VIDEOCONFERENCE TOOLS

The tools

Videoconference tools, like Zoom and Skype, are software applications that enable individuals or groups to conduct virtual meetings, presentations, or classes through video and audio communication over the internet. These tools offer features such as screen sharing, chat, and recording capabilities.



https://zoom.us/ https://www.skype.com

Description

Material required

A device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) with a camera, microphone, and internet connection.

Investment required

Both videoconference tools offer solid free plans with multiple uses that range to a maximum of 15€/month.

Possible uses

Suitable for remote work, distance education, virtual events, customer support, international meetings, and job interviews.

Possible restriction

Limited storage space, slow upload/download speeds, and potential security vulnerabilities if not properly configured or managed.

Technical difficulty (skills needed): **





Environmental Impact



According to Website Carbon, Zoom is dirtier than 81% of websites tested and Skype is cleaner than 54% of websites tested. Nonetheless, it could improve by changing to green hosting.

Is it inclusive?

Videoconference tools can be both inclusive and exclusive for learners with SLD regarding their level of usage. Accessibility features like closed captions and screen readers can aid SLD learners, but video conferencing may not meet individual needs, such as auditory processing disorders or sensory overload.





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