

# VoiceThread

www.voicethread.com

*VoiceThread is a powerful way to share images, documents, videos and audio commentary with others*

## **what is it?**

VoiceThread is a web-based tool that enables users to create multimedia slide shows by uploading images, documents, and videos to the web and then to comment on these with one's voice, text, audio, or video. A VoiceThread can then be shared with others. A VoiceThread can also be embedded on websites (e.g., a blog or a course management system) or downloaded and archived.

## **educational use?**

Faculty and students can use VoiceThread in a number of different ways. For instance, faculty can use VoiceThread to provide audio feedback to students. Faculty can also use VoiceThread to create digital stories about themselves or course content. Similarly, faculty can have students create digital stories as alternatives to traditional PowerPoint presentations.

## **pros & cons?**

The benefits of VoiceThread lie in its ease of use and its unique way to allow people to comment on the VoiceThreads created by others. The biggest drawback to VoiceThread is that one really needs a pro account (which currently costs \$60 a year) to get the full use of the tool. Currently with the free version, you can only create 3 and store 3 VoiceThreads at a time.

## **what's it cost?**

VoiceThread has free and paid versions. The pro version currently costs \$59.95 a year.

## **alternatives?**

While there are tools like SlideShare (<http://www.slideshare.net>) that enable one to upload and share a PowerPoint presentation, there are not any alternative tools that can do exactly what VoiceThread can do.

## **resources?**

What is a VoiceThread video?

<http://voicethread.com/?#home.b409>

VoiceThread tutorials

<http://voicethread.com/?#c28>