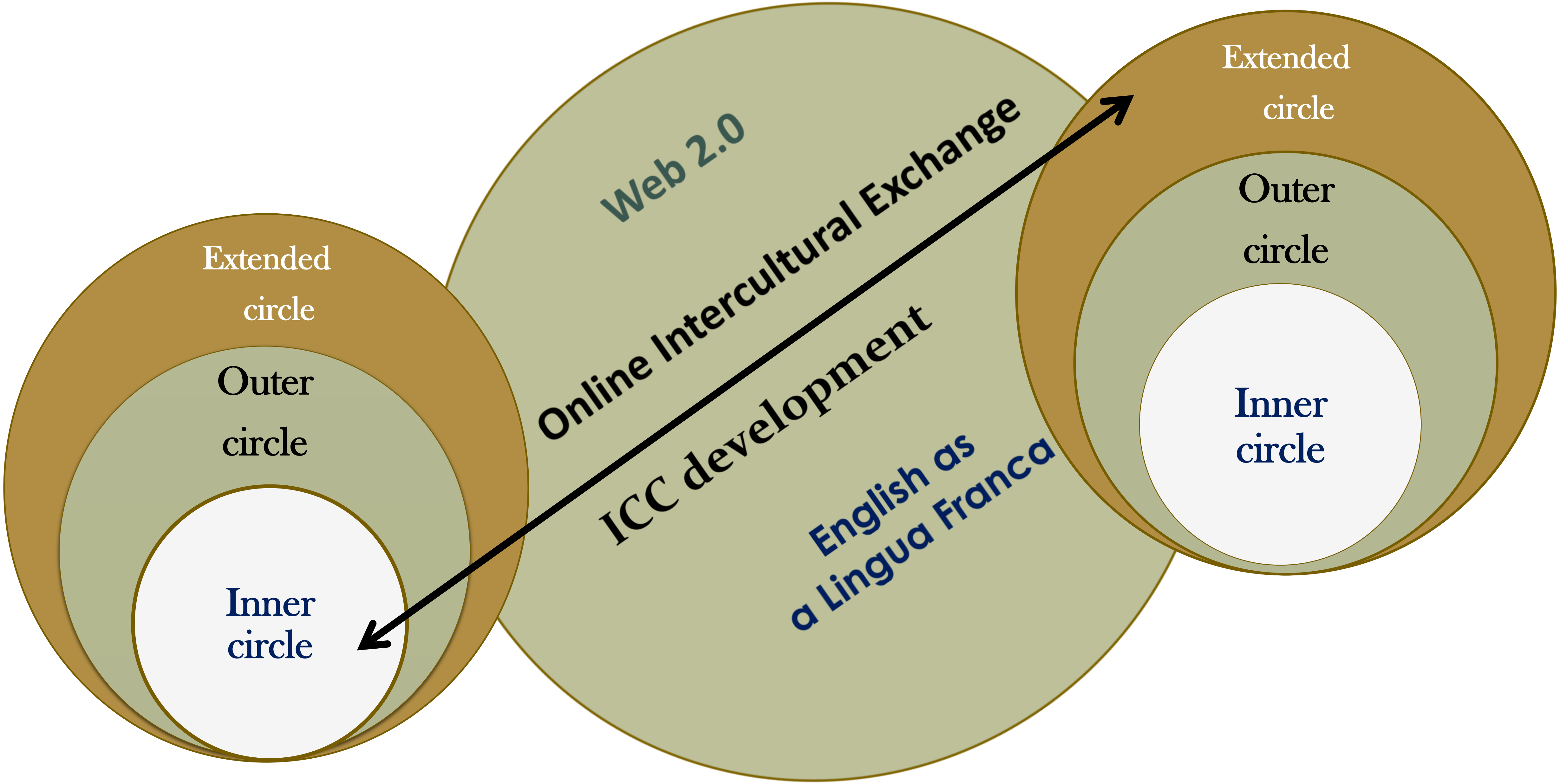
A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORLD'S KEY DIGITAL STATISTICAL INDICATORS

TOTAL POPULATION	ACTIVE INTERNET USERS	ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS	UNIQUE MOBILE USERS	ACTIVE MOBILE SOCIAL ACCOUNTS
7.210 BILLION	**3.010 BILLION**	**2.078 BILLION**	**3.649 BILLION**	**1.685 BILLION**
URBANISATION: 53%	PENETRATION: 42%	PENETRATION: 29%	PENETRATION: 51%	PENETRATION: 23%
FIGURE REPRESENTS TOTAL GLOBAL POPULATION, INCLUDING CHILDREN	*FIGURE INCLUDES ACCESS VIA FIXED AND MOBILE CONNECTIONS*	*FIGURE REPRESENTS ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS, NOT UNIQUE USERS*	*FIGURE REPRESENTS UNIQUE MOBILE PHONE USERS*	*FIGURE REPRESENTS ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS, NOT UNIQUE USERS*

We Are Social • Sources: Wikipedia; InternetLiveStats, InternetWorldStats; Facebook, Tencent, VKontakte, LiveInternet; GSMA Intelligence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Online Intercultural Exchange
ICC development
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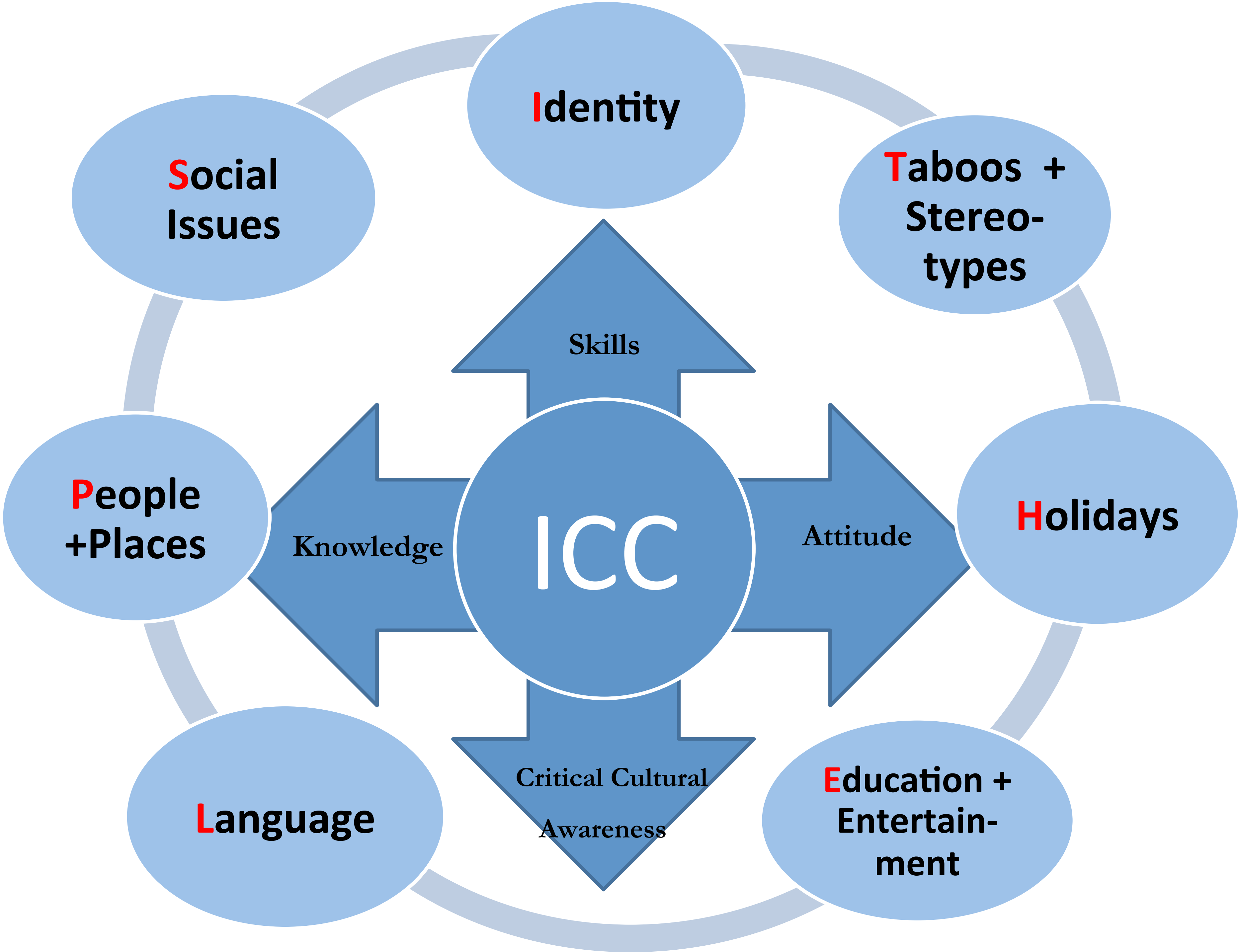
Adapted Model from Kachru's (1985) circles of Englishes

◦ It is not just a matter of using the technologies for the sake of application; rather wisdom is needed to design applicable learning activities (Garrison & Anderson, 2003).

◦ “Even when teachers do believe that technology has empowering potential, they do not always know how to make this happen in the classroom” (Egbert, Paulus & Nakamichi, 2002, p.3).

◦ “Proficiency-oriented foreign language teaching that fosters effective communication has to take place in a culturally rich environment” (Dubreil, 2006, p. 237).

