



Presentation Software Comparison Chart

Software

Using desktop/laptop software is the usually the best option for creating a presentation, especially for longer deadlines where you have the time for learning the software and creating the presentation. They offer features such as more templates, fonts, animation, transitions, and video. These make longer presentations far more interesting. You usually do not have as many cool options with apps and web-based services.

Software / Service Name	Cost	OS	Features	Comments
Apple Keynote apple.com/iwork/keynote	\$20	Mac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, shapes, audio, video, charts, • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can easily animate objects and text • Can convert slides to PDF, PPT, and MOV • Record narration • Export to Garageband and iTunes • Use iPhone and iPod as a remote control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use via drag & drop • Smaller learning curve • Good for presentations of any length • Good for shorter deadlines • Archive via Flash drive, cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are small • Easy to share via email, cloud
Deck.js imakewebthings.com/deck.js	Free	PC, Mac, Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Themes and templates • Slide transitions • Use arrow keys for navigating through slides • Embedding video into slides • Add images and block quotes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hard to use unless you are proficient in HTML • Steep learning curve • Good for presentation of any length • Needs longer deadline • Archive via Flash drive, cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are small • harder to share due to multiple files
Kingsoft Presentations Must download the Kingsoft Office Suite to get Presentations: kingsoftstore.com	Free	PC, Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, clipart, shapes, audio, video, charts... • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can animate objects • Can create 3D images from text • Can convert slides to PDF and Flash (.swf) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features easy to use • Steeper learning curve • Good for longer presentations • Takes more time • Archive via Flash drive, cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are small • Easy to share via email, cloud

LibreOffice Impress Must download LibreOffice to get Impress: libreoffice.org	Free	PC, Mac, Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, clipart, shapes, audio, video, charts... • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can animate objects • Can create 3D images from text • Can convert slides to PDF and Flash (.swf) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features easy to use • Steeper learning curve • Good for longer presentations • Takes more time • Archive via Flash drive, cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are small • Easy to share via email, cloud
Microsoft PowerPoint office.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint	\$12 – \$80	PC, Mac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, clipart, shapes, audio, video, charts... • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can animate objects • Can convert slides to PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features easy to use • Steeper learning curve • Good for longer presentations • Takes more time • Archiving best done via Cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are large • Harder to share. Use cloud for sharing.
OpenOffice Impress Must download OpenOffice to get Impress: openoffice.org	Free	PC, Mac, Linux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, clipart, shapes, audio, video, charts, & more • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can animate objects • Can create 3D images from text • Can convert slides to PDF and Flash (.swf) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features easy to use • Steeper learning curve • Good for longer presentations • Takes more time • Archive via Flash drive, cloud, external drive, & CD/DVD • Files are small • Easy to share via email, cloud

Apps

Apps are great for creating short presentations on the fly or simple viewing. If you do not have much time to create a shorter presentation, apps can be extremely useful for cranking out some slides and emailing them. Many tablets have exceptional picture quality, so sharing a presentation online or via email for viewing on a tablet are great.

NOTE: If you plan on attaching your tablet to a projector, the best viewing is through an HD (High definition) cable (sold separately). You will need to also purchase an adapter for connecting the HD cable to your device. The other important factor to keep in mind is **older projectors do not have an HD port**, so you would have to get an RCA cable & adapter, which means the presentation will not look as good.

If you will be using your handheld device for your presentation you *must absolutely know if the projector being used support HD or RCA!*

