

# Communication Tools

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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:

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

## 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:

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

## Example of application:

## Additional format/references:

[BigBlueButton Knowledge Base](#)



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