→Language and culture are inseparable



Identity

Taboos + Stereotypes

Holidays

Education + Entertainment

Language

People +Places

Social Issues

Skills

Attitude

Critical Cultural Awareness

Knowledge

ICC

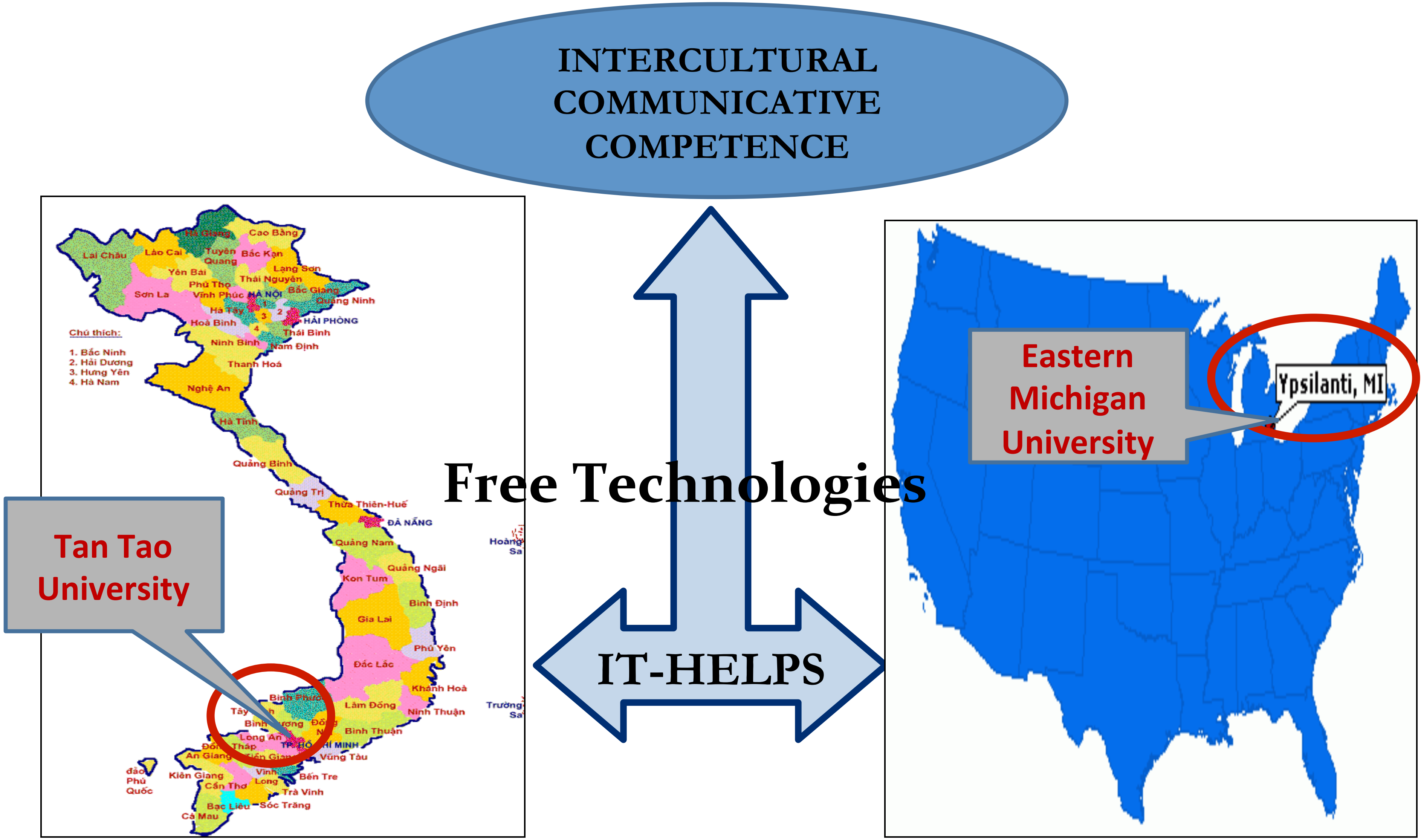
IT-HELPS Activities

- **Week 1**: Self-Introduction videos + Video conference (YouTube, Webs, Skype)
- **Week 2**: Discussion Forum (Webs)
- **Week 3:** Group project screen-casts + Discussion (Webs, Email, Jing, Dropbox, ThinkFree, Google Docs)
- **Week 4**: Movie reflection + Discussion (YouTube, Webs)
- **Week 5:** Language attempt videos + Discussion (YouTube, Webs)
- **Week 6:** Articles about local places + typical cultural features (Webs, Google Docs, Jing, PodOmatic)
- **Week 7**: Videos about social issues +discussion (YouTube, Webs)

IT-HELPS Objectives

- To foster participants' intercultural communicative competence

- To effectively utilize digital technologies, especially Web 2.0 technologies, for international communication



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Free Technologies

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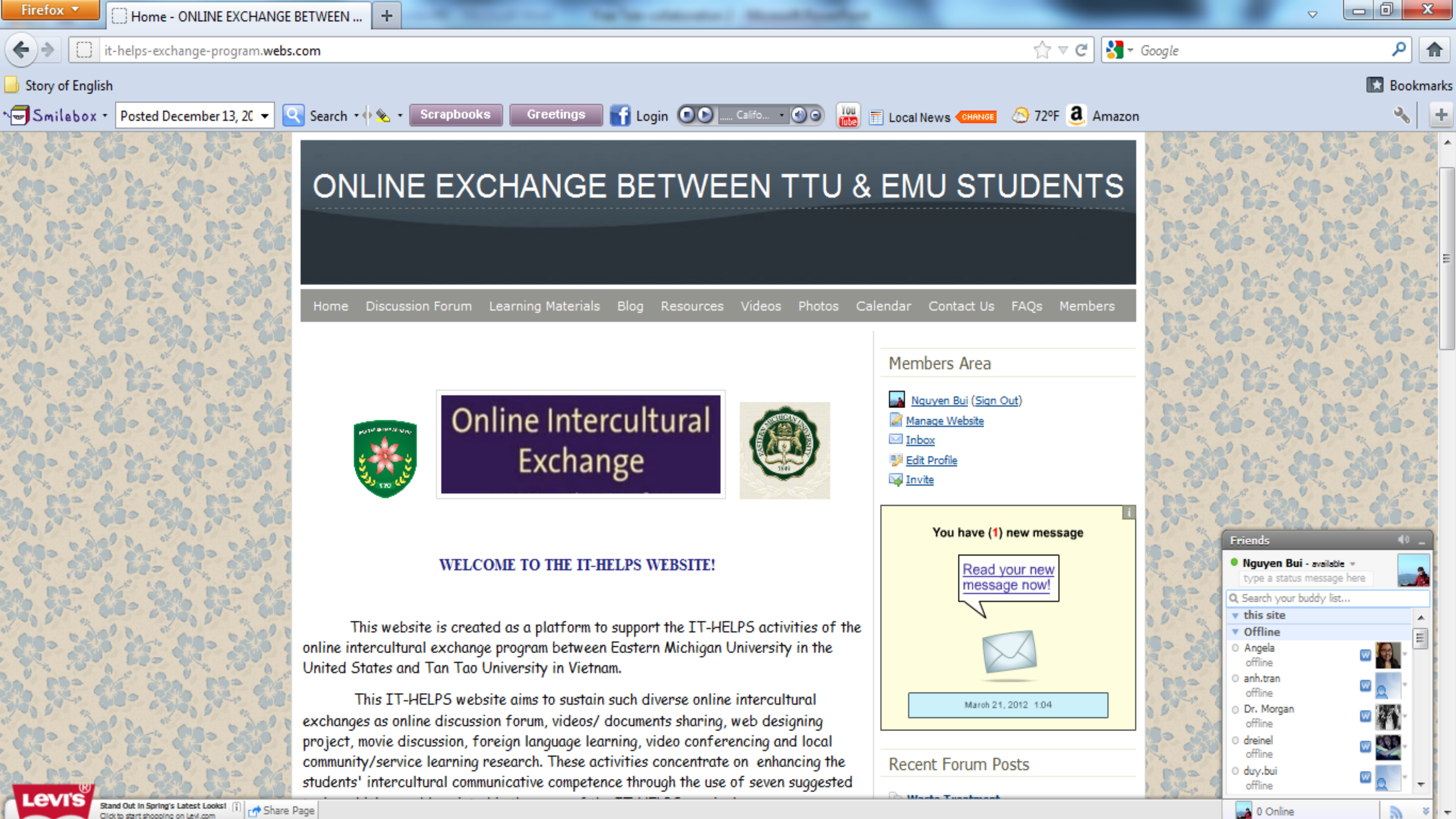
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This website is created as a platform to support the IT-HELPS activities of the online intercultural exchange program between Eastern Michigan University in the United States and Tan Tao University in Vietnam.

This IT-HELPS website aims to sustain such diverse online intercultural exchanges as online discussion forum, videos/ documents sharing, web designing project, movie discussion, foreign language learning, video conferencing and local community/service learning research. These activities concentrate on enhancing the students' intercultural communicative competence through the use of seven suggested

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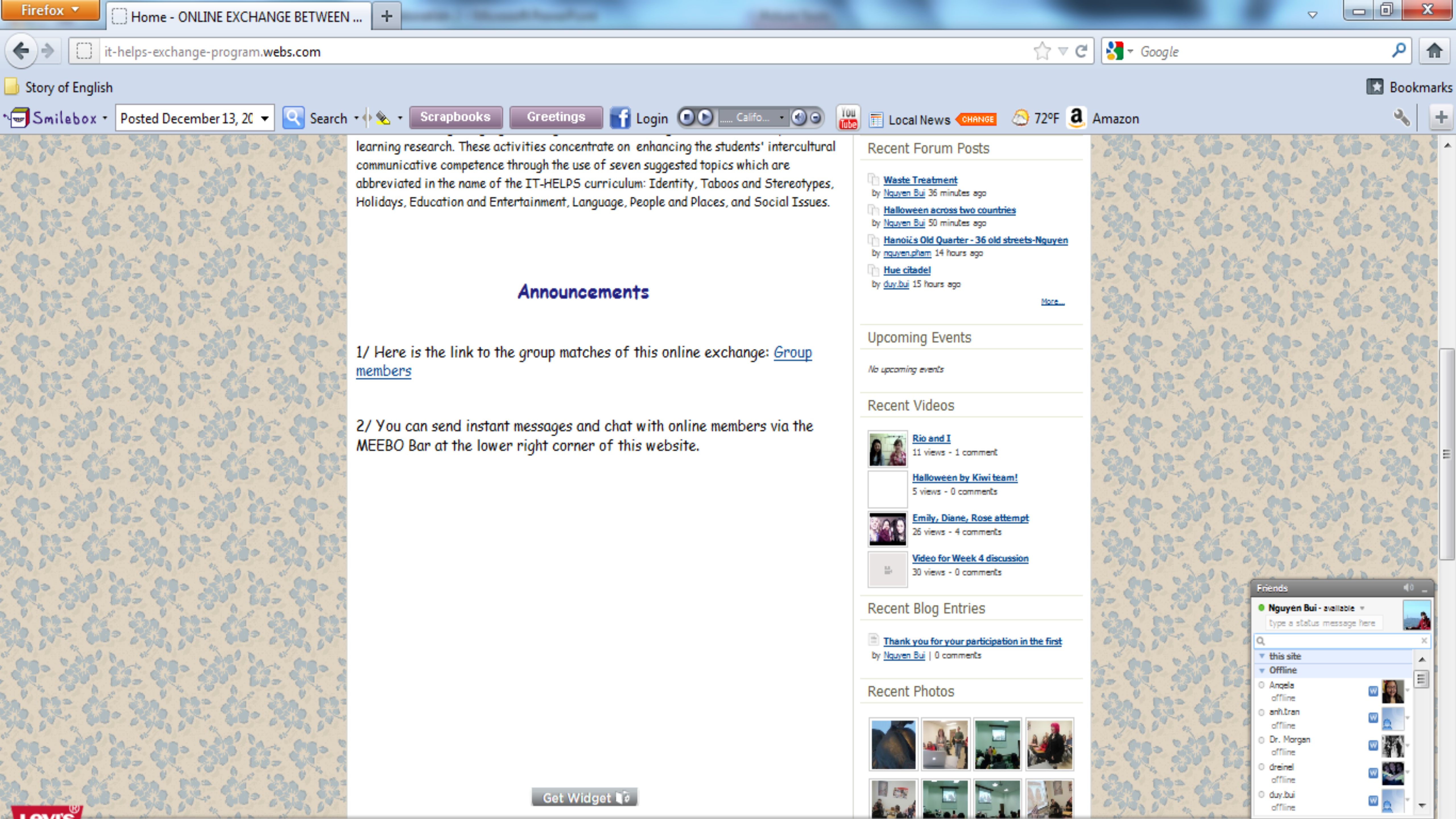
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1/ Here is the link to the group matches of this online exchange: Group members

