There is a wide array of social media out there that does not require people to actually be social. Let’s face it, MySpace, Facebook, and Twitter do not help people gain face time with their real friends. These examples allow people to be friends at a safe distance and share menial, brainless thoughts at the touch of a button. What is needed is an application that rewards people who are hanging out together. An application that allows people to explore a shared interest. An application that can expand people’s minds and open doors.

Ok, so djtxt.me is not quite that amazing but it does at some get people to spend time together. djtxt.me is described by creator Dan Aminzade as a crowd-sourced party playlist.

The directions are simple and can be found at http://djtxt.me. Here is the skinny, the party host connects to djtxt.me and creates a private session (there are public sessions anybody can join). Once activated, a window opens providing instructions to party goers. It is suggested that this screen is displayed via projector or television at the party to allow people to follow along with the party. The party-ers can send an email, tweet, or send a text to a provided receiver with an artist and a song title in the body. That song is found through http://www.grooveshark.com and displayed and played through the djtxt jukebox. To add to the interactivity, djtxt has the ability to display lyrics. A link to www.musixmatch.com, allows the lyrics to be displayed and scrolled through as the song plays. This allows for a big karaoke party to erupt for the more popular songs.

Songs can be skipped by other party people by sending an email/tweet/text with the word “skip” in the body. If a requester decides that the wrong song has been added to the playlist, s/he can send “oops” to the program to remove the mistake.

At the end of the party, the host is able to click on a link at the bottom of the page (Playlist Recap) and view the songs in the order they were played as well as somebody’s concept as to the energy and danceability of the songs. This list is accompanied by a grooveshark play list which can be replayed at anytime and shared with party guests.

Functionally, djtxt is only valuable as a party tool. The term “party” can be loosely defined however. This could be used at holiday parties, birthday parties, dance partied, dorm room parties, or anywhere else music is desired.

The cool gadget factor of this app is it’s connectivity to multiple other web apps. Grooveshark and MusiXmatch are stand alone tools with their own purpose. djtxt simply pulls information from these other web apps and compiles it in a useable way. Dan Aminzade found a new way of using “old” technology to make it feel new again.