WE REVIEWED THE TOP ONLINE WHITEBOARDS

so you don't have to

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We tested, reviewed, and ranked 15 different online whiteboards to help you find the one that works best for you and your online course.

Here are some of the key features we took into consideration as we built our rankings: unlimited canvas, collaboration features, comment features, ability to attach files, versatility of presentation options, image resolution, track pad annotation control, mouse annotation control, lag time, pricing, general accessibility, international accessibility, flexibility, integration with existing Emory services, integration with non-Emory services that you might already be using, upgrade temptation, technology trajectory, and other advanced features.

OVERALL RANKINGS
Here are our overall rankings, as well as some other noteworthy options.
1. Miro
2. Explain Everything
3. Zoom's Annotate Tool
4. AWW
5. Stormboard
6. Jamboard
7. IPEVO Annotator
8. Limnu
9. InVision Freehand
10. Sketchboard
11. Conceptboard
12. Whiteboard Fox
13. MURAL
14. Microsoft Whiteboard
15. Zoom Whiteboard

BEST OVERALL WHITEBOARD

MIRO

🔗 **Link:** miro.com

Description: Miro is an online collaborative whiteboard platform that enables teams work effectively together, from brainstorming with digital sticky notes to planning and managing agile workflows.

Pros:
- Unlimited canvas
- Built to be collaborative:
  - Great for large teams, businesses or classes
- Integrates with Microsoft Teams, Box, Excel, Office 365, Slack, Google Drive, Google Sheets, GitHub, Adobe Creative Cloud
- Available on any device AND on the web
- A lot of flexibility

Cons:
- Most of the existing templates focus on brainstorming and icebreaker activities
  - *Remember what you've learned about backwards design in ECOTS, set your goals and strategize how you want to use a whiteboard to accomplish that goal before diving into all of Miro's functions*

Possible Uses:
- Drawing chemical structures, a great option for STEM instructors
- Brainstorming, concept-mapping features makes it useful across all disciplines
- Ice-breaker activities

Cost: FREE for students and educators from accredited organizations - apply here

Online Tutorials:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfhGfgBKDcFI74bBJ9yjLDQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2o6IjoBiRQ&list=PLmiHe0R4hbzSOQ

BEST OVERALL WHITEBOARD

Explain Everything

🔗 **Link:** explaineverything.com

Description: Explain Everything is an interactive whiteboard platform where people collaborate, share, and learn without boundaries. Every project starts with an infinite canvas where you can add new and existing media (including video, images, PDFs, and web browsers), annotations, and text to create truly unique visual stories.

Pros:
- Feels very intuitive
- Your fellow instructors are already using Explain Everything
- Unlimited Canvas
- Easily attach files
- Highly collaborative
- Easy comment features for instructors and students

Cons:
- Free version has limits
- No templates to spark your imagination

Possible Uses:
- Similar to the possible uses of Miro
  - Drawing chemical structures, great option for STEM instructors
- Ice-breaker activities, but you'll need to build them on your own

Cost: Free for teachers and students who want to get started, this includes 3 projects; Educator pricing is $3/month for unlimited projects and collaborators; .EDU pricing: $0.90/month per student

Online Tutorials:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqJgEj7R1Wc

BEST "YOU ALREADY HAVE IT BUT YOU'RE NOT USING IT" WHITEBOARD

Zoom's Annotate Tool

🔗 **Link:** zoom.com

Description: The Zoom annotation feature allows the host and/or all meeting participants to annotate directly onto a shared screen (document, webpage, image, etc.) or whiteboard.

Pros:
- You're already using Zoom
- Zoom is supported by Emory (click here for more information on Emory's zoom support services)
- No need to upload your slides or toggle between your slides and your whiteboard

Cons:
- This is an "advanced feature" within Zoom
- Students must be given permission to annotate

Possible Uses:
- Highlighting important information in your slides
- Clarifying or correcting student assignments during live sessions
- Allowing students to annotate their screens in breakout rooms

Cost: FREE to instructors and students

Online Tutorials:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGQkAsKtriU

BEST "OH SHOOT, I FOUND MYSELF IN OFFICE HOURS WITH A VISUAL LEARNER" WHITEBOARD

AWWboard

🔗 **Link:** awwboard.com

Description: AWW App is an online Whiteboard for realtime visual collaboration. AWW stands for A Web Whiteboard, and it's exactly that - it's a touch-friendly online whiteboard app that makes drawing, collaboration and sharing easy. It makes using an online whiteboard as easy as "start drawing."

Pros:
- No need to pay for anything or keep track of your login ID
- Go to awwboard.com and start drawing
- Boards and notes can easily be shared when you're finished

Cons:
- The free version is very simple

Possible Uses: Go ahead and bookmark this link in your browser. You don't need to pay for anything or even login. It's the perfect tool for quickly writing notes or diagraming structures for your students.

