

# Video and Lecture Capture Tools

## Comparison Matrix

Below is a list of the most common video and lecture capture tools used at Towson University. Below the table is a guide to help you decide which tool to use.

Product or Software	Primary Focus	Used to	Scenario	Miscellaneous	Cost/Level of Difficulty	VPAT
<b>Webex Teams</b>	Online Meetings  Instant Messaging  Unified Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send instant messages</li> <li>Share monitor, video (webcam), audio</li> <li>Share applications</li> <li>Conduct on-line meetings</li> <li>Share whiteboard</li> <li>Emergency Communications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just in time meetings</li> <li>Instant message service</li> <li>Creating a quick message</li> <li>Conduct on-line meetings</li> </ul>	Asynchronous  Synchronous	No cost to TU Faculty Staff or Students  Intermediate	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for Webex Teams</a>
<b>Panopto</b>	Lecture Capture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record desktop, video (webcam), audio</li> <li>Livestream an event</li> <li>Convert a PowerPoint presentation into interactive video</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record a lecture</li> <li>Deliver video and audio</li> </ul>	Asynchronous  Synchronous – webcast  Storage on their site  *Cannot support major edits	No cost to TU Faculty, Staff or Students  Easy-Intermediate	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for Panopto</a>
<b>Webex</b>	On-line webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct on-line meetings</li> <li>Share desktop, applications, video, audio</li> <li>Create polls and tests</li> <li>Record video, audio, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record a meeting</li> <li>Interviews</li> </ul>	Asynchronous Synchronous	No cost to TU Faculty Staff or Students  Intermediate	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for WebEx</a>
<b>Blackboard Collaborate Ultra</b>	Virtual Office Hours  Group Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with groups</li> <li>Provide convenient office hours for students</li> <li>A single sign-in classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One on one help for students</li> <li>Virtual presence</li> </ul>	Integrated with Blackboard  Synchronous  Polling  Break Out Groups  Firefox/Chrome only	Free for Faculty  Intermediate	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for Blackboard Collaborate</a>
<b>VoiceThread</b>	Lecture Capture  Virtual Office Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share PowerPoint with voiceover</li> <li>Student comment feature.</li> <li>Provide convenient office hours for students</li> <li>Record video, audio, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One on one help for students</li> <li>Virtual presence</li> <li>Lecture capture</li> </ul>	Integrated with Blackboard  Firefox/Chrome only	No cost to TU Faculty Staff or Students  Intermediate	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for VoiceThread</a>

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<b>Zoom</b>	On-line webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct on-line meetings</li><li>• Share desktop, applications, video, audio</li><li>• Create polls</li><li>• Record video, audio, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record a meeting</li><li>• Interviews</li></ul>	Asynchronous Synchronous	No cost to TU Faculty Staff  Easy	<a href="#">Click here to view the VPAT for Zoom</a>
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## Decision Tree

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The following decision tree will help you decide which tool to use.

### ***If you want to...***

#### **Conduct a Video Conference**

Then use Webex, Zoom or Webex Teams. These products offer support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All three are global leaders for web conferencing.

#### **Quickly Instant Message a Colleague**

Then use Webex Teams. Assuming the other colleague is using the same tool you can instantly chat and share content.

#### **Record a Lecture for Use at a Later Date**

Then use Panopto. With direct Blackboard integration and a minimal look and feel, this tool will quickly help you produce a lecture for use later on.

#### **Deliver an Online Lecture**

Then use WebEx or Zoom. Call quality is strong and you can deliver a slide show or share any other content with your viewers.

#### **Meet With a Student Virtually**

Then use Blackboard Collaborate. Integrated into Blackboard, this tool allows you to quickly meet with students to answer questions, collaborate with them or hold virtual office hours.