



# Tip of the Week:

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Free Tech Tool! Spezify



A search tool presenting results from a large number of websites in different visual ways.

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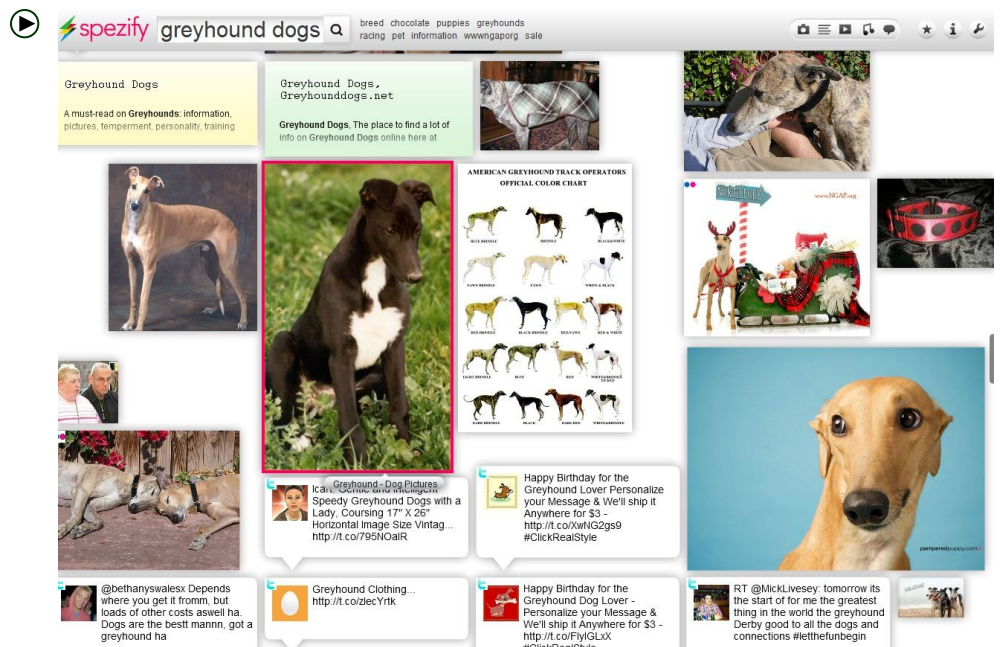
### Applications for Education

Spezify may have potential for use as a general search tool as it does provide more results per page than a typical list format of results. Students searching for a broad topic may be able to browse results faster than they can when search results are in list form.



- ▶ Spezify is a search engine with an aesthetic twist. It works like a generic search engine, except that the results are a visual collage of media drawn from different kinds of media sources: textual links from web pages, pictures from across the web, tweets with the search term, videos from YouTube, books from Amazon, and so on. You need Flash to use Spezify. The downside is that some students may have a hard time wading through all of the images and article bits to find what they are looking for. When performing a casual search or doing a little looking on the web for entertainment, Spezify can be a very good place to start.

<http://spezify.com>



- ▶ Spezify sorts results iconographically so that the searcher can see at a glance which hits include sound, video, image, or text files.
- ▶ Be sure to be aware of any copyright limitations when using images from the Internet.

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