Cost: Free for basic tools and sharing, $10/month buys you unlimited participants and unlimited premium boards

Online Tutorials:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odesFwzjSyU

Here are all of the options in review. Feel to click on the links and explore the options on your own.

1.Miro

Free Online Collaborative Whiteboard Platform

Scalable, secure, cross-device and enterprise-ready team collaboration whiteboard for distributed teams.

3. Zoom's Annotate Tool

5. Stormboard

Stormboard

Shared Sticky Notes and Whiteboards - Generate more ideas, and then prioritize, organize, and refine those ideas to make your meetings, brainstorms, and...

~~Stormboard~~

7.IPEVO Annotator

IPEVO Annotator - Overview

An overview introduction to IPEVO Annotator software.

2.Explain Everything

Online Whiteboard

The collaborative online whiteboard for individuals or...

explaineverything.com

4. AWW

AWW App | Online Whiteboard for Realtime Visual Collaboration

A collaborative online whiteboard for business and education. Be more productive - have your ideas, sketches, and concepts on any device, anytime,...

6. Jamboard

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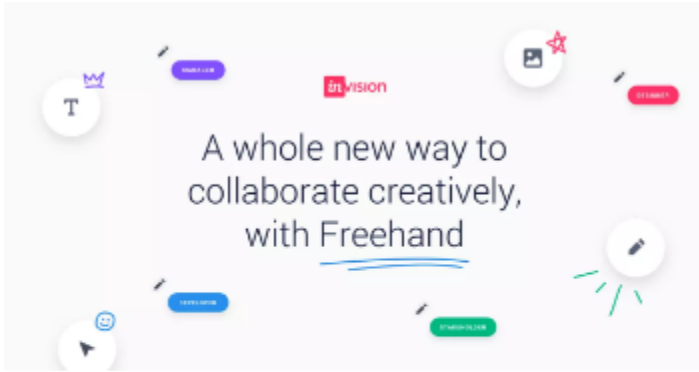Jamboard is an interactive, digital whiteboard to visualize your ide...

gsuite.google.com

8. Limnu

The online whiteboard you've been looking for.

Limnu is the online whiteboard you've been looking for. Sketch, share, and collaborate with your team like

9. InVision Freehand

Draw, write, plan, and ideate with InVision Freehand.

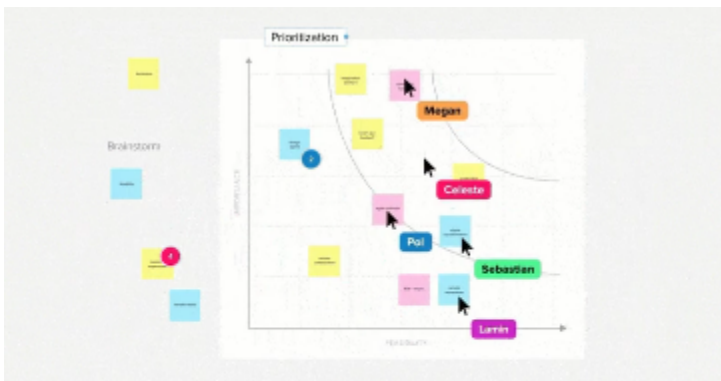Try Freehand, the endless digital whiteboard that empowers your entire team to create together, in real

10. Sketchboard

Online Collaborative Whiteboard

Free online shared whiteboard to get things done. Perfect for remote teams to improve productivity by visualizing your work. Join over 300K users.

11. Conceptboard

Collaborative online whiteboard built for...

Brainstorm, share ideas and...

conceptboard.com

12. Whiteboard Fox

13. MURAL

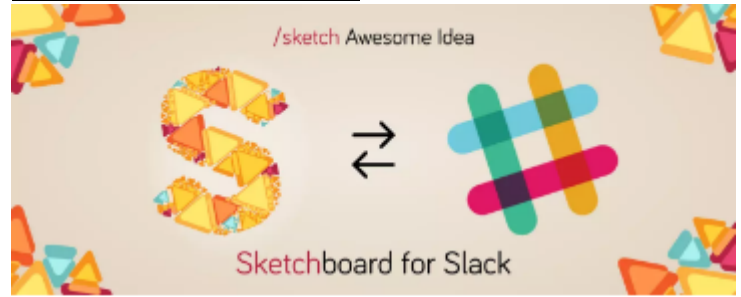
MURAL is a digital workspace for visual collaboration

Our platform and professional services enable innovative teams to think and collaborate visually

14. Microsoft Whiteboard

Manage the Whiteboard in Microsoft Teams - Microsoft...

In this article, you will learn about...

docs.microsoft.com

15. Zoom Whiteboard