What is VoiceThread?

A VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comments in several ways – text, voice, audio file, or webcam. Faculty can create and share a VoiceThread with students and colleagues for them to review in presentation mode or to record comments for increased engagement and feedback. Users can doodle while commenting, use multiple identities, and pick which comments are shown through moderation. VoiceThreads can even be embedded to show and receive comments on other websites and exported to MP3 players or DVDs to play as archival movies.

With VoiceThread, faculty and students can:

| Demonstrate procedures to help students prepare for a practical exam |
| Explain decisions when selecting subjects for a painting’s composition |
| Flip a classroom experience to support multiple learning styles |
| Foster greater community in large, lecture-based classes |
| Interpret linear composition of a painting or note other elements |
| Debate the pros and cons of a controversial issue |
| Practice foreign language skills during role-play |
| Report on field experiences to a national park |
| Critique a classmate’s composition |

VoiceThread & Accessibility

VoiceThread Universal is an HTML version of VoiceThread that is made for full screen readers.

- If you’re using the standard VoiceThread site, click on “Universal” at the bottom of the VT Home page.
- Enter http://voicethread.com/u into your address bar.
- Make VoiceThread Universal your default site

Review other accessibility features in VoiceThread.

For users who need to create accessible VoiceThread content, please review:

- Building a VT Universal share link
- Adding alt tags or alt attributes to central media
- Closed captioning

System Requirements

The only system requirement is an up-to-date version of Adobe Flash. VoiceThread will work in any modern web browser and on almost any internet connection.

- Use VoiceThread on the iPad or iPhone.
  - Capture images from your camera or upload them from your photo library.
  - Flip through slides with the flick of a finger and annotate while you narrate.
- Download the Chrome extension
- Create, view & assign VoiceThreads in Blackboard
  - Students and instructors are enrolled in their courses automatically.

Getting Started

Creating

- Creating a new VoiceThread
- Number of slides a VoiceThread can contain
- Adding a title, description, and tags
- Uploading files from your computer
- Importing media from other VoiceThreads
- Editing an existing VoiceThread
- Copying a VoiceThread
- Deleting a VoiceThread
- Allowing someone else to edit your VoiceThread

Commenting & Identities

- How to comment
- # of comments per slide | limits for comments
- Commenting on videos
- Direct reply to a comment
- Private reply to a comment
- Threaded commenting
- Multi-slide (M/5) comments

Using Comment Moderation

- Using Identities

Collaborating

- The collaboration window
- Opening a collaboration window
- Using the whiteboard
- Using screen sharing
- Using web tour

Doodling

- Overview of Doodling
- How to Doodle
- Preventing a Doodle from fading
- Doodling on a video
- Deleting a Doodle

Sharing & Exporting

- Overview of sharing
- Publishing a VoiceThread
- Embedding a VoiceThread
- Overview of exports
• How to export