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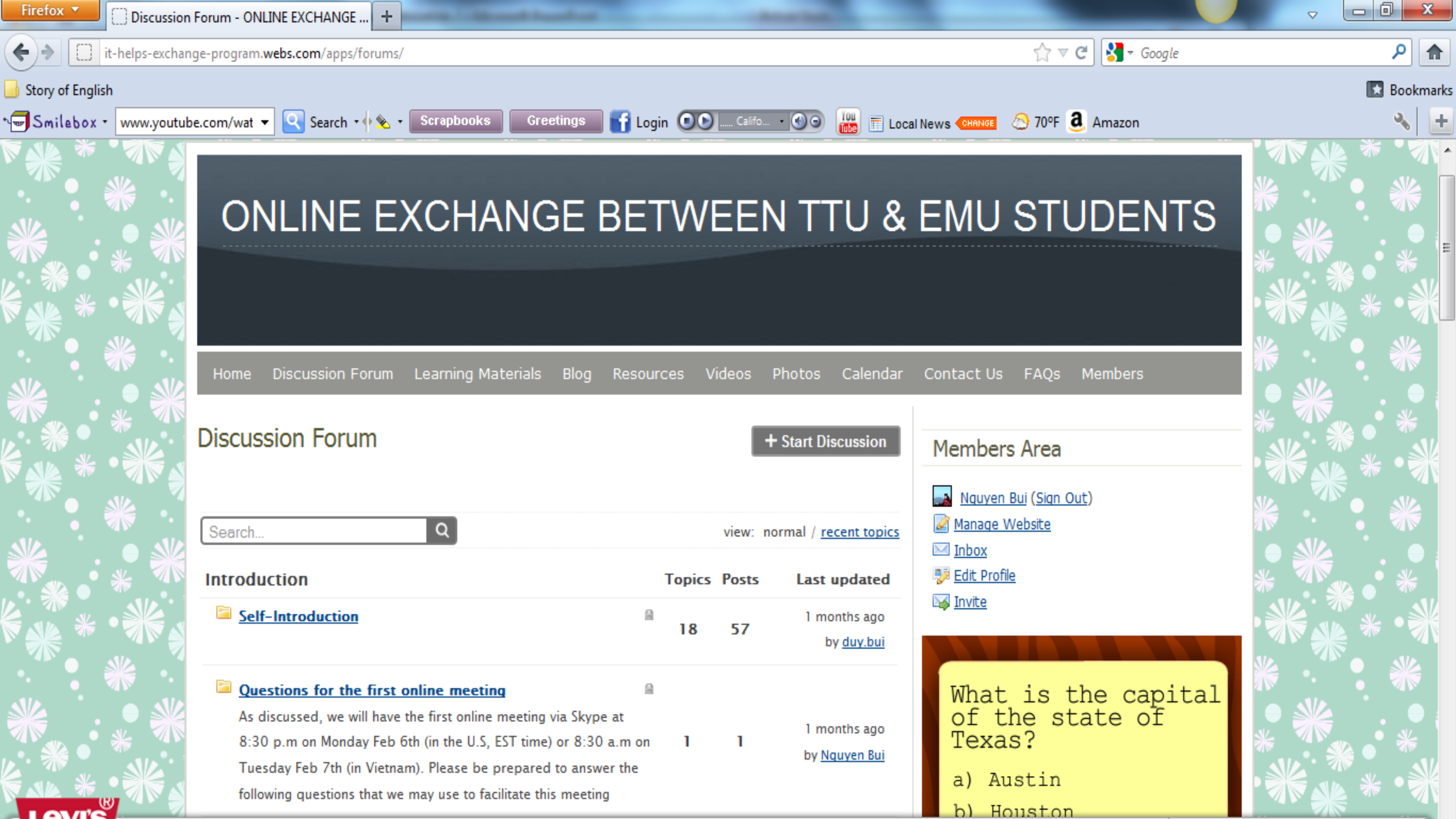
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Self-Introduction	18	57	1 months ago by duy.bui
Questions for the first online meeting As discussed, we will have the first online meeting via Skype at 8:30 p.m on Monday Feb 6th (in the U.S, EST time) or 8:30 a.m on Tuesday Feb 7th (in Vietnam). Please be prepared to answer the following questions that we may use to facilitate this meeting	1	1	1 months ago by Nguyen Bui

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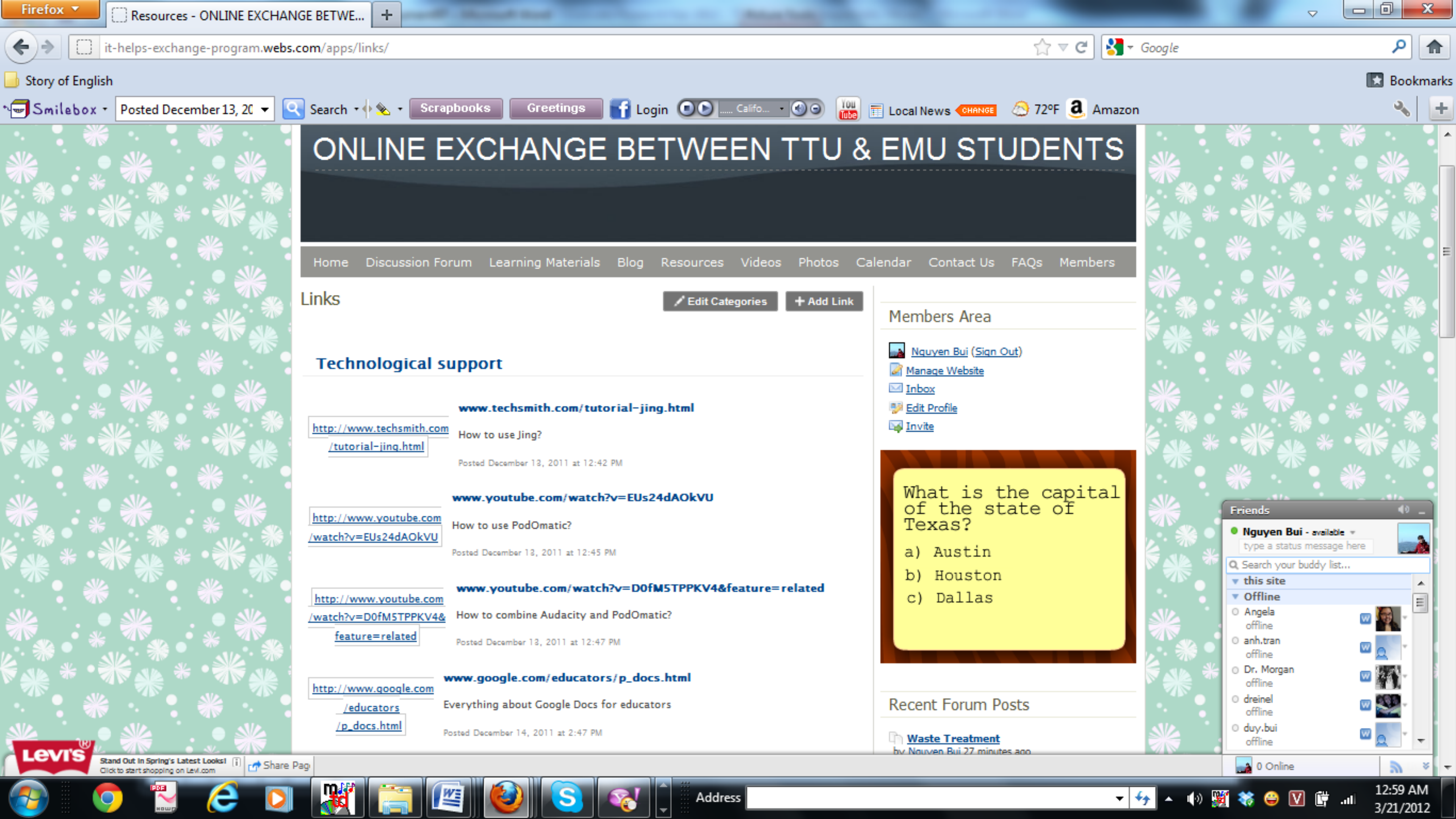
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How to use Jing?

Posted December 13, 2011 at 12:42 PM

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUs24dAOkVU

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How to use PodOmatic?

Posted December 13, 2011 at 12:45 PM

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0fM5TPPKV4&feature=related

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How to combine Audacity and PodOmatic?

Posted December 13, 2011 at 12:47 PM

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Everything about Google Docs for educators

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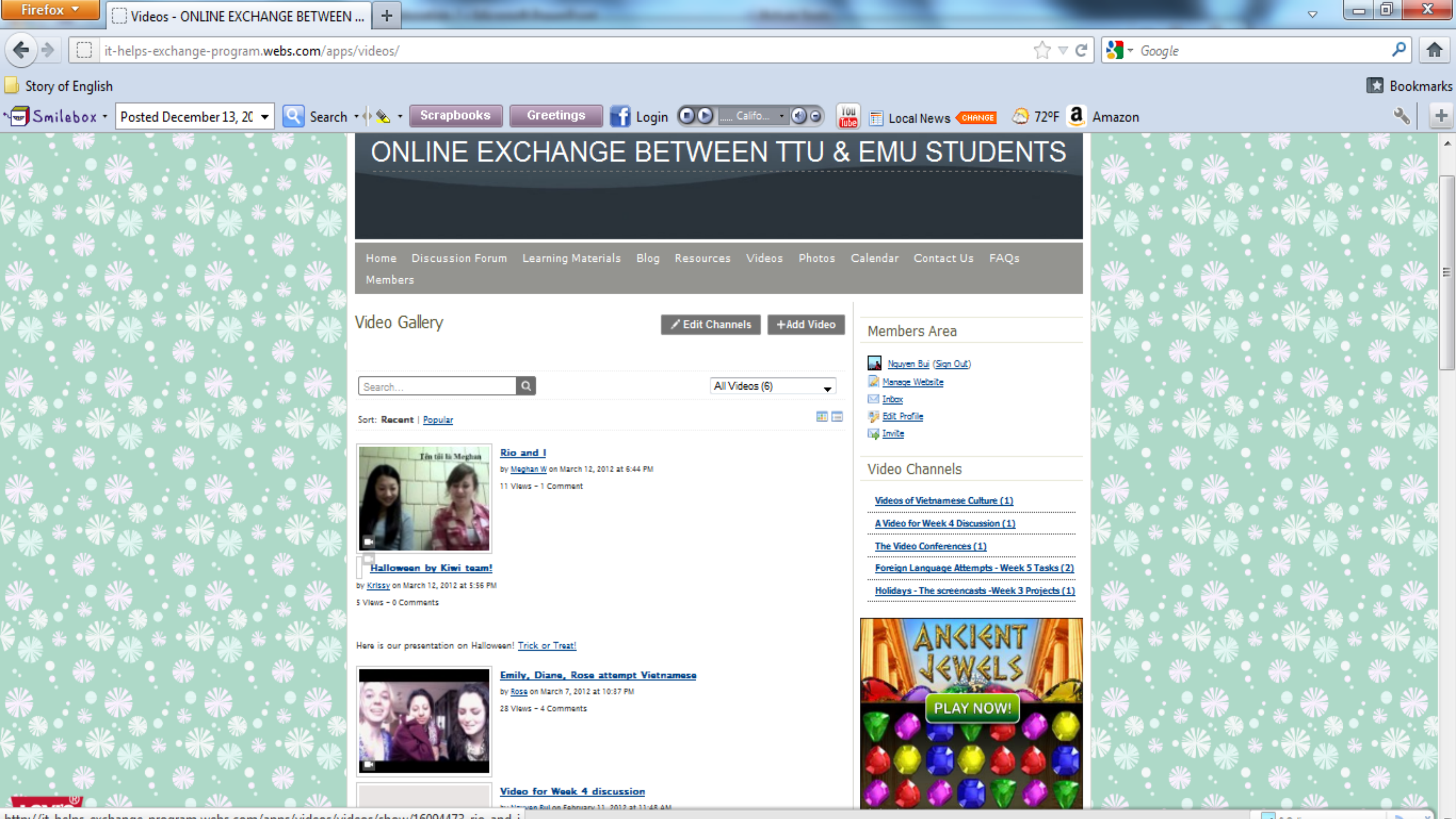
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Rio and I

by Meghan W on March 12, 2012 at 6:44 PM

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Halloween by Kiwi team!

by Krissy on March 12, 2012 at 5:56 PM

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Here is our presentation on Halloween! Trick or Treat!

