

Communication Tools

- Zoom
- BigBlueButton



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Zoom

Brief Description:

Zoom is a cloud based video conferencing platform, that can be used for video conferencing meetings, audio conferencing, webinars, meeting recordings and live chat.

Specifications:

Target group	Lectures, Webinars, Conference
Functionalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video conference• HD video and audio• Team chat• Breakout sessions• Registration forms• Participations tools (e.g. annotations, reactions)• Integration with many tools• Cloud based
Formats	Desktop, Apps
Requirements	Internet
License / Cost	Free version available for 100 participants and 40 minutes; otherwise paid subscriptions
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadcasting messages to breakout sessions not well implemented• Complicated settings
Link to Tool	Zoom

Example of application:

Additional format/references:

Zoom Video Tutorials

Zoom Frequently Ask Questions



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BigBlueButton

Brief Description:

BigBlueButton is a global teaching platform. It was developed in a school, not in a boardroom. Making it the only virtual classroom built from the ground up, just for teachers.

It's available in 65 languages and teachers all over the world have contributed to its design. Along with a global network of developers and companies providing commercial support, BigBlueButton is continuously evolving to meet the new real-world needs of teachers everywhere.

Specifications:

Target group	Teachers, Lecturers
Functionalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HD Video• Breakout Rooms• Whiteboard• Screen Share• Chat• Reactions• Integrations with Learning Management Systems (e.g.. Moodle)
Formats	Browser
Requirements	Internet
License / Cost	Open Source, Hosted instance
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• not every browser fully supported• no mobile apps
Link to Tool	BigBlueButton

Example of application:

Additional format/references:

[BigBlueButton Knowledge Base](#)



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