Tech Tips Update

Nearpod

Nearpod user guide: http://www.makingtechsimple.com/nearpod

Teachers create enriched multimedia presentations with interactive features, anywhere using the Cloud-based Nearpod Content Tool.

In the classroom, teachers share content with the students and control the activity with the Nearpod app.

Students receive curricular content and submit responses on their mobile devices using the Nearpod app on mobile devices or any web browser (PC/Mac).

Teachers monitor classroom activity and measure student results on an individual and aggregate basis.

Nearpod **Components**

Nearpod has **4 free tools** to easily create, engage and assess:

Content Tool   Nearpod Teacher   Nearpod Student   Reporting Tool

Setting up Nearpod

There are two parts of Nearpod. One is the free iPad app. This is where you will be running your presentations and where your students will access your presentations while you are running them. The other part is the content tool. This website is where you will create, upload, modify, and manage your presentations so that you can run them through the app.

Free Silver version: 30 students and 10 presentations
NOTE: Students will **not need a separate account or login credentials** to access your presentations. You will share with them a unique PIN for your session**.**

Create a new presentation

Upload a PDF with your presentation to get started. Nearpod supports all standard PDF formats and assumes one page = one slide. Slides are always displayed in landscape orientation. To use an existing PowerPoint or Keynote document, you need to convert it to a PDF first.
Nearpod also supports image (jpg, and png) and zip files.

1. Sign in to nearpod.com/login
2. Click on Create to start your presentation
3. Click on the "New Presentation" button on the right side of the screen.
4. To create a Nearpod Presentation (NPP), you can either start from scratch or upload a PDF, ZIP or Image file from your computer or Dropbox account.
5. Select the file that you would like to upload to Nearpod and then drag it into the Drag Area.
6. Your file will be automatically converted into Nearpod's mobile optimized format.
7. Click on Add+ to add interactive features to your presentations.
8. You can add Quizzes, Polls, Videos, Q&As, and Drawing activities.

Slide: As mentioned above, each "slide" is really either a PDF or image file. Thus, you need to build slides elsewhere if you want something more complex. Once you become familiar with exporting slides as image files however, this becomes a simple process.
Slide Show: A series of images as a slideshow as opposed to one per slide in the presentation.
Poll: Survey questions where there is no option for correct/incorrect answers.
Q&A: Quick way to get real time checking for understanding.
Quiz: Instead of a single question, have students answer a series of questions at their own pace.
Video: Insert an MP4 (must be uploaded) to play back on devices.
Draw it: Have students draw over a blank canvas or over an image. Choose which ones to share with the group.

TIP: Look for the settings icon to add even more customization to your interactive features. Example: You can add a reference image for question or have short answer responses instead of multiple choice questions.

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9. You can re-arrange the order of the slides by dragging and dropping each slide to where you would like it to appear. Remember that the first and last slides must be static, non-interactive slides.
10. To Publish your presentation, go back to the "My Presentations" page, select it, and click on the Publish button.
11. Once the publishing process is finished, you will see the word "Published" on slide indicating that your presentation is ready to be used in class.
12. Open the Nearpod app and go to "My Library" in order to launch your presentation.

TIP: If you don't see a particular presentation, make sure it has been published in the Content Tool.

13. When you launch your presentation, you will notice a PIN code in the upper left that your students will use to access your session.

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After the first slide (normally a title slide), there will be a student list page for you to see all participants who have entered a name.

Simply **swipe** left and right to advance through your presentation or use the slide sorter to navigate and **Share** a particular slide.

One of the coolest features is the ability to share individual responses (including drawings) with the entire class using the **Share** function.

Once you have finished a presentation, you can have the app send a report to you via email, or you can access the data directly through the web interface (look for the graphs icon) for **Reports.**

You can choose a session or search for a session that you wish to analyze data from. Responses will be displayed below in a table format. You can also export data as a .CSV file.

After running a presentation, try looking at the reported data to examine any trends or feedback. Use the data to make informed decisions for your next Nearpod presentation.