Emily, Diane, Rose attempt Vietnamese

by Rose on March 7, 2012 at 10:37 PM

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by Nguyen Bui on February 11, 2012 at 11:48 AM

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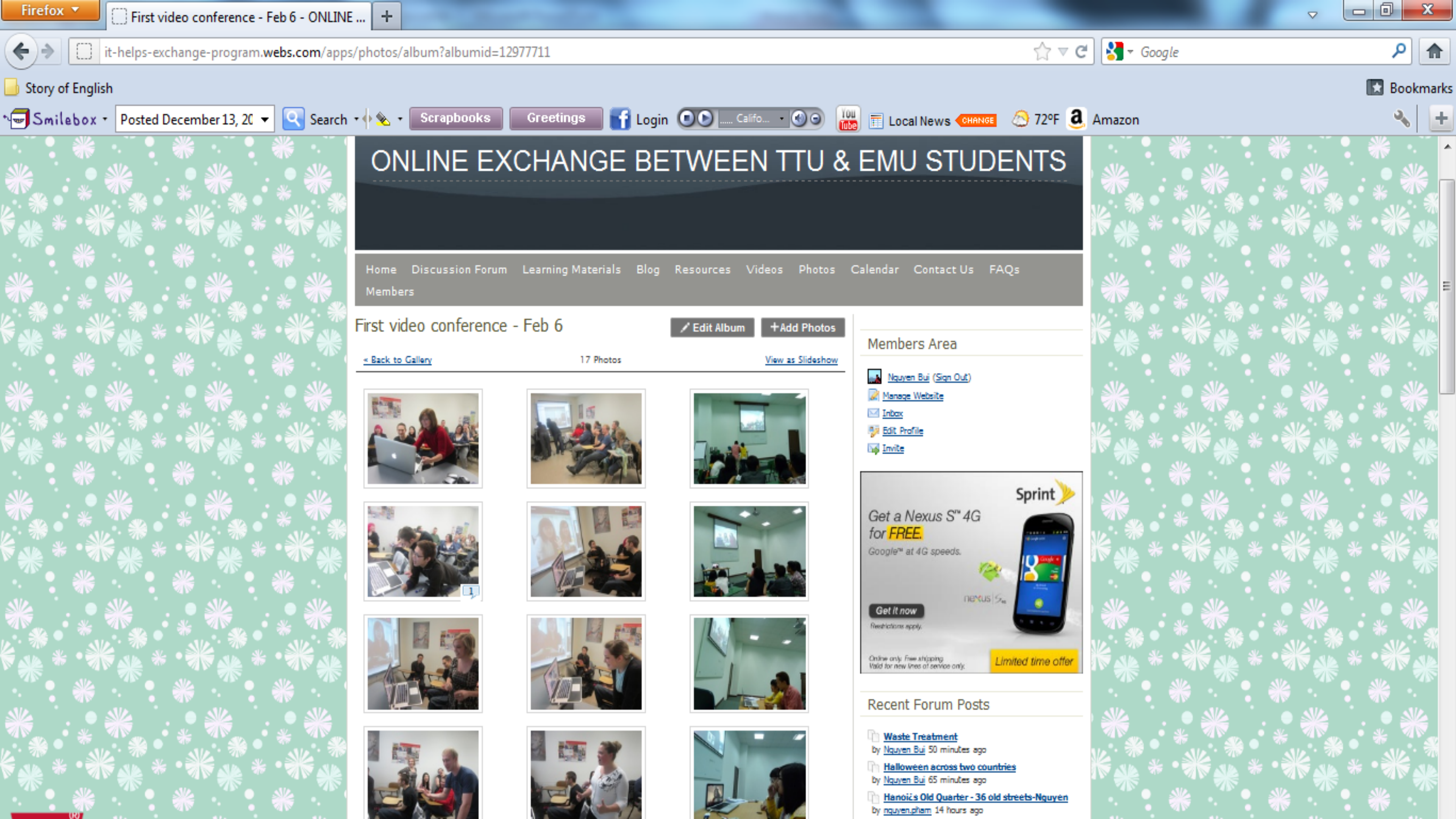
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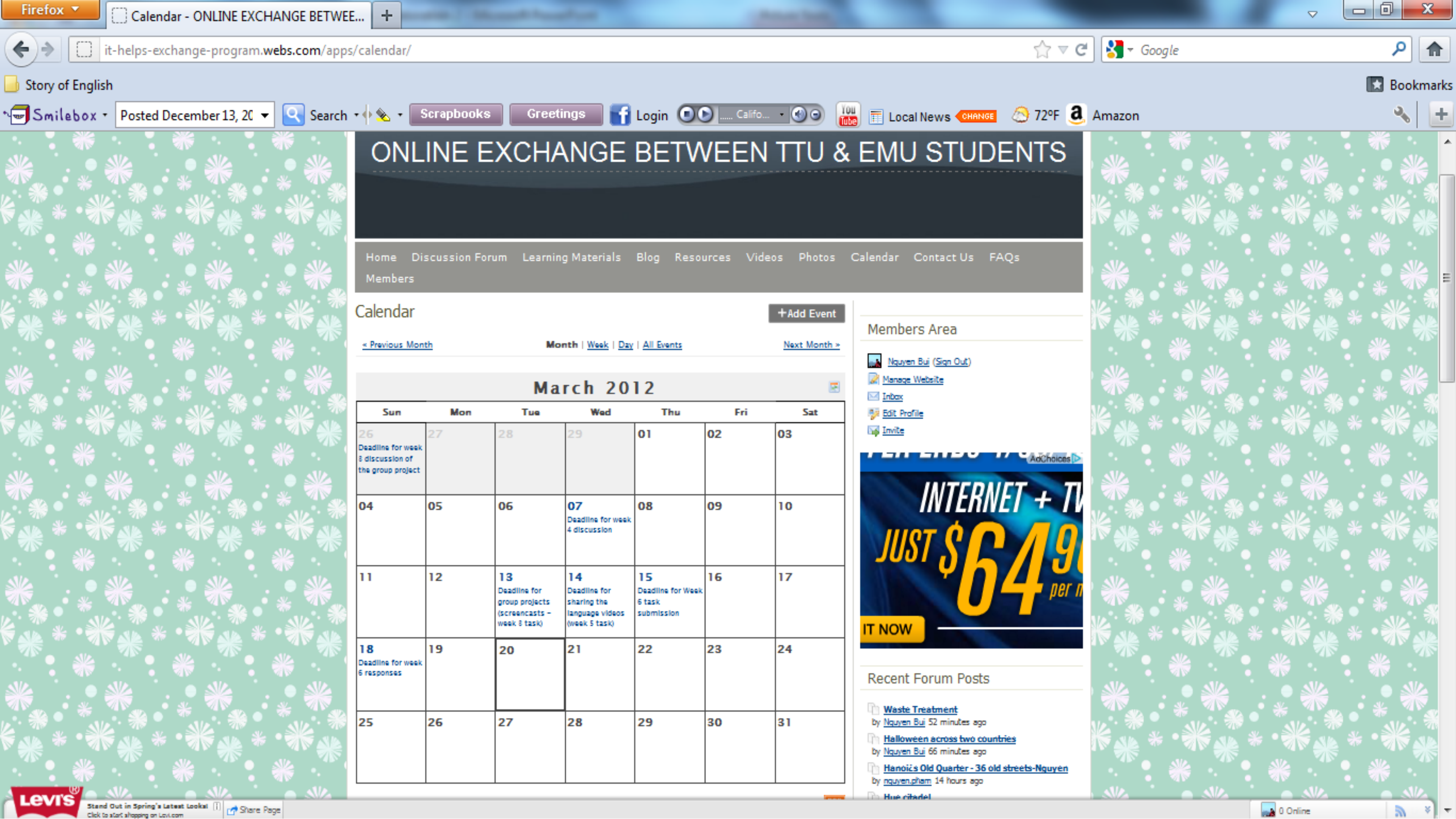
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11	12	13 Deadline for group projects (screencasts - week 3 task)	14 Deadline for sharing the language videos (week 5 task)	15 Deadline for Week 6 task submission	16	17
