



Ed Tech Tools for Collaborative Text

TitanPad

Go to www.titanpad.com and click create public pad

Post the URL or share it by email or IM.

Users can join and edit the document in real time.

At the top click the rainbow icon to remove author colours.

You can import existing text files and export your finished document

The timeslider is interesting.

Other similar products include:

<https://www.piratepad.ca/>

<http://qikpad.org/>

Ed Tech Tools for Collaborative Whiteboards

<http://www.twiddla.com/>

Good for whiteboard drawing, shapes, has etherpad built in but loading it wipes out your drawing, can upload image as background, mark up a website.

To use the free service go go www.twiddla.com and click the Go button.

Share the URL with your students. Works fine on an iPad.

As an educator you can get a free pro account. Register for a 30-day trial, then send an email explaining you are a college teacher. (see bottom of pricing page)

<http://www.scribblar.com/> - free account gives you 1 room 2 users based on flash so doesn't work on iPad.

<http://www.skrbl.com/>

At the top left click the 'start skrbl now (free)' button.

Share the URL with your students.

Does a nice job of putting text on the screen.

But doesn't update drawing very well.

Ed Tech Tools for Webconferencing

Blackboard Collaborate

Sign up for a free trial of Blackboard Collaborate Web Conferencing at

<http://try.bbcollaborate.com/trial/register.go>

Once you complete the 30 day free trial you can get a free 3-seat vRoom.

I created a webpage on my people.okanagan site and put a moderator and a participant link to my vroom on there.

FuzeMeeting

Go to <https://www.fuzebox.com>

Sign up for a free account. Up to 3 attendees, recording, screen sharing.

Download and install. (the install seems a little complicated)

There's a iPad app available.

Once you get past the somewhat awkward install, it works quite well.

The meeting has an 8-digit ID number which you can get in the info tab. You can invite people and they get an email with that number. They launch their Fuze app and enter the number. You can also join from a browser (but you can't use internet audio – there is an option to have the conference phone you – except it's disabled in the free account)

There is a text chat function. You can share a whiteboard. A short video (takes a while to compress & convert & upload). You can make somebody else a presenter.

Desktop screen sharing works fine.