

VoiceThread

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VOICETHREAD

Overview

VoiceThread is a web-based sharing and collaboration tool that allows conversations to happen asynchronously. This interactive and immersive tool can create excitement and more participation from your students.

Features

- Humanize your course
- Connect more deeply with both students and content
- Engaging students in genuine conversations
- Full Moodle integration, including Gradebook
- Video, audio, image, and text formats supported
- Mobile App for adding content outside of the classroom

Supported Platforms

VoiceThread can be used on any desktop/laptop platform using most common web browsers, use the latest updated browser at all times (Firefox is recommended).

There is also a free mobile app for Android and Apple iOS devices. This is a great option if you are away from your desk or want to shoot your VT out in the field.

Request VoiceThread License

To request use of VoiceThread, please complete this request form. After submitting the form, you will be contacted by an Instructional Support Team member who will provide you with further information and support.

Request Consultation

If you are interested in using VoiceThread for your online or hybrid course but would like some assistance getting started, we are here to help!

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Fill out our Instructional Design Consultation form, and a member of our Instructional Support Team will contact you about moving forward with your project.

Support

Something not working? Please complete our EduTool Issue Report Form, and our team will begin researching the problem to get you up and running as quickly as possible.

Click the buttons below for additional information on using VoiceThread.

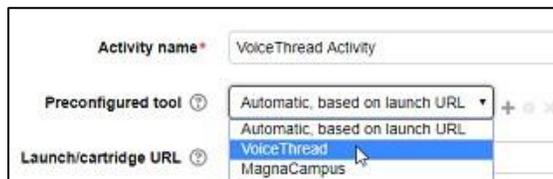
Getting Started (Print Friendly Version)

Step 1: Adding an External Tool Link to Moodle

1. **Log into your Moodle course, and turn Editing on.**
2. **Locate the module** in which you would like to add the VoiceThread, and **click the Add an activity or resource link.**
3. **Select External Tool** from the assignment options list, and **click the Add button.**



4. **Type a name** into the **Activity name field.**
5. **Select VoiceThread** from the **Preconfigured tool dropdown menu.**



6. **Click the Show more link.**
7. **Select New Window** from the **Launch container dropdown menu.**



8. **Configure the Grade section.** (Default settings determine a graded assignment worth 100 points.)
9. **Click the Save and return to course button.**

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Step 2: Configuring Your VoiceThread Activity

There are four options for configuring your newly created VoiceThread activity. The four options are:

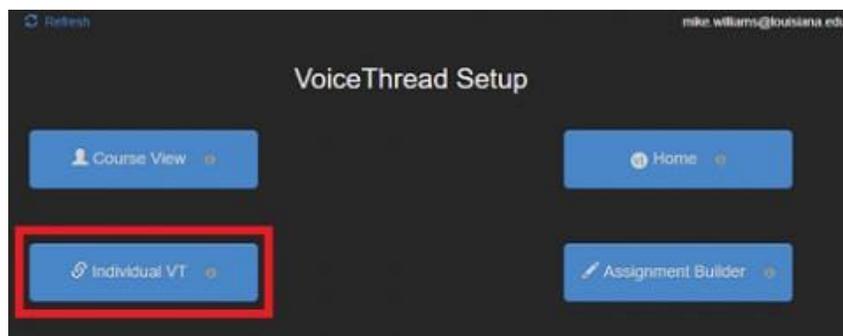
- **Individual VoiceThread** - Links to an individual VoiceThread that you want to create and share with the class
- **Assignment Builder** - Enables grading students for viewing a VoiceThread, submitting comments or creating their own
- **Course View** - Displays all VoiceThreads you have shared with that specific course
- **VT Home** - Displays each student's own VoiceThreads

Below you will find directions for creating the two most commonly used VoiceThread activities: **Individual VoiceThread (Step 2A)** and **Assignment Builder (Step 2B)**.

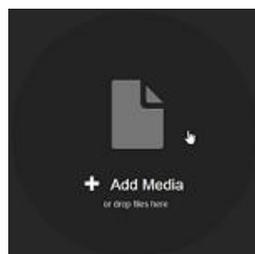
Step 2A: The Individual VoiceThread

Part 1: Adding Media

1. **Click the External Tool link** you created in **Step 1**.
2. **Click the Individual VoiceThread button.**



3. **Click the Create new VoiceThread button** at the top left.
4. **Add media files** to your VoiceThread by clicking in the Add Media circle. These media files can be documents, presentations, PDFs, audio, or video.



5. After you have added a media file, you will need to **configure the Thread Settings** in the popup window. A title is required.
6. **Click the Playback Options tab** to confirm desired options.
7. **Click the Save button.**

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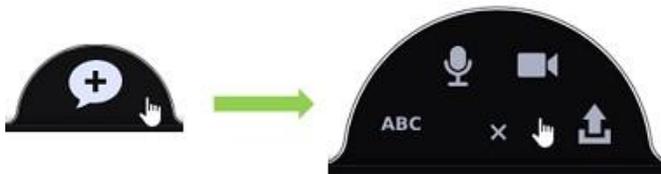
Part 2: Adding Comments

1. **Click Comment** at top-left (number 2). This will take you to the first slide of your VoiceThread.



