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***Online Training Tools***

***Web conferences***

**Web conferences**, also called webinars, use streaming video and audio technology to connect individuals at computers together in a group for a live (synchronous) session that can include slide presentations and following along with website navigation. Web conferencing can either involve the speaker presenting to a mostly silent audience, or interactive with group discussion and polling options

**Zoho web conferencing**

- Share Presentation: Host web meetings, share your desktop online, share presentations and collaborate with your prospects anytime.
- Embed Meeting: Embed Zoho Meeting in your blog, wiki, notebook or any web page and demonstrate to larger audiences.
- Instant Messaging: Collaborate with your remote customers through the integrated Zoho Chat.
- Full screen / Auto-fit / Zoom: Your client or customer can view your desktop with the different viewing options: Full screen, Auto-fit, and Zoom.
- Firewall Support and Security: Works well behind any proxy. Secured data encryption and transmission using SSL.

**Price:** Up to 25 participants – annual subscription \$230, up to 100 participants - \$470

**URL:** <http://www.zoho.com/meeting/>

**Illuminate Virtual Room**

With Illuminate vRoom™ you can meet online FREE with up to two others. No time limit.

- Two-way VoIP
- Interactive whiteboard
- Application Sharing
- File Transfer
- Synchronized web tour
- Multipoint video
- Meet online up to three people
- Take students on virtual field trip

When you sign up for your free vRoom, you also become a member of LearnCentral, the new social learning network for education. In addition you will automatically become the newest member of the LearnCentral vRoom Best Practices Group where you can connect with other vRoom users and share vRoom best practices and success stories. In addition to the free vRoom, qualified LearnCentral members have access to a free public Elluminate room to hold large webinars or group meetings.

**URL:** <http://www.learncentral.org/user/vroomreg>

### **Livestream Channel**

Tools to broadcast live to the web. Unverified Livestream Free Channels are currently limited to 50 concurrent viewers.

**URL:** <http://www.livestream.com/platform/broadcastlive>

*(Thanks to Grigory Naumovets)*

### **Screencasts**

**Screencasts** (a digital recording of computer screen output, also known as a *video screen capture*, often containing audio narration) – could be used as part of presentations during webinars, for distance training with CMS, and as separate short training modules that can be downloaded from a web-site or distributed on CDs.

### **Jing**

Jing is a free screencapture/screencasting tool from TechSmith, the company that also produces SnagIt and Camtasia. The free version of Jing produces .swf (Flash) videos up to five minutes in length. Jing videos can be saved to your own computer, sent directly to an ftp server, hosted at screencast.com, embedded in a blog or web page, or shared with Flickr or YouTube.

**Price** For \$14.95 a year, Jing Pro removes Jing branding from your videos, allows for simultaneous recording from a webcam, and uses a different format (MPEG-4) to maximize quality and minimize file size. The free version displays Jing branding.

**URL:** <http://www.jingproject.com/>

### **Camtasia Studio for Windows**

With Camtasia Studio's flexible recording options, you can choose to capture full screen, window or region. Add in music tracks, microphone, your computer's audio, plus picture-in-picture with your video camera. The toolbar inside of PowerPoint makes it one-click-easy to record your presentations, either live or from your desk. SmartFocus technology keeps track of where the action happens during your recording. Then it produces a video that zooms in on the parts you need to show. Add a graphic over your video to direct the attention of your viewers. You can even link to an external webpage or jump to a part of the video. Ask your audience what they got out of your video. Easily add Flash quizzes to any point in the screencast.

**Price** – one license \$250 for NGO and government.

**URL:** <http://www.techsmith.com/camtasia/>

### **Online Quiz Generators**

### **Quiz Star**

You can use QuizStar to create online quizzes for your students, disseminate quizzes to students, automatically grade quizzes and view the quiz results online. Free version

**URL:** <http://quizstar.4teachers.org/>

### **Quandary**

Quandary is a free application for creating Web-based Action Mazes. An Action Maze is a kind of interactive case-study; the user is presented with a situation, and a number of choices as to a course of action to deal with it. On choosing one of the options, the resulting situation is then presented, again with a set of options. Working through this branching tree is like negotiating a maze, hence the name "Action Maze".

**URL:** <http://www.halfbakedsoftware.com/quandary.php>

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## **Course Management Systems**

**Online courses** usually have a website that uses a course management system (CMS) that students visit to access class information. These can be publicly accessible or limited to registered participants, involve instructor-student interaction or serve as a self-guided student resource, and have both synchronous and asynchronous components to them.

### **Moodle**

Free web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites. To work, it needs to be installed on a web server somewhere, either on one of your own computers or one at a web hosting company.

**Price.** Software is free. But it should be installed and maintained on a server of an internet host provider

**URL:** <http://moodle.org/>

### **Udutu Course Authoring Tool**

“Udutu offers easy to use online learning solutions designed to help small and large organizations build and distribute online training courses. Flexible templates allow users to effortlessly present material to learners, engaging them with interactions, and immersing them in branching scenarios. All major types of graphic, sound, and video formats optimize automatically for web delivery. A robust multimedia corporate training and development program can be up and running in 3 to 4 weeks.”

**URL:** <http://www.udutu.com/>

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Related AIHA resources

### **Internet Resources Digest - March 2011 Online Training Resources**

[https://sites.google.com/site/lrczambia/home/newsletters/digest\\_Mar11.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1](https://sites.google.com/site/lrczambia/home/newsletters/digest_Mar11.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1)

### **Health Resources Digest - May 2007 Web-based Training**

[http://www.eurasiahealth.org/attaches/99338/digest\\_May07.pdf](http://www.eurasiahealth.org/attaches/99338/digest_May07.pdf)

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- Palliative Care Resources

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