18 Deadline for week 6 responses	19	20	21	22	23	24
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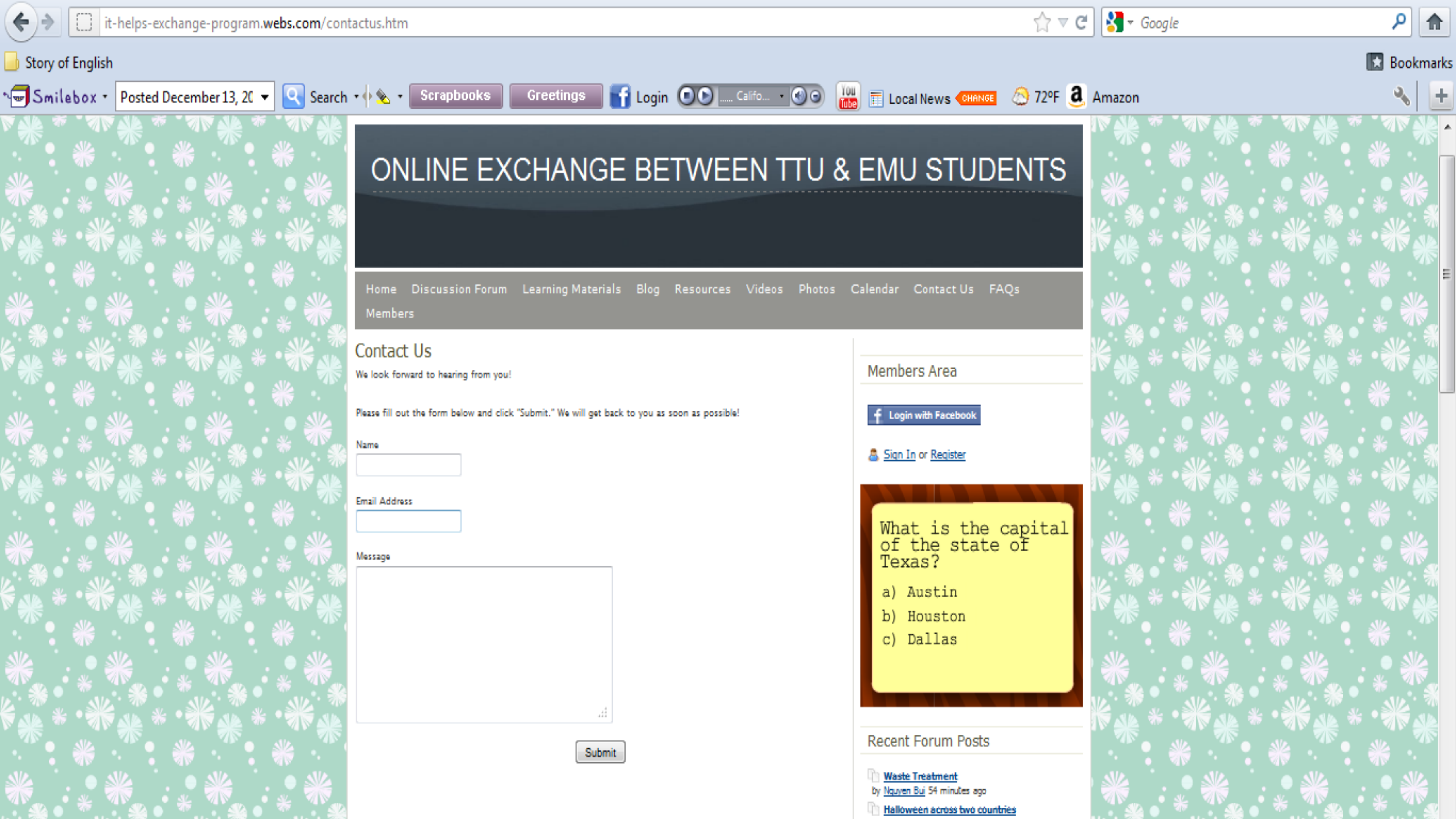
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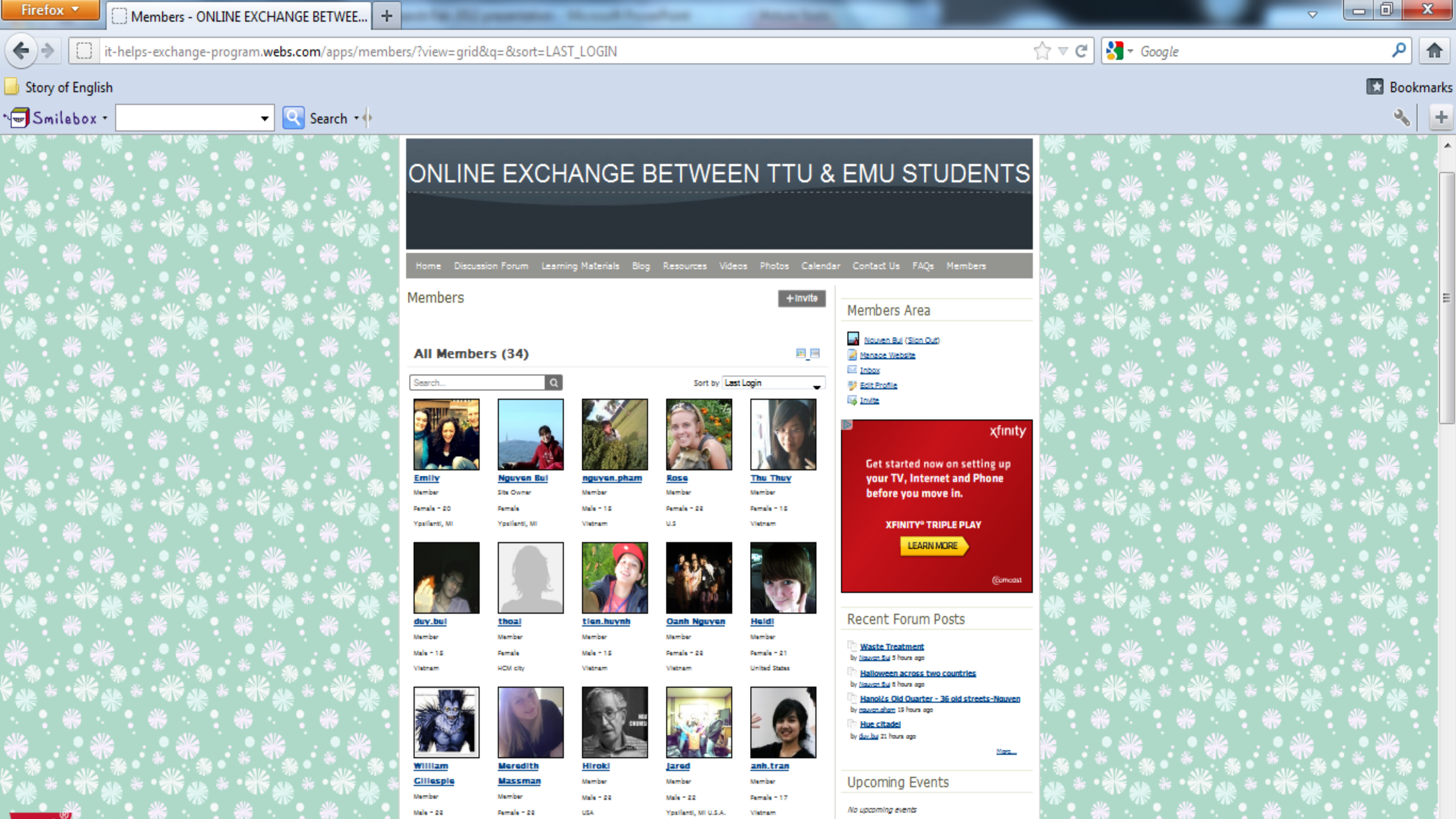
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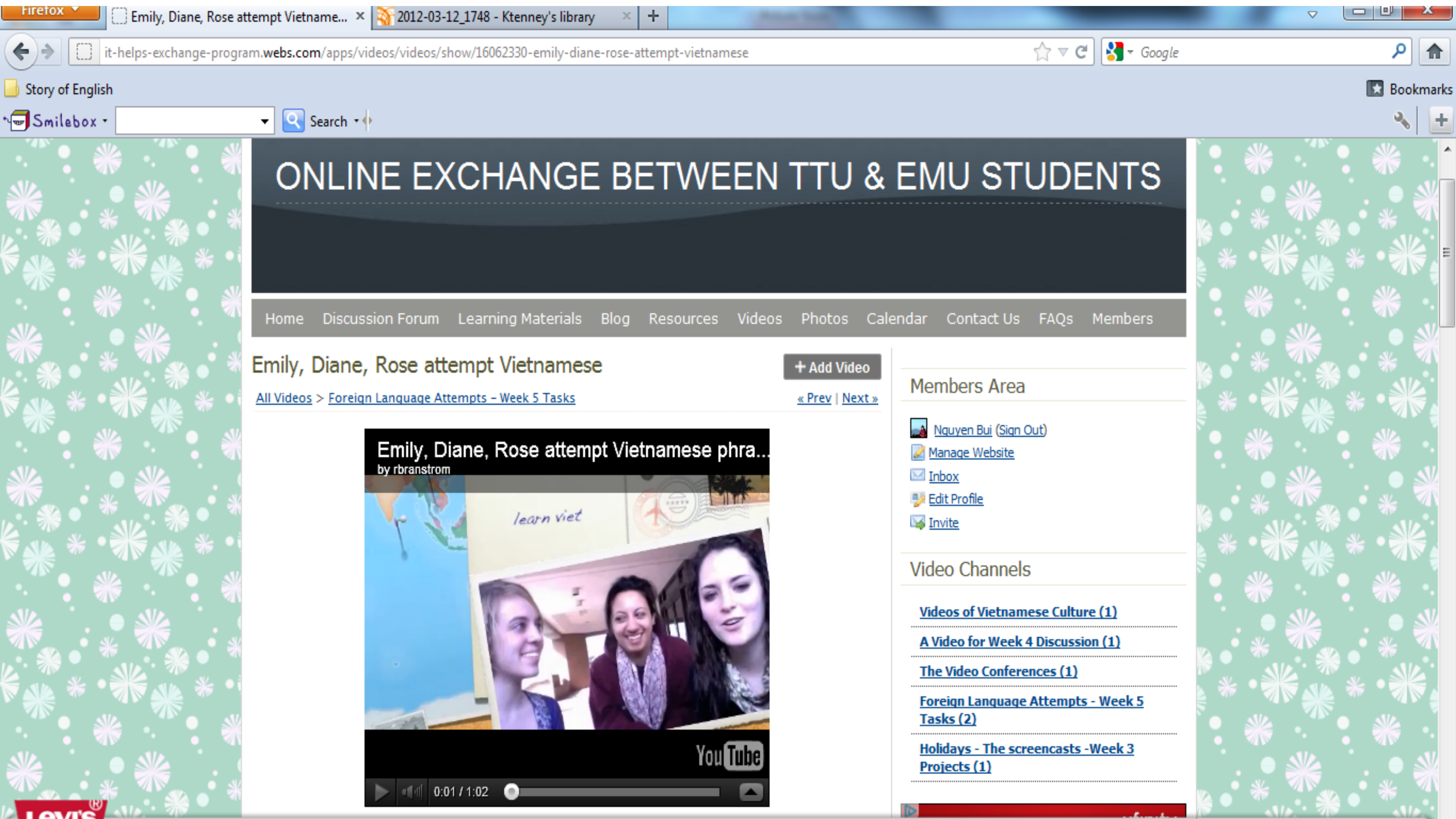
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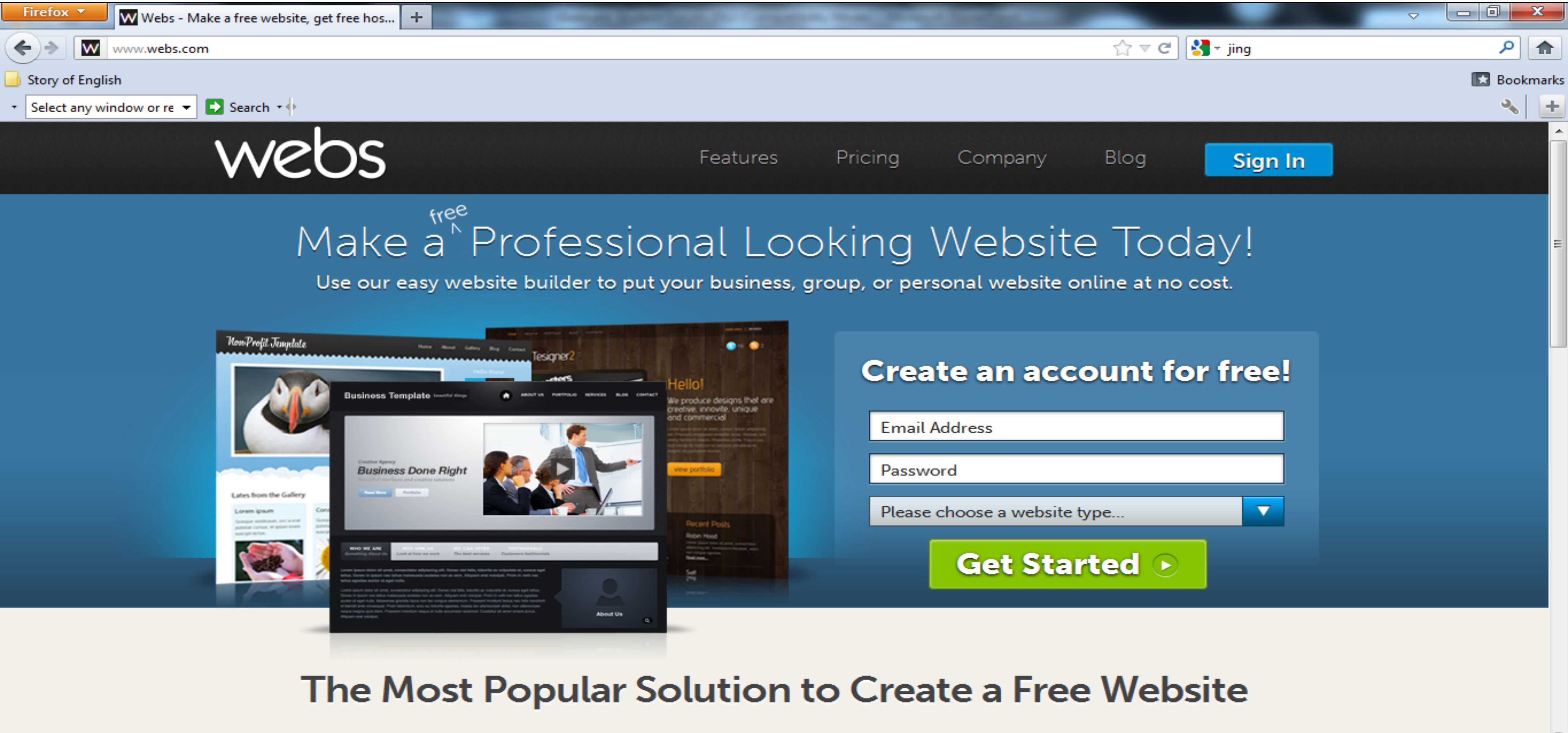
