

# Free Apps and Tools for Online Learning

\* = highly recommended

*While there is an advantage to using Google tools such as Hangouts and YouTube, we also recommend considering the free tools listed below.*

## Discussion Tools:

### \*Padlet

[www.padlet.com](http://www.padlet.com)

Padlet is an application to create an online bulletin board that you can use to display information for any topic. You can add images, links, videos, and more.

Source: <https://www.teachersfirst.com/single.cfm?id=10007>

### \*Slack

[www.slack.com](http://www.slack.com)

Slack is the collaboration hub where people can instant Message, screen share and file share. All are searchable archives. Source: <https://slack.com/features>

### FlipGrid

[www.flipgrid.com](http://www.flipgrid.com)

Flipgrid is a social learning platform that allows educators to ask a question, then the students respond in a video. Students are then able to respond to one another, creating a "web" of discussion.

Source: <https://www.thetechteacher.net/2018/07/flipgrid-social-learning-platform.html>

## Project and Time Management:

### \*Wunderlist

[www.wunderlist.com](http://www.wunderlist.com)

Wunderlist is a cloud-based task management application. It allows users to manage their tasks from a smartphone, tablet, computer and smartwatch.

Source: <https://www.wunderlist.com/>

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### \*Evernote

[www.evernote.com](http://www.evernote.com)

Evernote is application software designed for note taking, organizing, task lists, and archiving. Source: <https://evernote.com/>

### \*Remember the Milk

<https://www.rememberthemilk.com/>

Remember the Milk is an application service provider for web-based task and time-management. It allows users to manage tasks from a computer or smartphone, both online and offline. Source: <https://www.rememberthemilk.com/about/>

### Trello

[www.trello.com](http://www.trello.com)

Trello is a tool that lets you work more collaboratively. Trello's boards, lists, and cards enable you to organize and prioritize your projects in a fun, flexible, and rewarding way. Source: <https://trello.com/en>

## Gamification Apps:

### \*Actionbound: free trial

<https://en.actionbound.com/>

Actionbound is an app for playing digitally interactive scavenger hunts to lead the learner on a path of discovery. These multimedia based hunts are called 'Bounds'.

Source: <https://en.actionbound.com/>

### \*Metaverse

<https://studio.gometa.io/landing>

Metaverse is a free augmented reality app where instructors and students can create unlimited experiences. Instructors can create quiz games, trivia, and more.

Source: <https://studio.gometa.io/landing>

### Kahoot

<https://kahoot.com/>

Kahoot is a game-based learning platform that allows instructors to create fun and engaging learning games in minutes. Source: <https://kahoot.com/what-is-kahoot/>

## Graphic Design/ Presentations:

### \*Canva

<https://www.canva.com/>

Canva is an easy-to-use online tool that allows you to design and build presentations, graphics, and more. Canva allows users to choose from a variety of templates in order to design engaging content. Source: <https://about.canva.com/>

## Mind-mapping:

### \*Mindmeister

[www.mindmeister.com](http://www.mindmeister.com)

MindMeister is a web-based online mind mapping tool that lets you capture, develop and share ideas visually. Source: <https://www.mindmeister.com/>

**Mindomo:** free option available

<https://www.mindomo.com/>

Mindomo is an online mind mapping tool offering the perfect setting for developing concepts, brainstorming and working within a team. Mindomo is a helping hand anytime you're looking for new ideas, both for personal and team work.

Source: <https://www.mindomo.com/about/mindomo-about.htm>

## Quiz Creators:

### \*H5P

<https://h5p.org/question-set>

H5P is a free HTML5 based content type allowing creatives to create quizzes. Many question types are supported like multiple choice, fill in the blanks, drag the words, mark the words and regular drag and drop. Source: <https://h5p.org/question-set>

### \*Quizlet

<https://quizlet.com/>

Quizlet is a free website providing learning tools for students, including flashcards, study and game modes. Faculty can randomly generate tests based on your flashcard set.

Source: <https://quizlet.com/89313049/what-is-quizlet-flash-cards/>



### **Socrative**

<https://socrative.com/>

Socrative is an app that allows faculty to create simple quizzes that students can take quickly on laptops – or, more often, via classroom tablet computers or their own smartphones. *Source:* <https://www.edsurge.com/product-reviews/socrative>

## **Survey Tools/ Forms:**

**\*Qualtrics:** university account

[www.qualtrics.com](http://www.qualtrics.com)

Qualtrics is an online survey tool that allows faculty to build surveys, distribute online and analyze results all in one place. It is available to all faculty and staff here at Saint Peter's.

**\*Cognito Forms**

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/>

Cognito Forms is a free online form builder that allows you to easily create powerful forms for your class. Create contact forms, registration forms, feedback forms, and more.

*Source:* <https://www.cognitoforms.com/>

### **ClassPulse**

<https://www.classpulse.org/>

ClassPulse is a free mobile and web app that helps increase student engagement outside of the class. It is a safe space in which professors and students can communicate, ask questions and share anonymous formative feedback.

*Source:* <https://www.classpulse.org/about>

## **Video and Audio Tools:**

**\*Zoom:** free option

<https://zoom.us/>

Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, collaboration, chat, and webinars across mobile devices, desktops, telephones, and room systems. *Source:* <https://zoom.us/about>

**\*Audacity**

<https://www.audacityteam.org/>

Audacity is an easy-to-use, open-source multi-track audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems. *Source:* <https://www.audacityteam.org/>



### **Screencastify**

<https://www.screencastify.com/>

Screencastify is the easiest way to capture your entire desktop, browser tab or webcam. Screencastify is a lightweight Chrome extension that lives in your browser.

Source: <https://www.screencastify.com/>

## **Additional Teaching Tools:**

### **InsertLearning**

<https://insertlearning.com/>

InsertLearning allows instructors to insert questions, discussions, and insight directly into any website. Source: <https://insertlearning.com/>

### **Hypothes.is.:** free pilot program

<https://web.hypothes.is/education/>

Hypothes.is allows you to annotate the web, with anyone, anywhere. Use Hypothesis to hold discussions, read socially, organize your research, and take personal notes.

Source: <https://web.hypothes.is/>

### **EdPuzzle**

<https://edpuzzle.com/>

EdPuzzle is an assessment-centered tool that allows teachers and students to create interactive online videos by embedding either open-ended or multiple-choice questions, audio notes, audio tracks, or comments on a video.

Source: <https://blogs.umass.edu/onlinetools/assessment-centered-tools/edpuzzle/>

### **Pocket**

<https://getpocket.com/>

Pocket is a free service that makes it easy to discover great content that's personalized to your interests, and save this content so you can return to it later – on any device, at any time. Source: <https://help.getpocket.com/article/1126-what-is-pocket>