

Useful tools for project management

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What free tools are available for project management?

There are many online tools available for managing projects, but what can you use without paying for a license?

If you don't have access to other software then let's talk about free versions of:

- Databases
- Mapping platforms
- Forms, spreadsheets and documents
- Websites

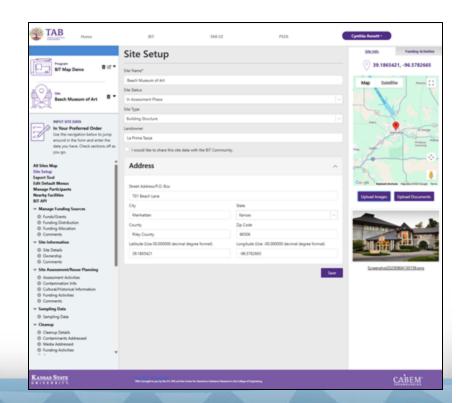
Databases: BiT and BiT Mobile

More than just brownfields - any sites: cultural, infrastructure

Free - comes with support from KSU TAB

Database tool for managing:

- Site inventories
- Grant funds used for sites
- Locating sites in the FRS database
- Open Dump Cost Estimator
- PEER: Platform for Exploring Environmental Record
- Export reports and spreadsheets
- BiT Mobile for site visits
- And much more

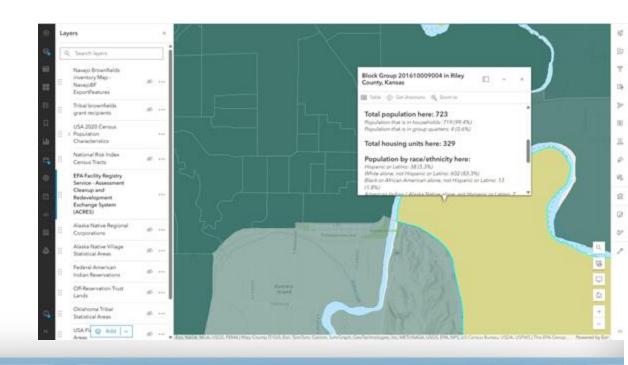


Mapping: ArcGIS Online - free version

You can access many high quality data layers on the free online viewer

Simple tools

Create a free account to save and share

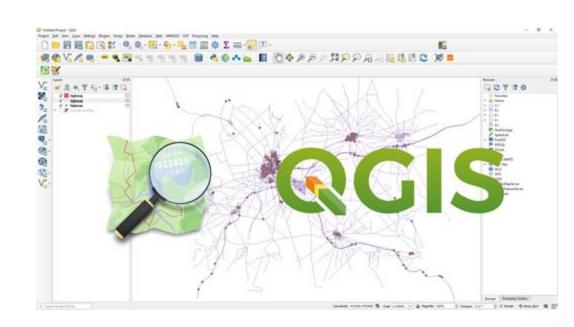


Mapping QGIS

QGIS is free and open-source GIS software designed for creating, editing, storing, analyzing, and visualizing geospatial data

Can be difficult for beginners

More experienced users can do a wide variety of analyses



Mapping: Google Earth and My Maps

Google Earth: historic imagery, elevation profile, measuring tools, 3D imagery, Street View

My Maps: easy to collaborate and share, import spreadsheet data linked to forms, embed on websites





Sheets and Forms

You can use Google Spreadsheets and Forms for free

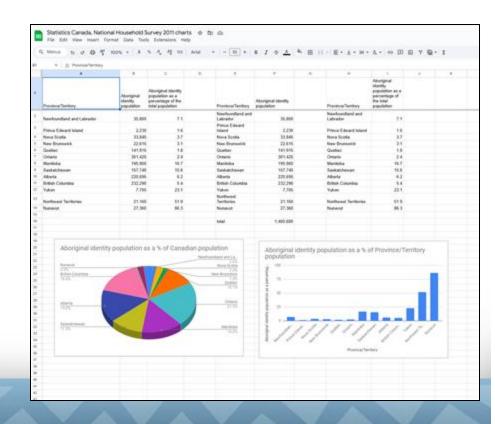
Collaborate online, embed in website

Forms can be used to populate Google Sheets

Sheets can be used to populate My Maps

Can create graphs and dashboards

Can download to Excel



Documents and Websites

If you do not have access to Microsoft Word you can use Google Docs for free

- Download to Word and export to PDF
- Collaborate online

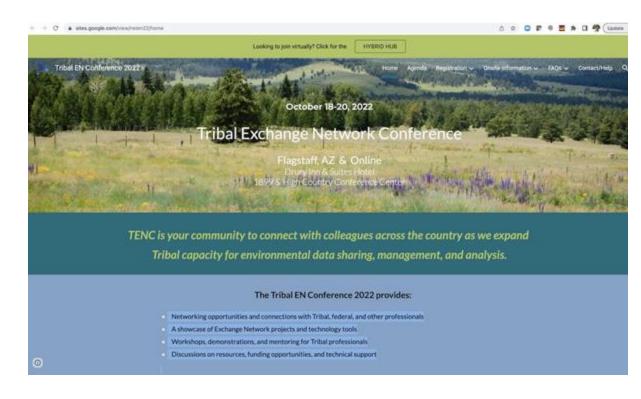
If you do not have a website you can quickly create a simple website for free using Google Sites, which is also part of Google Drive

Google Sites

Create a website in Google Drive

Easy, quick websites ideal for using privately in your office, meetings and conferences, community engagement

Google Sites can be branded and linked to your regular website, and can allow colleagues to collaborate without having to add them to your organization's main website



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