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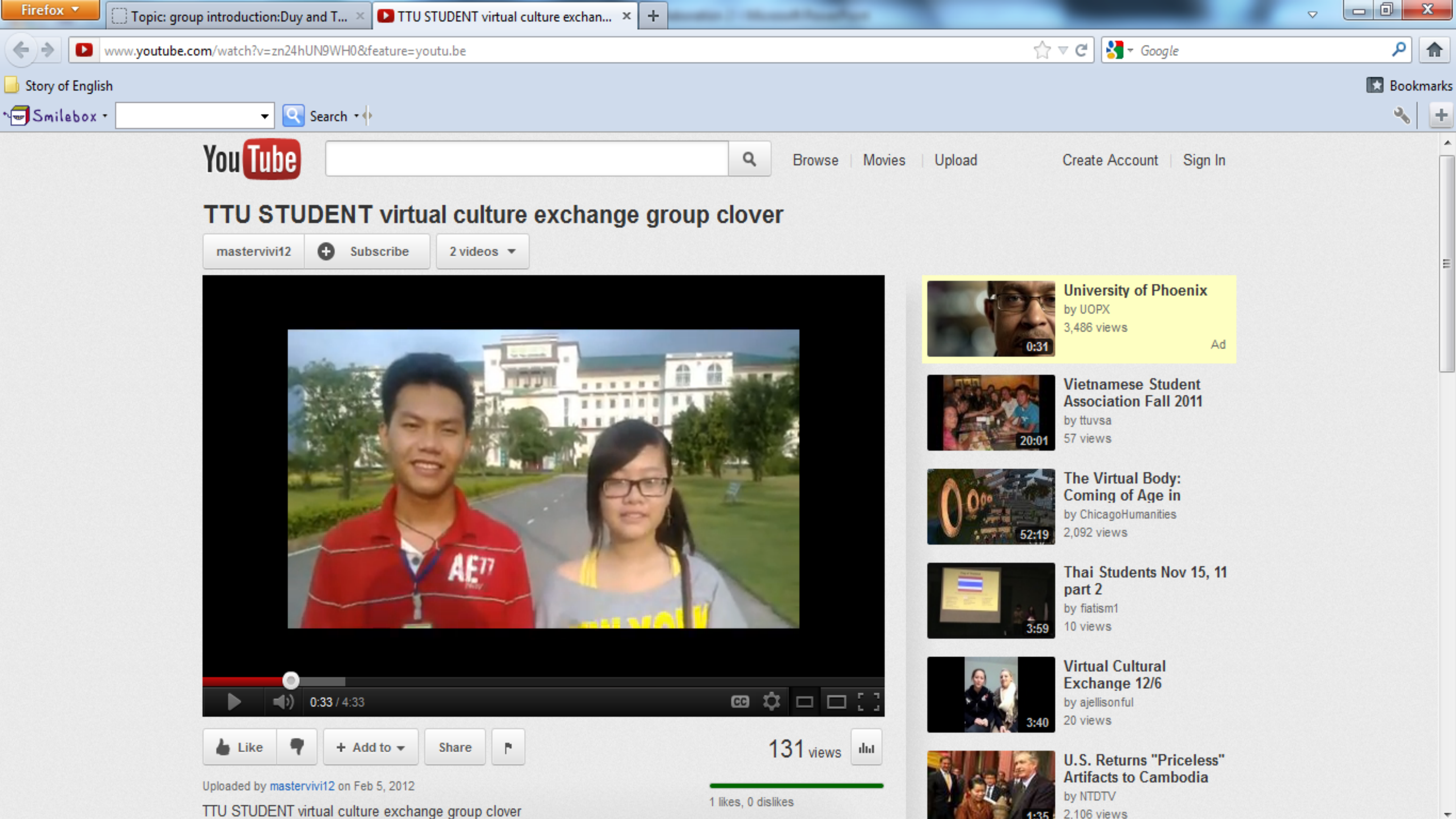
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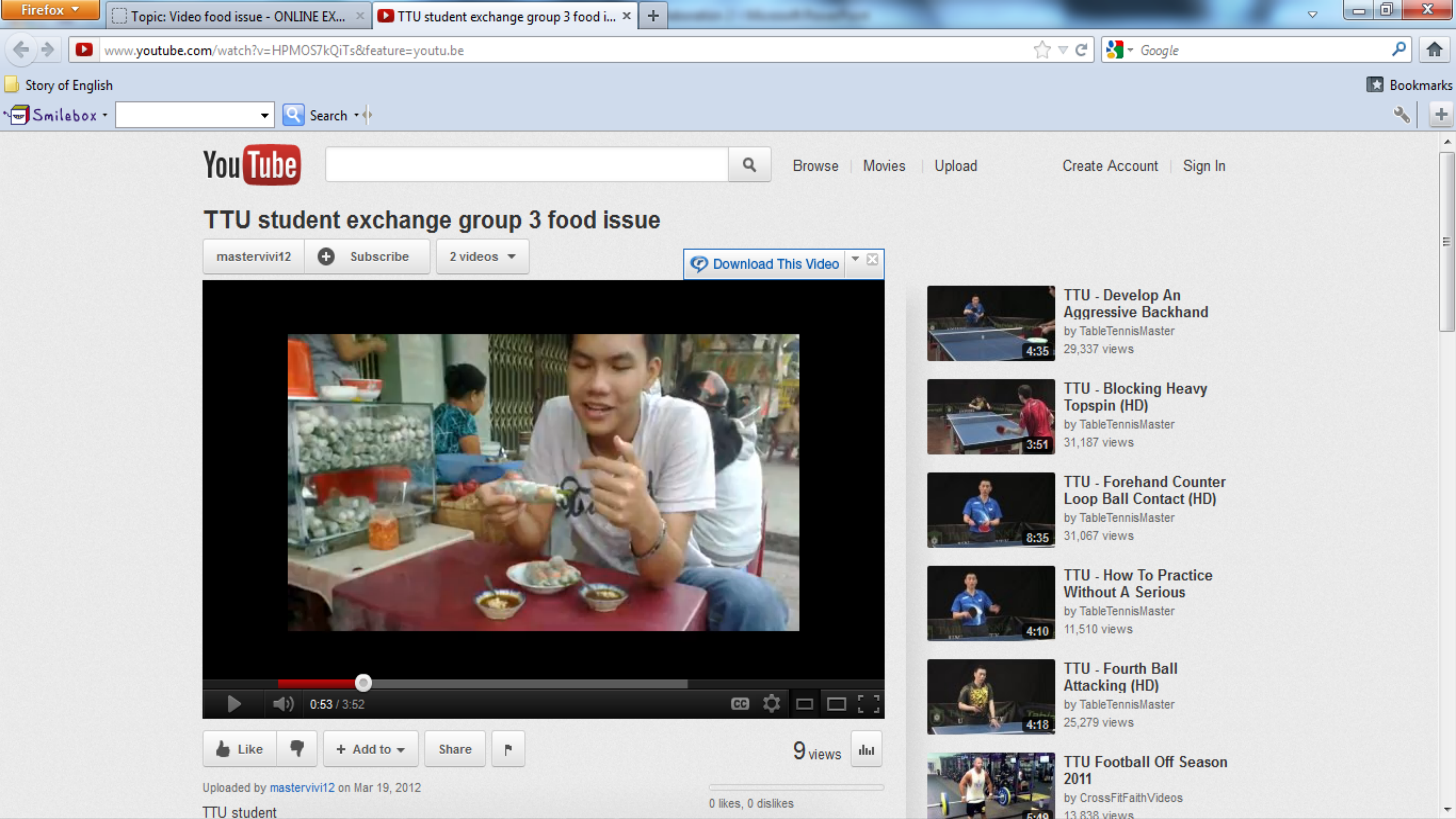
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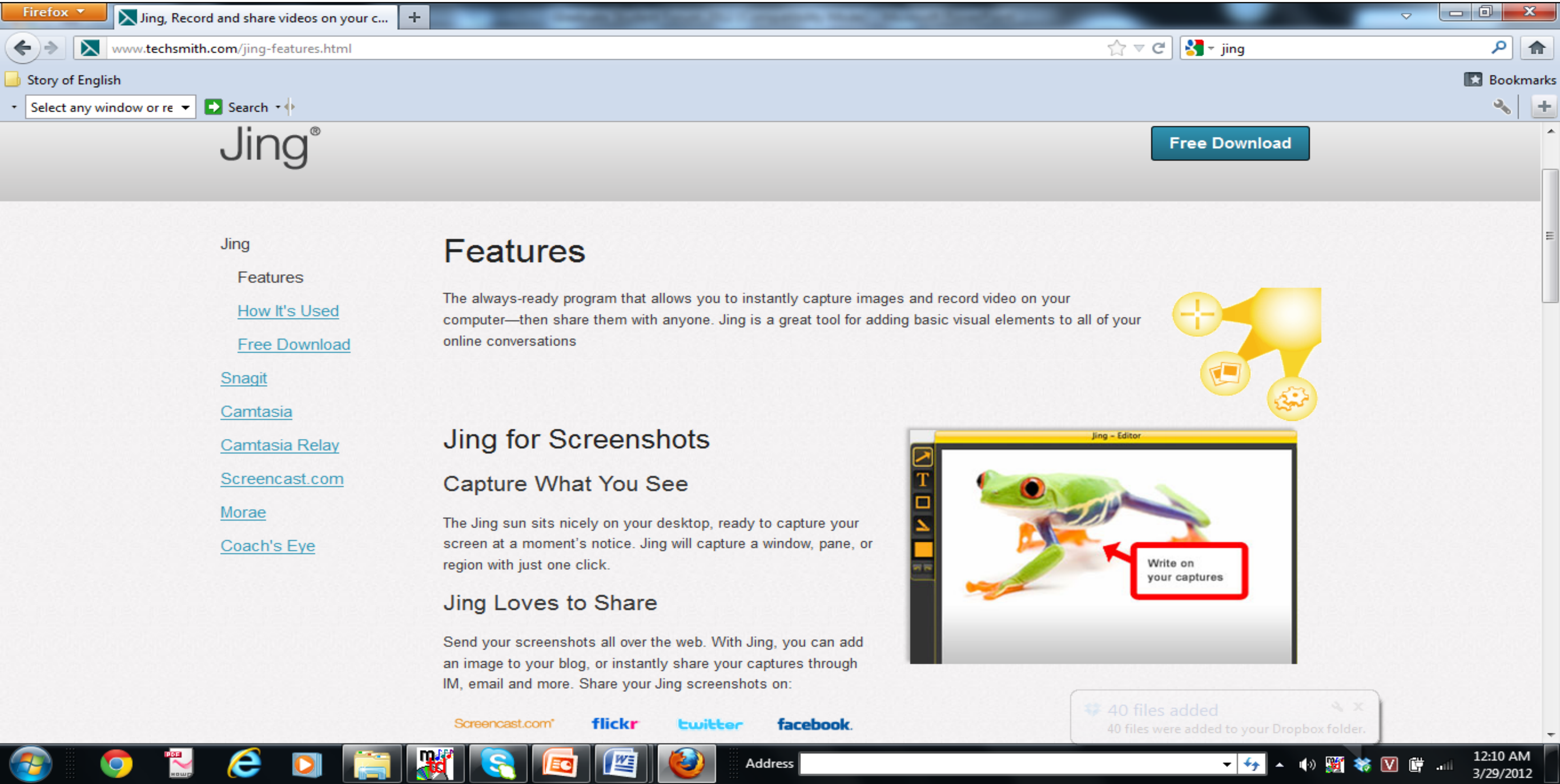
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- Select any window that you would like to record, and Jing will capture everything that happens in that area. From simple mouse movements to a fully narrated tutorial, Jing records everything you see, and do.