2. **Move your cursor** towards the **bottom-center of the screen**; a "+" sign will appear.

3. **Click the + sign.**



4. **Select the type of comment** that you would like to make from the menu of listed items. Note that you can change the types of comments students can make in the Playback Settings.

5. **Make your comment.** If you are leaving an audio or video comment, remember to **click the Save button** after recording to make sure that your comment is posted.

6. (Optional) If your content has more than one slide, you can advance to the next slide by **clicking the arrow icon** at the bottom-right of the screen. This will allow you to make comments on each slide of your content.

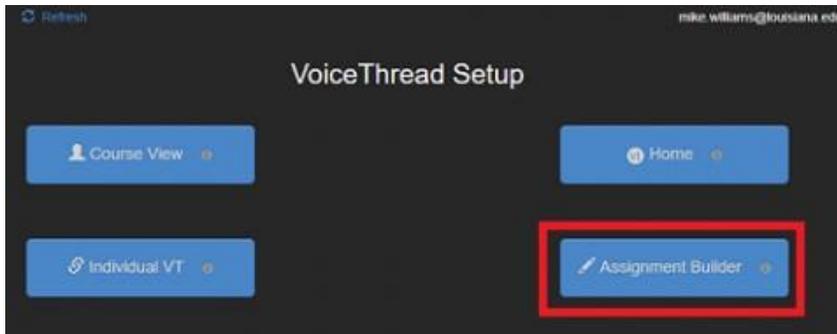


7. Once you have completed making any comments, **click the "X"** at the top-right of the black screen, next to your name.

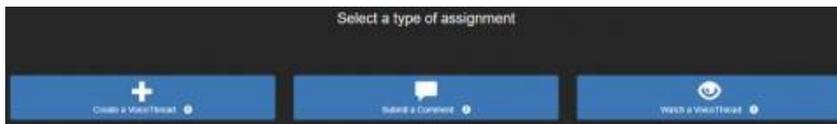
8. **Click the Share with class button** at the top-right of the screen (number 3).

Step 2B: The Assignment Builder

1. Click the **External Tool** link you created in **Step 1**.



2. Click the **Assignment Builder** button.
3. Select the **type of assignment** (Create a VoiceThread | Submit a Comment | Watch a VoiceThread).



Create a VoiceThread

1. **Enter a detailed description** for the assignment. This should include any specific directions or guidelines for your students to follow.
2. **Click the Create Assignment button** below the description field. Make sure the "and share with class" checkbox is selected.

Submit a Comment

1. **Select the VoiceThread** on which you would like your students to comment from the list at left. If you are creating a new VoiceThread for the assignment, follow numbers 3-7 outlined in Step 2A: Part 1 above for adding media to an Individual VoiceThread.

2. **Enter a detailed description** including directions and guidelines for this assignment.

Create Assignment:
Assignment description (optional)
Detailed description goes here.
1 Comments required ⓘ
Create Assignment
 and share with class
 moderate comments
 Allow students to resubmit assignment ⓘ

3. **Enter the number of comments** that are required for the assignment. VoiceThread will not allow students to submit the assignment without making at least the minimum number of comments set here.
4. **Confirm setting checkboxes** at the bottom right.
5. **Click the Create Assignment button.** Make sure the "and share with class" checkbox is selected.

Watch a VoiceThread

1. **Select the VoiceThread** that you want your students to view from the list at left. If you are creating a new VoiceThread for the assignment, follow numbers 3-7 outlined in Step 2A: Part 1 above for adding media to an Individual VoiceThread.
2. **Enter a description** for the assignment.
3. **Click the Create Assignment button.** Make sure the "and share with class" checkbox is selected.

VoiceThread User Guides

- [Instructor Guide](#) (Text and Video)
- [Student Guide](#) (Text and Video)

Going Mobile

Initial Setup

1. **Download and install the VoiceThread App.**
2. **Open the VoiceThread App** on your mobile device.
3. **Tap the Settings button.**
4. **Enter "louisiana"** in the **App Settings Domain** field.
5. **Tap the Save button.**
6. **Close the app.**

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*After this initial setup within the VoiceThread App, you should always access any VoiceThread through the link provided by your instructor within Moodle. Don't open the app directly by tapping the VT icon on your phone.

VoiceThread.com Resources and Videos

- [VoiceThread Features](#)
 - [Commenting](#) (Video, 1:55)
 - [Basic Introduction](#) (Video, 1:20)
 - [What's VoiceThreading?](#) (Video, 1:10)
 - [Moodle Integration Tutorial for Instructors](#) (Video, 6:26)
 - [Assignment Submission Tutorial for Students](#) (Video, 3:31)
 - [VoiceThread: Importing and Resetting a VoiceThread project](#) (Video, 1:42)
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