ONLINE PLATFORMS: COMPARISON

ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The below assessment considers online platforms which can be utilised to increase engagement during the delivery of remote education and training activities. The below platforms have been found to be useful in increasing participant engagement and interaction in online learning. They straddle video and content sharing, slide and screen sharing, quizzes and polls, feedback, and collaboration. Depending on the activity at hand and the level of engagement required by participants, any of the below platforms would be suitable.

This research was undertaken to assist PJSI's programmatic activities. It was conducted internally and is not a comprehensive assessment. PJSI recommends that you use this information as a guide only, and undertake further research to determine which program/s be suits your individual needs.

Platform[1]	Link	Starting Cost[2]	Participant Numbers	Internet required	Registration required by participants	Quizzes and polls	Slide sharing	Video content	Content sharing	Collaboration	Interaction
Kahoot!	https://kahoot.com	Free	Up to 20	✔	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
	Kahoot is an online quiz and games platform. Hosts create their own quizzes and share the link with participants to take part. Players answer the quiz questions on their own device, whilst the questions are displayed on a shared screen. It can be used to test participants' base knowledge, solidify learning aims through interactive activities, and provide an interactive platform to measure knowledge gains.										
Miro	https://miro.com/	Free	Unlimited	✔	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔
	Miro is an online, collaborative whiteboard, that enables participants to visually work together in an online environment. Similar to a traditional whiteboard, Miro allows participants to write, draw, add images, add files, place sticky notes and share information on a virtual whiteboard. It can be used to plan, brainstorm and collaborate during training sessions, to store information covered, or as a central location for discussion and notes.										
Prezi	https://prezi.com/	$15.00	Unlimited	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔
	The advanced, online version of powerpoint slides, Prezi is a presentation software that uses motion, zoom and spatial relationships to create interactive and engaging presentations. It can be used to create slide shows and presentations that maintain engagement, hold interest and display information in a non-linear way.										
Quizbean	https://www.quizbean.com/home	Free	Up to 26	✔	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
	Quizbean is an online quiz and games platform. Hosts create their own quizzes and share the link with participants to take part. It can be used to test participants' base knowledge, solidify learning aims through interactive activities, and provide an interactive platform to measure knowledge gains.										

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[1] Other platforms considered were: iSpring; Nearpod; Educreations; and Synth.
[2] All costs are in Australian Dollars (AUD), are per user and are calculated monthly.

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Icebreakers	https://icebreaker.video/	Free	Unlimited	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
	Icebreaker is an online games platform that allows participants to bond and get to know each other with guided conversation games. Participants log in and are connected 1:1 via video, then provided with prompt cards set by the host to spur discussion and engagement. It can be used to form connections, break the ice between participants unfamiliar with each other, and build stronger relationships.										
Google Forms	https://docs.google.com/forms	Free[3]	Unlimited	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
	Google Forms is a survey administration app that allows participants to undertake surveys and quizzes in real time. It collects information from participants via a personalised survey or quiz, and then automatically populates responses into a spreadsheet. It can be used to test participants' base knowledge and provide an online, instant platform to measure knowledge gains.										
Animoto	https://animoto.com/	Free	Unlimited	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	Animoto is an online video creation platform that allows users to create personalised videos from photos, video clips and music into video slideshows and customised presentations. It can be used to create slide shows and presentations that maintain engagement, hold interest and display information in a different way.										
Mural	https://www.mural.co/	$12.00 - $20.00	Up to 50	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mural is an online, collaborative space, that enables participants to visually work together in an online environment. Similar to Miro, Mural allows participants to write, draw, add images, add files, place sticky notes and share information on a virtual digital workspace. It can be used to plan, brainstorm and collaborate during training sessions, to store information covered, or as a central location for discussion and notes.										
VideoScribe	https://www.videoscribe.co/en	$14.00	Unlimited	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	VideoScribe is an online software for creating whiteboard animations automatically. It can be used to create videos and presentations that maintain engagement, hold interest and display information in a different way.										
Powtoon	https://www.powtoon.com/	Free trial, but then $89.00	Unlimited	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	Similar to Prezi and Animoto, Powtoon is a platform for creating animated presentations and explainer videos. It can be used to create slide shows and presentations that maintain engagement, hold interest and display information in a non-linear way.										

[3] With a Google account.