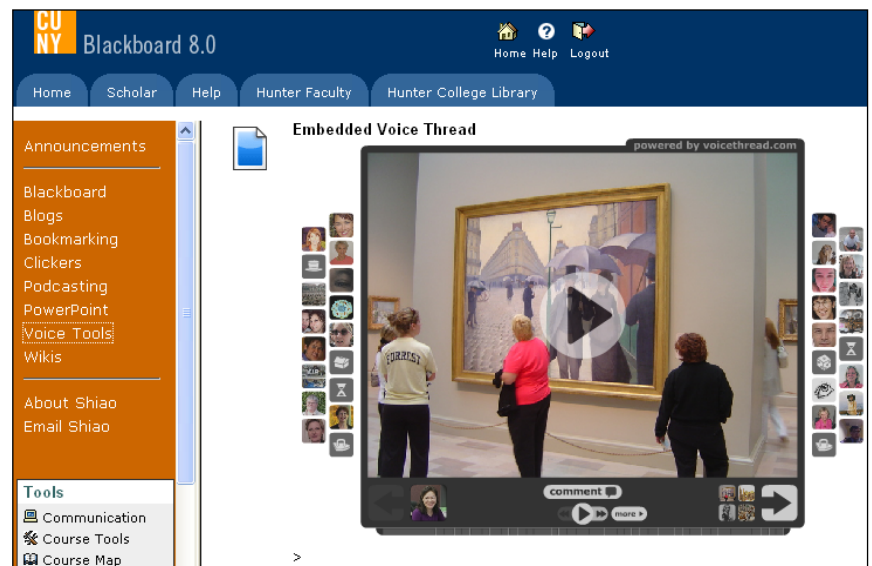


## What is VoiceThread?

**VoiceThread** is an online communication and collaboration tool that facilitates group conversations around an artifact, such as an image, video, or PowerPoint presentation. Instructors and students can start a voice thread by uploading a file or recording a video directly from a webcam. The voice thread owner can then invite others to join in a conversation about the artifact. Participants in the conversation can add audio, video, or text comments and can use the “doodling” tool to point out specific sections of the visual artifact as they are talking. Each participant in the conversation is represented by a thumbnail image chosen by them. These thumbnails appear around the artifact; clicking on one of the thumbnails brings up the comment(s) made by the associated person.

**VoiceThread** can facilitate activities such as discussions, peer review, and presentation of content. For example, instructors can upload PowerPoint slides and add narrations of each slide or upload the image of a work of art and ask the students to record their comments about its color and composition. Several publication options allow you to decide whether you want everyone or only those whom you invite to see and comment on what you post. Different embedding options allow you to include a voice thread in social networking sites such as [Facebook](#) or blogging sites such as [Blogger](#). You can also copy the embed code that the service provides to make a voice thread part of the content area of a Blackboard course site.



Some of the advantages of **VoiceThread** are the different types of files that can be uploaded and the ability to record audio and video comments without additional software. Some of the disadvantages are the need for users to create accounts to view and comment on voice threads which are not public and some of the limitations in the unpaid version of the service. You can only create three voice threads and upload files which are less than 25 MB.

## How do I get started with VoiceThread?

**VoiceThread** can be accessed at <http://voicethread.com>. Video tutorials on <http://ed.voicethread.com/?#c28> will help you get started. If you have questions or need assistance, please email [bb@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:bb@hunter.cuny.edu) or contact one of ICIT’s educational technologists at [edtech@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:edtech@hunter.cuny.edu).