Web 2.0 service	Advantages	Disadvantages	Use in Leipzig
Wikipedia.de	 Free No registration required Over 1.4 million articles Apps for mobile devices 	Validity of results partly disputedMajority of articles are non-medical	 Not directly integrated into the curriculum Frequently used by medical students
YouTube	 Free In widespread use among students for private purposes Apps for mobile devices Can be integrated into university's own portal 	 Not yet widely used in teaching No direct link to medicine Registration required to upload files 	 Posting of training videos for medical students and the general public Integrated into the faculty's student portal
Facebook	 World's biggest social network Free Very popular among students Possibility to set up your own pages Apps for mobile devices 	 Focus is primarily on private life No direct link to medicine Registration required Adaptation to own requirements very limited 	 Facebook pages used by for example LernKlinik Leipzig and student council Facebook event function used for various events and elective courses Facebook groups used by individual semesters, course groups and departments University has its own official Facebook page; Facebook is also used by the alumni network
StudiVZ/MeinVZ	Largest social network from Germany	Number of users has significantly declined	Special profiles used by LernKlinik Leipzig and student
	• Free	• Focus is primarily on private life	council etc

	Apps for mobile devices	No direct link to medicine	Group function used by
		Registration required	individual semesters and course
		Adaptation to own requirements	groups
		very limited	
XING	 Aimed at professionals and 	Paid premium accounts	 Official University Leipzig XING
	graduates	Not widely used by medical	page; XING also used by alumni
	Almost no fake accounts	students	network
		No direct link to medicine	 XING event function used by
		Registration required	alumni network
		 Adaptation to own requirements 	
		very limited	
Leipzig-Medizin.de	Local portal	Registration required	 Forum used to discuss lectures
	 Nearly all students from Leipzig 	 Website administration is time- 	and seminars, past exam
	are registered	consuming and requires	papers and general topics
	Direct link to medical degree	manpower	related to studying medicine
	• Free	 Porting of projects and scripts to 	 Download portal filled by
	 Not just forum but many other 	other faculties very limited	students
	possibilities (downloads, news,		 Blogs can be written
	blogs, etc)		 Linked to specific pages and
	 Can be adapted to own needs 		groups in Facebook and
			StudiVZ/MeinVZ
Student portal of the	Local portal	Website administration is time-	 Integrated into degree
Faculty of Medicine,	 All students from Leipzig are 	consuming and requires	programme
University Leipzig	registered (a user account is	manpower	Integration of YouTube for
	created when new students	 Porting of projects and scripts to 	individual training videos
	enrol)	other faculties very limited	 Integration of external e-learning
	• Free		content (e.g. INMEDEA

	• Integrated into medical degree		Simulator)
	courses		 Expansion and integration of
	 Can be adapted to own needs 		other social media elements
	(including smooth integration of		planned
	Web 2.0 components)		
Google Drive	• Free	Registration required	 Used by a few workgroups and
	 Enables efficient teamwork 	Not yet widespread among	postgraduates as well as the
	 Apps for mobile devices 	students	student council of the Faculty of
			Medicine at University Leipzig