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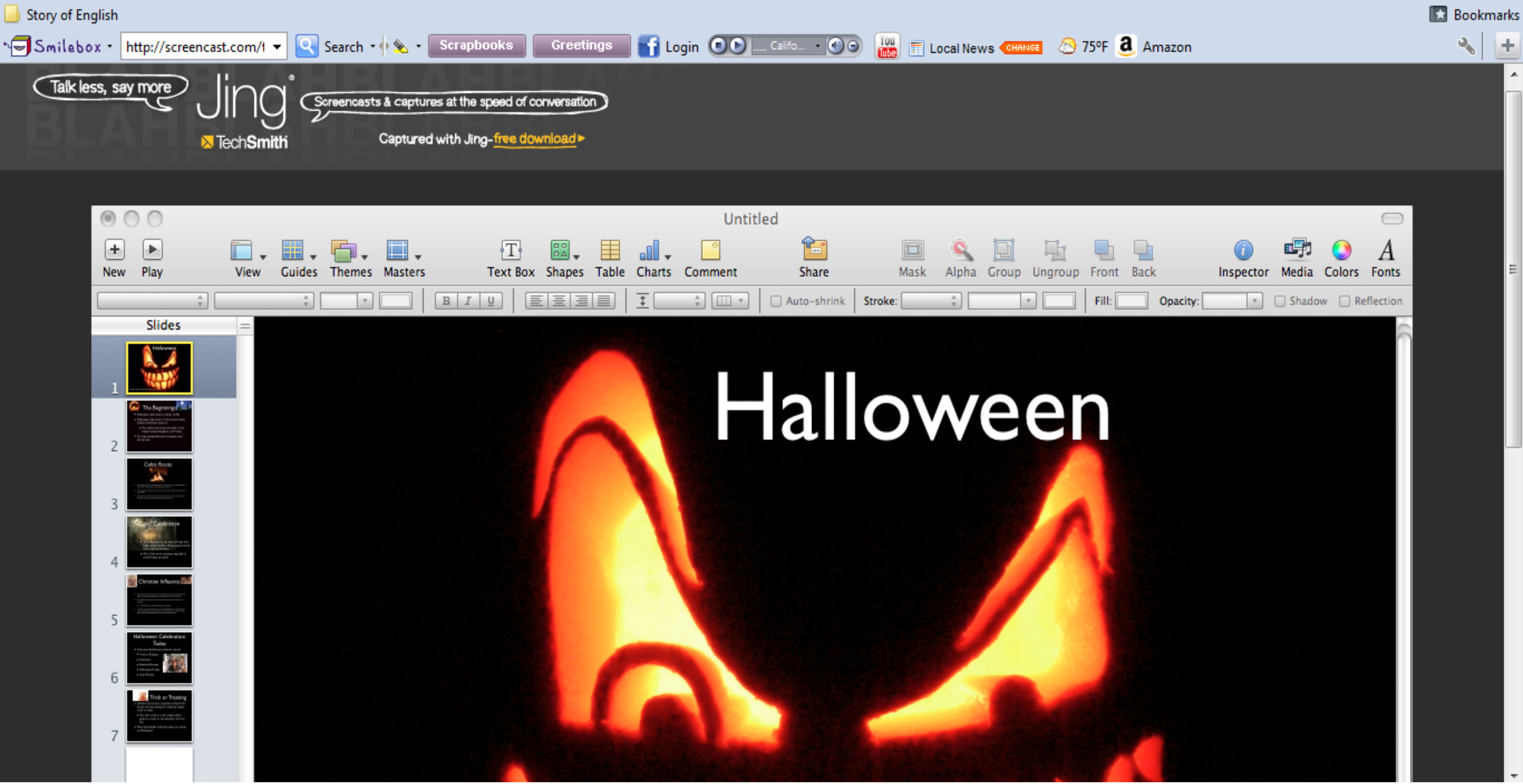
- Send your screenshots all over the web → Communication without boundaries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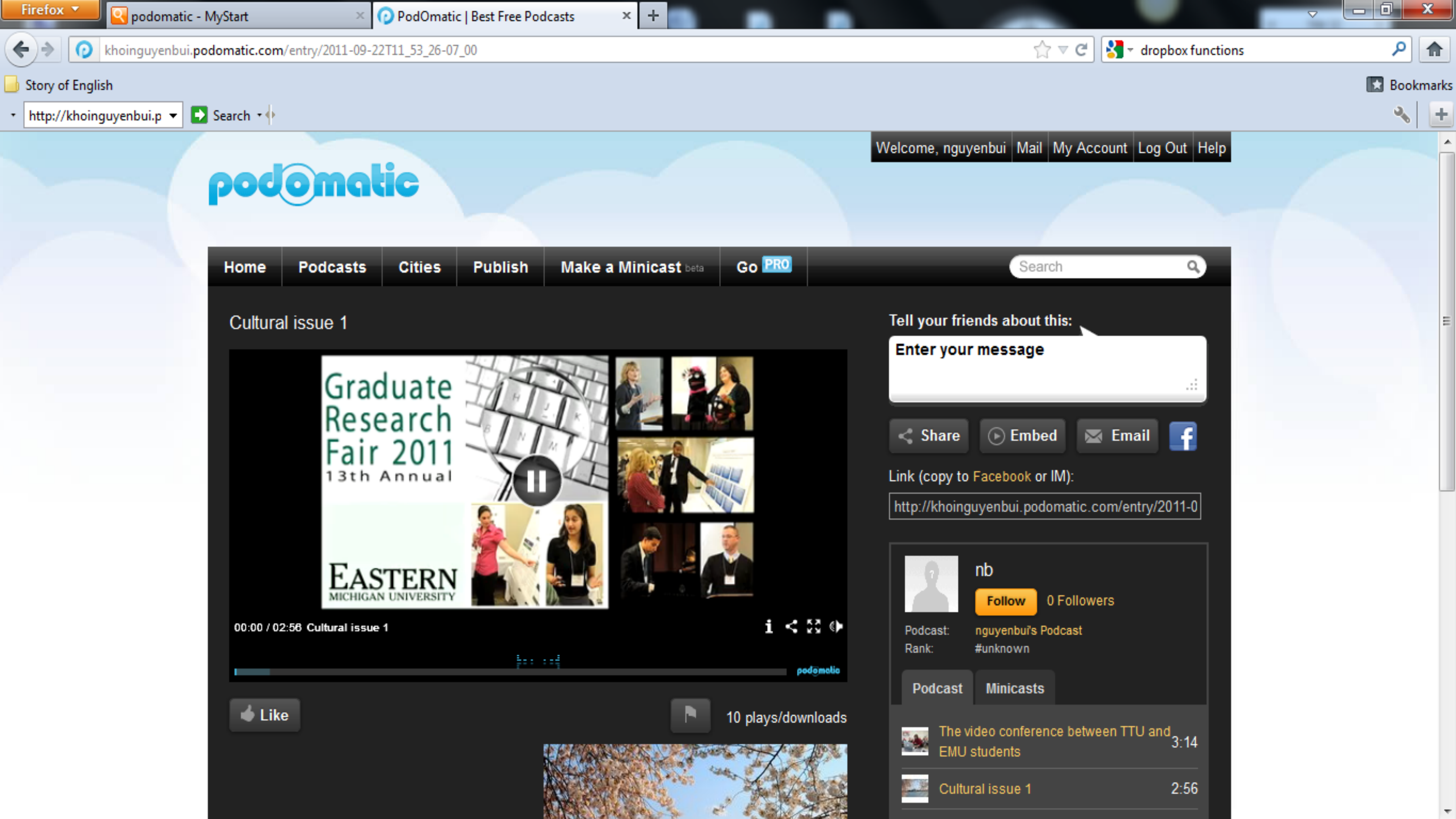
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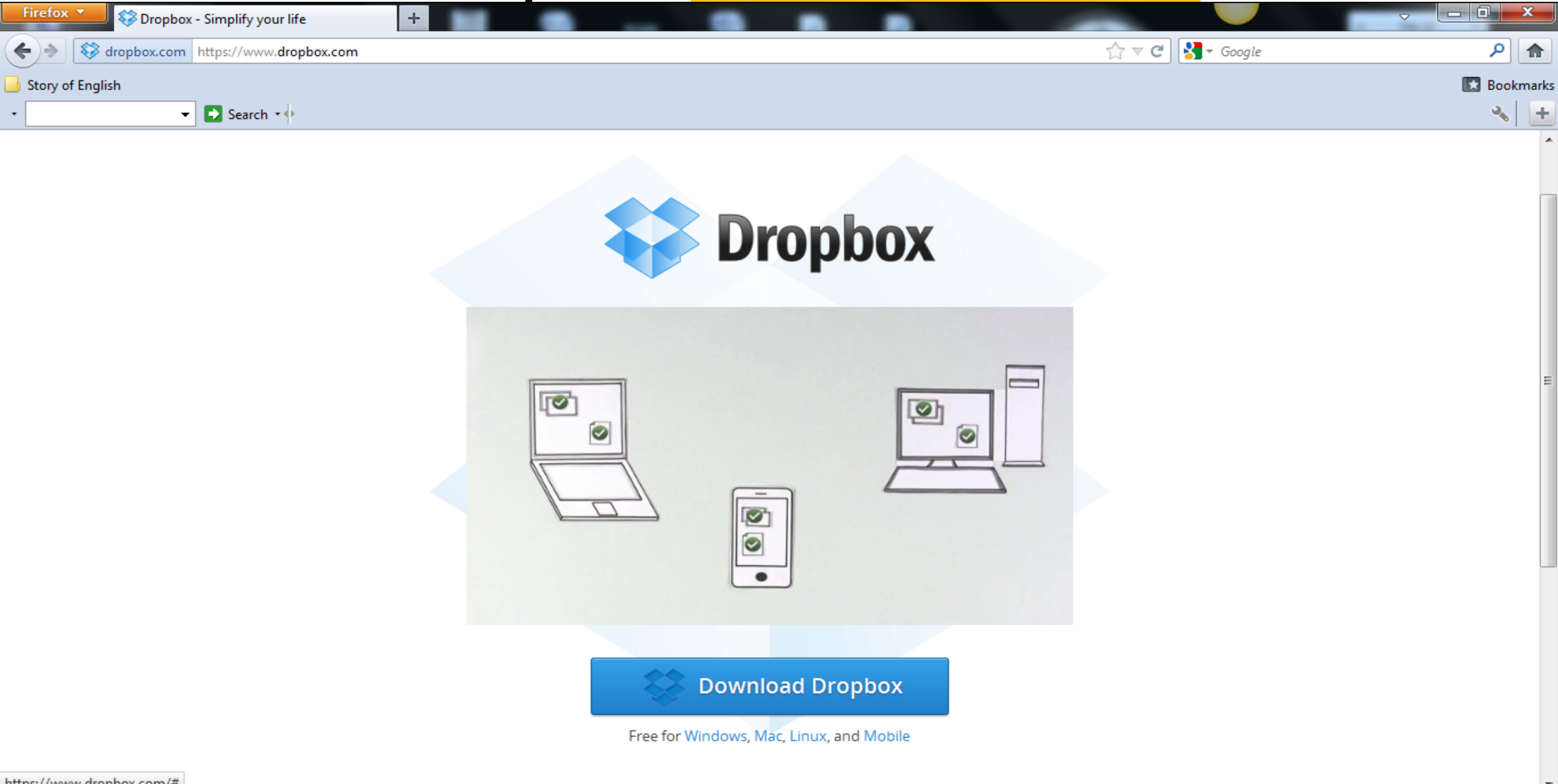
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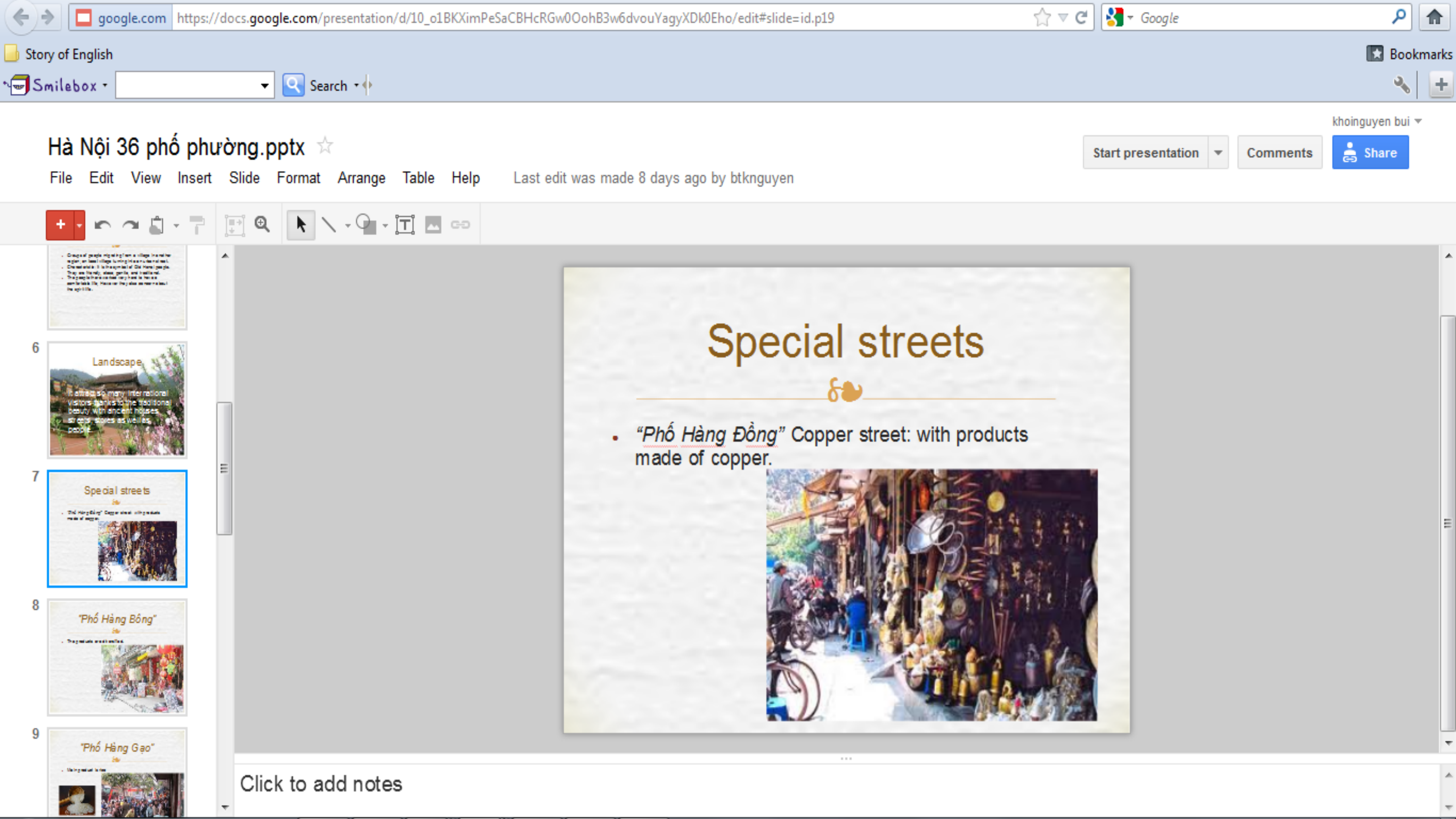
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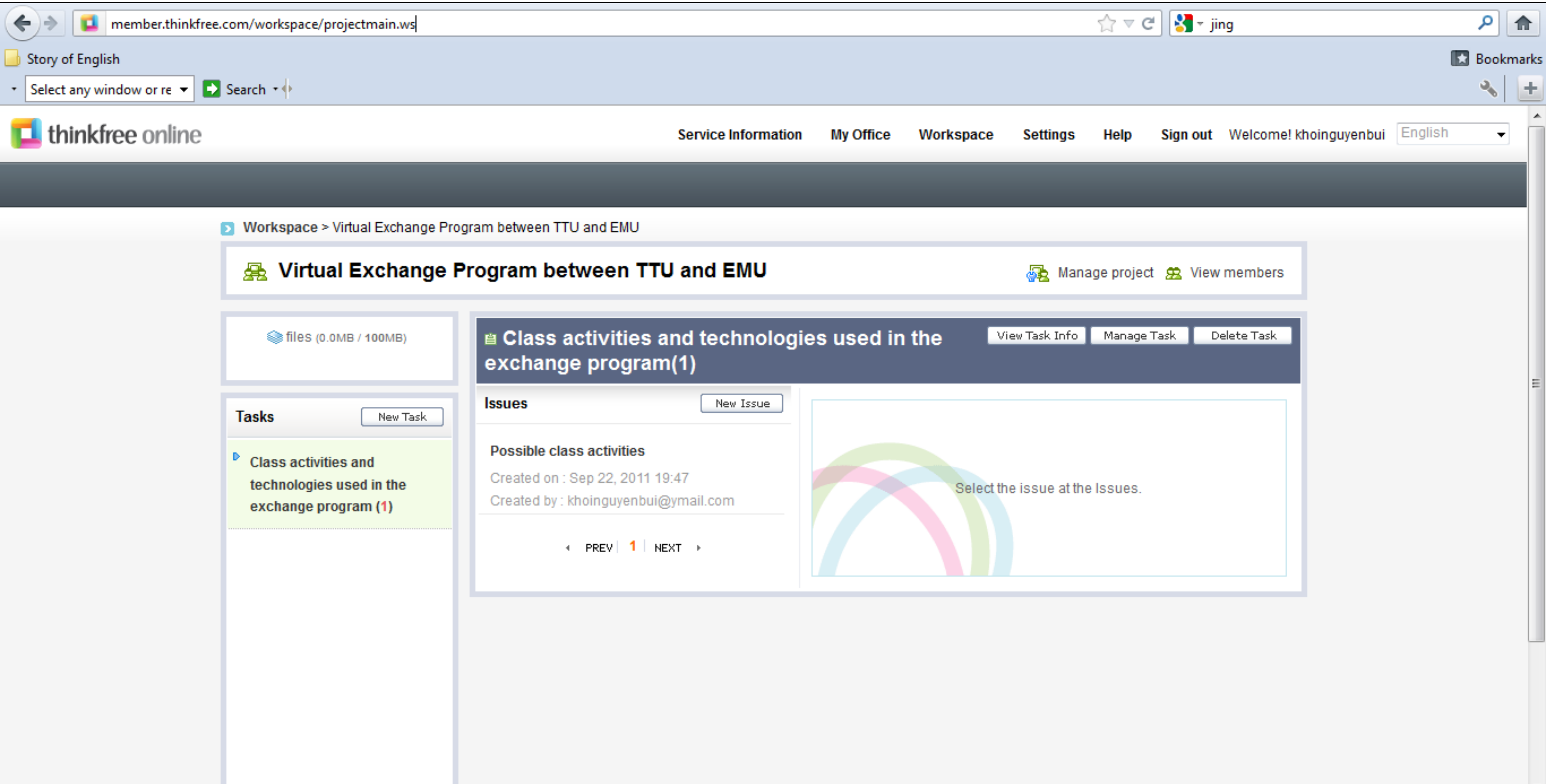
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Class activities and technologies used in the exchange program (1)

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Issues

Possible class activities

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Suggestions

◦Time difference: Effective video conferences (Skype)?

→ Meebo bar, Facebook, Google talk/ Google hangout, real-time chat

◦Technological problems/ ineffective use of new tools?

→ Training sessions or workshops before the exchange

(Ex: Screen-casts for Linux and PodOmatic)

◦How to effectively manage students' online collaborative learning?

→ Weekly blogging for track keeping

◦Is technology everything?

→ No. These are just suggested tools to effectively facilitate cooperative learning

❖ Other technological tools:

- Facebook or other social networking sites
- Wiki : http://wikispaces.com/
- Moodle: http://moodle.pcsb.org/
- Weebly: http://weebly.com/
- Snagit: http://www.techsmith.com/snagit/
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