

## VoiceThread

[voicethread.com](http://voicethread.com)

*Description:* VoiceThread is a collaborative tool for commenting on and discussing images. It allows users to interact via text, voice and video.

*System Requirements:* Flash player.

*Signup Requirements:* Free signup asks for name, email address and password. Premium accounts offer additional services, features and storage space.

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### Installing VoiceThread:

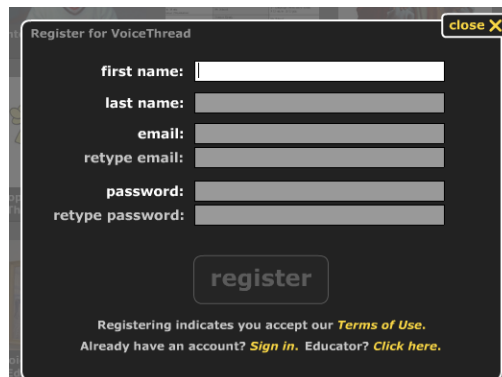
1. Installation is not needed for VoiceThread if Adobe Flash is installed.
2. If Adobe Flash is not installed it can be downloaded at <http://get.adobe.com/flsahplayer>.

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**Using VoiceThread:** There are several tutorials on the VoiceThread website, however the following provides an overview of the basic use.

Go to the website <http://voicethread.com> to get started.

Click "Sign in or register for an account." Select "Register."

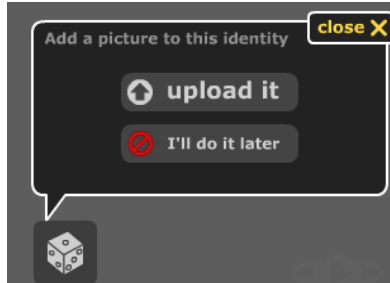
A screenshot of the VoiceThread registration form. The form is titled "Register for VoiceThread" and has a "close X" button in the top right corner. It contains input fields for "first name:", "last name:", "email:", "retype email:", "password:", and "retype password:". Below these fields is a "register" button. At the bottom, there is a line of text: "Registering indicates you accept our [Terms of Use](#)." followed by "Already have an account? [Sign in](#). Educator? [Click here](#)."

You will be automatically logged in after completing the registration form.

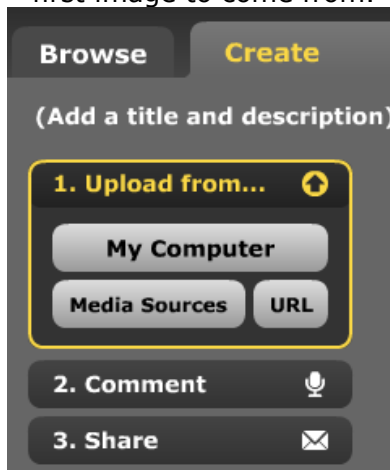
The first time you try to add a voice comment, you will be prompted by Flash to allow it to access your microphone. Click allow to be able to leave voice and video comments.



You will be asked to upload a picture for your profile. This can be any picture on your computer. You can also opt to skip this step and upload a picture later.



To start creating your VoiceThread, click the Create tab and choose where you want your first image to come from.



After uploading, you'll be able to add comments to your image.

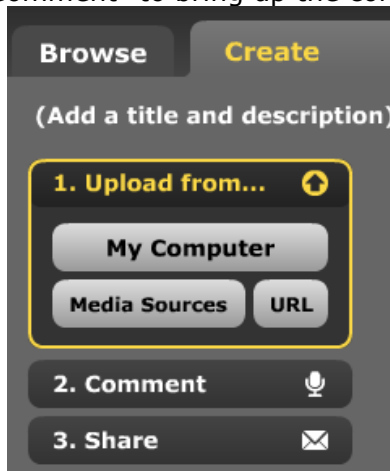


You can use the arrows to rotate your image.

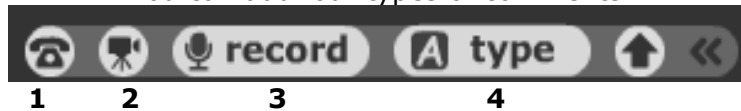
Use the replace option to switch pictures. Switching pictures will not remove existing comments, so be careful!

You can add a title to your picture or delete it.

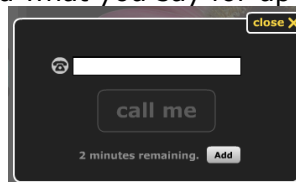
Next, click "Comment" to bring up the comment screen.



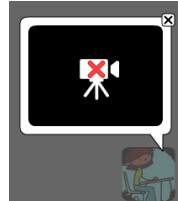
You can add four types of comments.



- 1) A phone recording. Enter your phone number and VoiceThread will call you and record what you say for up to 2 minutes.



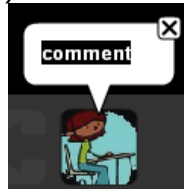
- 2) A web cam recording.



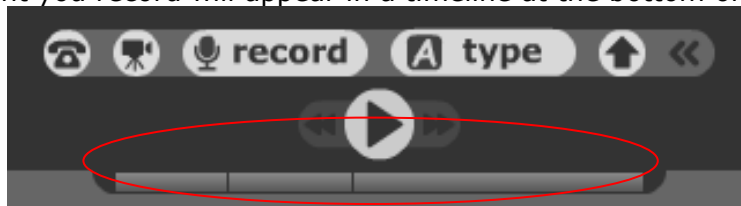
- 3) A microphone recording.



