

Streaming Research

This is a summary of the platforms that we have tested.

Platform	Cost	Pros	Cons
Bambuser	free	- can stream desktop + audio	- visual quality not very good (maybe need to change resolution?)
livestream.com	\$49 / pm	- no ads - viewers don't need to log in	- need to test quality & audio
join.me pro	\$19 pm	- 14-day free trial - "window sharing" - up to 250 people - no download for audience - chat with audience	- audio is only VOIP, which means that audio would need to be restreamed separately - can't embed, have to use their interface - could be confusing about whether audience need to download or not (they don't, but it's not obvious)
big blue button	free	- open source - desktop sharing + chat - can enable someone else to share	- not sure about audio - need to test; might have to do the audio through web cam (would that be mic or computer audio only?) - needs to be installed on a server (APO33 have it - would they let us use it?) can't embed, interface a bit clunky
Spreecast	free	- we have an UpStage account - has chat alongside - seems possible to embed with the chat	- doesn't offer desktop sharing but suggests using ManyCam to do it; however i could not make it show the desktop instead of my camera, despite setting ManyCam to desktop. - no info on whether this would also stream computer sound
join.me	free		- limited to 5 people; - complicated to get audio - don't think you can embed in web site
Teamviewer	free		- only up to 25 ppl - no screen audio
ScreenLeap & Freescreensharing	free		- doesn't support audio
anymeeting.com	free		has ads no information about audio
anymeeting.com	\$60 pm	- 200 attendees - no ads	- no free trial - no information about audio
onwebinar	free		- no screen sharing
livestream.com	free		- requires viewers to sign up and log in - not sure if possible to screen share
https://evo.caltech.edu/	free		- seems a bit complex; more about communities & meetings - not enough info to see if screen sharing

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