

# Free Your Budget, Free Your Mind: Free Online Web Conference Solutions

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**Learn Central Room V**  
Thumbs up: Just like Elluminate (whiteboard, screen sharing, chat, etc.)  
Thumbs down: Limited to 2 people  
Quiz feature did not work

**Freebinar**  
Thumbs up: Text & audio chat, record session, polling  
Thumbs down: Screen sharing, ads

**Skype + Yugma**  
Thumbs up: voice & text chat  
Familiar software  
Thumbs down: Limited to four people  
Screen sharing is slow

**Zipcast**  
Thumbs up: Voice, slide sharing, text chat  
No limit to number of invites  
Thumbs down: Requires Facebook to invite

**Conclusions**  
-The ideal doesn't exist. Sometimes you get what you pay for.  
-Distance Ed options are just okay; meeting spaces have serious drawbacks.  
-This all changes so quickly that you shouldn't get attached to one technology.

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