

Free Your Budget, Free Your Mind: Free Online Web Conference Solutions

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Learn Central Room V

Thumbs up: Just like Elluminate
(whiteboard, screen sharing, chat, etc.)
Thumbs down: Limited to 2 people
Quiz feature did not work

Freebinar

Thumbs up: Text & audio chat, record
session, polling
Thumbs down: Screen sharing, ads

Skype + Yugma

Thumbs up: voice & text chat
Familiar software
Thumbs down: Limited to four people
Screen sharing is slow

Zipcast

Thumbs up: Voice, slide sharing, text chat
No limit to number of invites
Thumbs down: Requires Facebook to
invite

Conclusions

- The ideal doesn't exist. Sometimes you get what you pay for.
- Distance Ed options are just okay; meeting spaces have serious drawbacks.
- This all changes so quickly that you shouldn't get attached to one technology.

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