App / Service Name	Cost	Platform / OS	Features	Comments
Documents to Go	\$10 - \$17	Android, iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire, Nook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Syncs with Google Docs, iCloud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are free • Must pay for advanced features • Steeper learning curve • Good for editing on the go • Takes more time to create • Archive via cloud • Files are larger • Share via cloud
Haiku Deck	Free	iPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Has templates & themes • Imports images and videos from iPad • Can animate objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use • Minimal learning curve • Great for short deadlines • Good for shorter presentations • Archived via HaikuDeck.com • Files are shared via HaikuDeck, Facebook, Twitter, bogs, email.
KeyNote	\$10	iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Has templates & themes • Create 3d charts, graphs, & transitions • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Imports images from iPad • Syncs with iCloud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use • Minimal learning curve • Great for short deadlines • Good for shorter presentations • Archived via iCloud • Files shared via email
Kingsoft Office	Free	Android - edit & View iPad - View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Can display SmartArt • Has Numbered & Bulleted lists • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Inserts shapes, images, text boxes, notes • Syncs with Google Drive, Dropbox, Box.net 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Steeper learning curve • Good for editing on the go • Takes more time to create • Archive via cloud • Files are larger • Share via Google
Office Mobile *Free to load but you need Office 365 subscription	Free*	Android, iPhone, Windows Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit & view slides • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Supports animation, smartart, graphics & shapes. • Slides look like the originals created in PowerPoint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Steeper learning curve • Good for editing on the go • Archive via Skydrive • Files are larger • Share via email or SharePoint
Pixxa Perspective	Free - \$100	iPad, iPhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Can add images, graphs, & charts • Animated chart affects • Additional features cost more • Can stream presentation to 10 iPads • Has storyboard / presentation management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Steeper learning curve • Good for creating a quick presentation • Archive via Pixxa.com • Share via Pixxa.com & AirShow

PowerPoint OpenOffice Remote	Free	Android	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn Android phone into a presentation remote control • Supports notes, animations & audio/video • Supports PPT & PPTX files • For use with PC, MAC, Linux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is only a tool for turning your android phone into a remote control
Prezi	Free	iPad - create & edit iPhone - viewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, & views slides • Can import images by taking photo or loading from device • Can use images off the web • Has templates • Can switch between layouts • Syncs with Prezi.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to use • Minimal learning curve • Great for short deadlines • Good for shorter presentations • Archived via Prezi.com • Files are shared via Prezi.com
QuickOffice	Free	Android, iPad, iPhone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, edits, & views slides • Has templates & themes • Create charts, graphs, & transitions • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Imports images from device • Can add shapes, flowcharts, & callouts • Can add presentation notes. • Syncs with GoogleDrive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for basic editing & proof-reading presentations • Takes little time to create • Archive via GoogleDrive • Files are larger • Share via email, Google, Airplay
SlideShark (Viewer)	Free-\$95.00	Viewer for iPad, iPhone, & iPod Touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View or show slides • Supports video play • Can annotate presentations • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Hides or reorders slides (iPad) • Has laser pointer • Supports hyperlinks • Syncs with SlideShark.com, DropBox, Syncplicity, ShareFile, SkyDrive, Google Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a presentation viewer • Medium learning curve • Free 100mb storage on SlideShark • Archive & Share via SlidShark • Premium account has: • Additional 1GB of storage • Presentation live-streaming for up to 25 attendees • Unique URL for individual viewing • Statistics
Softmaker Presentations *Free 30 day trial	Free* - \$5	Android	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit & View Presentations • Supports object animations, animation schemes, and slide transitions • Insert, delete, duplicate, rename, and hide slides • Handles formats: PPT, PPTX, PDF • Insert tables and images into placeholders • Access files in Dropbox, Google Drive, Evernote, and SkyDrive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for basic editing & proofreading presentations • Archive via Dropbox, Google Drive, Evernote, and SkyDrive • Files are larger • Share via email, Google Drive, DropBox

Web / Cloud based services

Using web-based services (the “cloud”), is the most convenient way to access software and share presentations. It allows an individual or group of collaborators to use the same software without having to worry about saving the presentation in a specific format: i.e. PPT vs. PPTX. Basic software is free to use, so you don’t have to spend any money on expensive software you might only use once. Emailing presentations to one another can make it difficult to track which version is the latest. Most cloud services provide free storage, so everyone has access to the same presentation when they save the document to the shared folder. Not only is the cloud an inexpensive and easy way to create and share presentations amongst collaborators, it is a great way for your audience to access and view your show. Hosting your via web-based services means you don’t have to worry about bandwidth, buffering, or any of the technical issues associated with streaming video.

Some cloud services work best when you download their app to all the different devices you use. This allows you to sync your presentations to all your devices without having to login to a website. You still would require internet access, however.

