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Conferencing/VoIP

47. Adobe ConnectNow

<http://www.adobe.com/acom/connectnow/>

Web

Part of Adobe's Acrobat.com suite of tools, ConnectNow provides you with a meeting room where you can invite up to two users to do some collaborative work. Attendees can share screens, take part in text chats, whiteboard, and video conference via webcam. The free version lets you create up to five PDF files and there is a cap on the size of files. If you'd like to invite additional attendees and get more robust conferencing features, you can upgrade to a monthly or annual plan.

48. Dabbleboard

<http://www.dabbleboard.com/>

Web

Dabbleboard, an online [collaboration](#) app, brings drawing and some real-time collaboration and whiteboarding to your virtual meeting. The free version lets an unlimited number of collaborators draw on the board while chatting; you can pay for a subscription to do more, such as get control over who can view and edit drawings, as well as encrypted access.

49. Dimdim 5.5

<https://estore.dimdim.com/user/signup>

Web

If you want to hold an online conference with people in far-flung places, and you're looking to do it for free, check out Dimdim. Dimdim lets you schedule online meetings for up to 20 people—no [software](#) installation needed.

• Read PCMag's review of [Dimdim 5.5](#)

50. Doodle

<http://www.doodle.com/>

Web

Continuing in the tradition of Web conferencing apps with silly names, Doodle is like the eVite of online meetings. It's easy to schedule events like conference calls and family gatherings, and you can import them into your Outlook, Lotus Notes, Google, Yahoo, and Facebook calendars.

• Read PCMag's review of [Doodle](#).

51. ooVoo

<http://www.oovoo.com/>[Windows](#) | Mac

If all you want to do is have a straight-up two-way video chat with someone else via Webcam, then try ooVoo. The free version even lets you send and receive 1-minute video messages to fellow users. You can also use it for chatting (with up to 6 people) and to send files.

52. Springnote

<http://www.springnote.com>

Web | Mobile

Use an OpenID, such as your Google sign-in, to access Springnote and you can use this wiki-based site for creating a personal notebook (which you can share) or a group notebook for projects. RSS feeds make it easy for members to keep up, and they can comment on pages when not fully editing the content on them. iPhone users can also access pages via a free app.

53. Skype 4.0

<http://www.skype.com>

Windows | Mac | Linux | Mobile | Portable

Practically synonymous with VoIP and now with one-on-one free video conferencing, Skype offers its core function—PC-to-PC communication—totally free. That goes for talking to Skype users on smartphones as well. Skype has gotten so big, entire phone systems have been built to use its backbone. You only pay if you want extras, such as the ability to call landline phones or built-in voice mail, but even those are super-cheap compared to

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what's offered by traditional providers.

• Read PCMag's review of [Skype 4.0](#).

54. TokBox

<http://www.tokbox.com/>

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You can video chat with up to 20 people simultaneously via webcams using TokBox. This video-based [phone service](#) also ties into your existing IM accounts to find other users (it won't call regular phones). If you'd rather not use the Web, an installable application is also available. You can check out the equally free [TokBox AIR](#).

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