

Free Web-based Collaboration Tools



FreeConferenceCall.com – <http://www.freeconferencecall.com>

It's free conference calling. Only charges are the long-distance fees students pay if they use their land-lines - if you use a microphone on your pc it is free. The service is very simple to use, requiring only a name and an email to receive a 120 day renewable account. Once you have entered your name and email you will be instantaneously provided with a dial in number and access code for your immediate use. Your new conference line is available to you 24/7 and there is no need to schedule or make reservations. Each account accommodates 96 callers on an unlimited number of 6 hour conference calls.

Google Products— <http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/>

Google offers free word processing, calendaring, spreadsheet, and scholarly journal search and more

Instant Messaging Programs

Yahoo Messenger <http://messenger.yahoo.com>

Msn Messenger <http://get.live.com/messenger/overview>

AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) <http://www.aim.com>

GoogleTalk, <http://www.google.com/talk>

Learn more here: <http://www.bigblueball.com/>

Photo sharing and editing: Flickr <http://flickr.com/>, Yahoo album <http://www.yahoo.com/r/3e>

OnShare - <http://www.onshare.com>

Service allows you to share files that are on your computer with people you invite. If you have more than one computer, you can easily share between them wherever they are in the world. With OnShare, your friends appear as drives on your computer, meaning you can access their shared files directly from within Windows. Free to use.

Skype- <http://www.skype.com>

Lets you make free calls to your friends all over the world. It is quick and easy to set up. Download , register, install, plug in your headset, speakers or USB phone and start calling your friends. The calls have excellent sound quality and are highly secure with end-to-end encryption. You don't even need to configure your firewall or router or any other networking gear. Limitations: 5 participants per call.

ThinkFree – <http://www.thinkfree.com>

Consists of online versions of MSWord, PPT, and Excel. The formatting and sharing capabilities are great. This might be really useful for group project work because shared documents can be edited by anyone allowed.

Wrike - <http://www.wrike.com/>

A project management tool that allows you to collaborate online with your team. Wrike does not limit the amount of activities you can keep track of. You can enter new tasks via email simply by adding wrike@wrike.com to the recipients of your email. There is no need to download or install anything on your computer. Wrike is free to use.

The attached PowerPoint shows other free web tools:

<http://eeando.unl.edu/cehs/sydney/download/collaborativeOnlineApps.ppt> *Created by Sydney Brown, IDTS*