VoiceThread in Blackboard
VoiceThread is a new tool that is available in Blackboard that can provide collaborative spaces with video, voice, and text commenting among students and instructors.

How can I use VoiceThread?
VoiceThread has many potential uses for both in-person and online classes. Plus, because both faculty and students have access to create VoiceThreads, students can create their own content for assignments.

- Narrate a PowerPoint presentation with audio or video.
- Pose a question or topic and use it as a visual discussion board.
- Encourage student to student interactions.
- Create digital stories by narrating over images, videos and slides. Or, create collaborative stories with VoiceThread’s collaboration features.
- Upload video to VoiceThread and gather reflections.
- Practice a foreign language.
- Evaluate, review or critique an idea or a student presentation

Where to Find VoiceThread in Blackboard
Once you open the tool in Blackboard, it will automatically log you in to their site.

1. Go to a content area in Blackboard.
2. Click on Tools
3. Select VoiceThread – UND
   a. A new window will open to name the link and put in a description. You can attach documents, have it graded, select availability, select the dates available, and tracking.
   i. **Note**- if you have never used VoiceThread before, just make a link with a title name like VoiceThread Home, as an example and hit submit. Once you click on that link in the content area, you will need to configure the link to tell it what to do. Just the act of configuring the very first link that you made will create your account because it is integrated in Blackboard so there is no need for logging in, it will log you in automatically to VoiceThread.
   b. For students, once they click on the link in the course, their account is automatically created for them.
4. A new window will open and you will be in VoiceThread Setup or the configuration portion.
   a. There are 3 non-graded links
      i. Course View – takes you into your course group on VoiceThread
      ii. Home - Homepage
      iii. Individual VT – How you share specific threads
   b. There are 3 graded links if you chose this option earlier in the setup called enable evaluation. You will then need to put in a number for points possible and this will connect to you gradebook. You will then need to tell it where to connect these points to.
      i. Click on the graded link you just created and now you can configure it. A new window will open. Select Assignment Builder. Then select from the three types
         1. Create a VoiceThread – students create a VoiceThread of some type
         2. Submit a Comment – can require an amount of comments
         3. Watch a VoiceThread – students just watch the VoiceThread
5. Once you choose what type of link you want to show the students, you can create your VoiceThread with Audio, Video, and share documents on your computer.
Useful Links
Here are some links to their workshops, blogs, and their YouTube Channel for more in depth information.

- [VoiceThread sponsored Workshops](#)
- [VoiceThread Blog](#)
- [VoiceThread YouTube Channel](#)

Comparison Chart to Tegrity
Here is a general guide for the comparison of VoiceThread and Tegrity. VoiceThread is like a discussion forum that allows comments.

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Additional Resources on VoiceThread:

- [Using VoiceThread to Create Community in Online Learning](#)
- [VoiceThread: Enabling Peer Feedback in First Year Computer Engineering](#)
- [Using VoiceThread to Promote Collaborative Learning in On-Line Clinical Nursing Courses](#)
- [Supporting an Online Community of Inquiry Using VoiceThread](#)