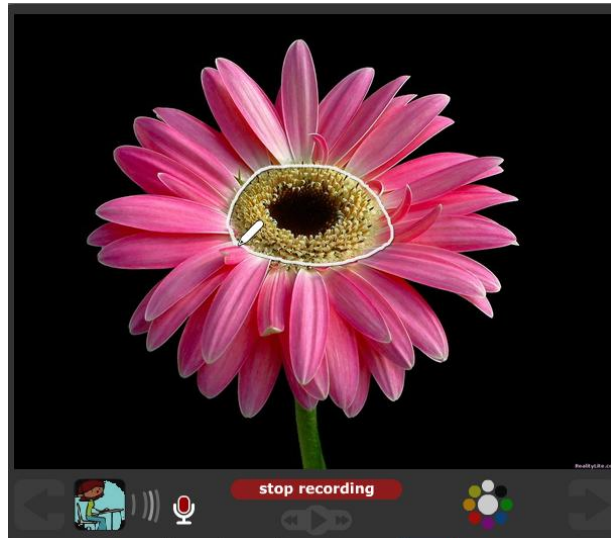
- 4) A text comment.



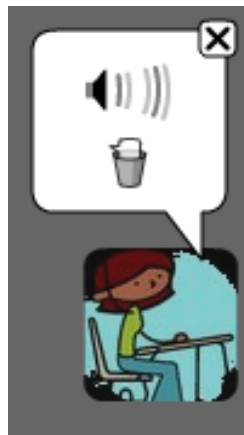
Each segment you record will appear in a timeline at the bottom of your picture.



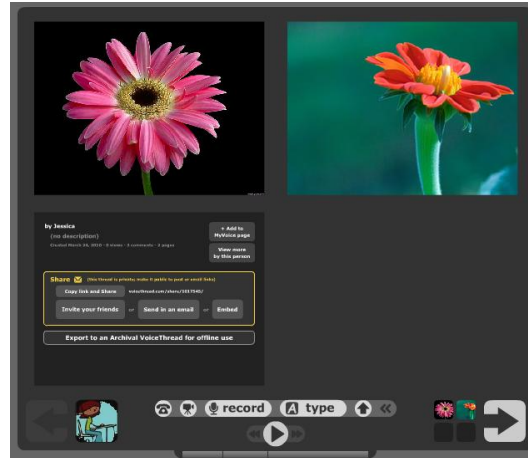
While recording any type of comment, you can also draw on your picture to illustrate what you are talking about.



You can delete a comment at any time by clicking on the user icon of the person who left the comment.



You can upload more than one picture and reorder them. To view other pictures in your VoiceThread, click the small collection of pictures in the bottom corner.



Each picture has its own set of comments.

Once you've uploaded and commented on all of your pictures, you can share your VoiceThread with others.

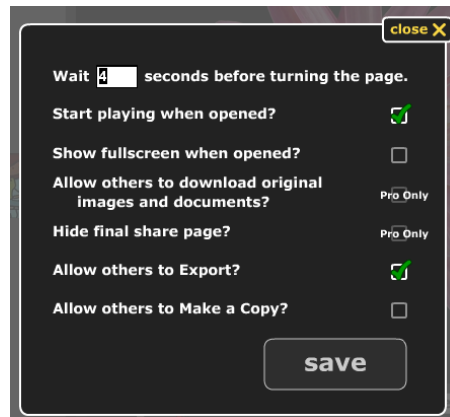
Click the Share button to show the options below. You can select whether or not you want other people to be able to comment and if you want to moderate the comments people add to your VoiceThread.



When someone else comments, their picture will show up in addition to yours. The more people that comment, the more pictures you'll see surrounding your Voice Thread.



You can adjust playback options to tell your VoiceThread how quickly you want to move through your pictures, if you want to view it full screen and if you want to allow other users to be able to export or copy your VoiceThread.

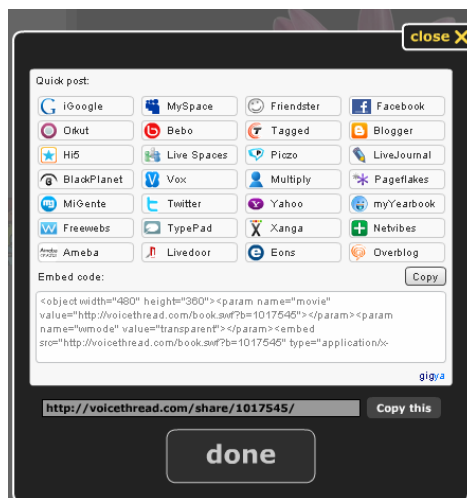


A dialog box with a dark background and a 'close X' button in the top right corner. It contains the following settings:

- Wait 4 seconds before turning the page.
- Start playing when opened? ☒
- Show fullscreen when opened? ☐
- Allow others to download original images and documents? Pro Only
- Hide final share page? Pro Only
- Allow others to Export? ☒
- Allow others to Make a Copy? ☐

A 'save' button is located at the bottom right.

You can embed your VoiceThread on a number of sites.



A dialog box with a dark background and a 'close X' button in the top right corner. It contains the following sections:

- Quick post:** A grid of social media and sharing icons including iGoogle, MySpace, Friendster, Facebook, Okut, Bebo, Tagged, Blogger, Hi5, Live Spaces, Piczo, LiveJournal, BlackPlanet, Vox, Multiply, Pageflakes, MiGente, Twitter, Yahoo, myYearbook, Freewebs, TypePad, Xanga, Netvibes, Ameba, Livedoor, Eons, and Overblog.
- Embed code:** A text area containing an HTML embed code. A 'Copy' button is to the right.
- URL:** A text field containing 'http://voicethread.com/share/1017545/'. A 'Copy this' button is to the right.

A 'done' button is located at the bottom center.

Congratulations! You've now made and shared your first VoiceThread!