<p>Apple iCloud / iWork / Keynote apple.com/iwork-for-icloud/ (in Beta)</p>	<p>Free (5 GB storage)</p>	<p>PC, Mac: Safari, Firefox, Chrome, IE iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Kindle: via app</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, shapes, & more • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can animate objects • Can convert slides to PPT & PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for basic editing • Good for tight deadlines • Archive in iCloud • Files are larger • Share via Email
<p>Empressr.com *</p> <p>*This service seems to be in transition. You may want to wait until it stabilizes before relying on it for storing an important presentation</p>	<p>Free (for now)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures from device or Flickr • Add audio & video • Can create charts & tables • Can animate objects • Can convert slides to PPT & PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic features are easy • Medium learning curve • Good for longer deadlines • Archive in Empressr • Share via link in social media or blog • Share via Empressr
<p>Google Drive</p>	<p>Free (15 GB storage)</p>	<p>Mac, PC: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, IE iPad, iPhone, Android : via app</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, video, wordart, shapes, & more • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can save slides as PPTX, SVG, PNG, JPG, TXT, & PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for presentations of any length • Good for tight deadlines • Great for Collaboration • Archive in Google Drive • Files are small • Share via Email, Social Media, Google Drive
<p>Haiku Deck (Beta) For invitation to participate in the beta: haikudeck.com</p>			<p>Haiku deck’s web app is in private beta right now. I am still waiting to be added to their beta list.</p>	

<p>Microsoft Office Mobile 365</p>	<p>\$100 / YR (Family package – 5 users / 20GB storage / 60 Skype minutes)</p>	<p>PC, Mac: Chrome, Firefox, Safari, IE Windows Phone, Android, iPhone: via Microsoft Office app</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, video, wordart, shapes, & more • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can save slides as PPTX & PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for presentations of any length • Good for tight deadlines • Archive in SkyDrive • Files are larger • Share via Email, Text message link, Social Media, blog, SkyDrive
<p>Microsoft SkyDrive</p>	<p>Free (7 GB storage)</p>	<p>PC, Mac: Chrome, IE, Firefox, Safari Windows Phone, Android, iPad, iPhone: via SkyDrive app</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage for Presentations & other files • Works with Easybib and OneNote. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archive in SkyDrive • Share archived presentations via Email, Text message link, Social Media, blog, SkyDrive
<p>Prezi.com</p> <p>For information on what the different Prezi services are, please go to: prezi.com/pricing/</p>	<p>Free (100 MB basic service) \$59-\$159 /YR for Premium) Free student/teacher account</p>	<p>PC, Mac, : Chrome, Safari, Firefox, IE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a canvas with 5 pre-placed informational “pockets” • Insert pictures, video, audio, shapes, & diagrams • Has templates you can choose from • Built-in transitions within your slide • Can save slides as PDF • You can borrow content from other Prezi presentations • Can save slides as PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are a little more difficult • Steeper learning curve • Good for short presentations • OK for tight deadlines • Good for collaboration • Archive in Prezi.com or download on your computer • Files are huge • Share via Prezi.com (all your presentations are public if you have a free account), Facebook.
<p>SlideRocket / ClearSlide*</p> <p>*SlideRocket was bought out by ClearSlide. I have not been able to determine the cost of ClearSlide yet. If you have a SlideRocket account, you can still access it for free until 12/31/2013</p>	<p>Free (if you already have a SlideRocket account, other-wise you get a 30 trial)</p>	<p>PC, MAC: Firefox, Safari, IE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert images, video, shapes, charts, tables • Has templates • Has slide transitions • Can convert slides to PPT & PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for presentations of any length • Good for collaboration • Good for tight deadlines • Archive in SlideRocket or save to computer via “SlideRocket Portable Presentation” app. • Files are larger • Share via SlideRocket

SlideShare	Free (100MB storage) Pro accounts start at \$19 / month	PC, Mac: Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Chrome, Opera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storage for Presentations & other files • Search features for finding Presentations • Can download presentations & files from other SlideSharers • Handles PPT, PPTX, PPS, PPSX, POT, POTX, PDF, DOC, DOCX, ODP, ODT, RTF • Can only upload video with a Pro account • Can sync mp3 audio into your Slideshare presentations • Can embed YouTube videos inside slideshare presentations • Can upload from DropBox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File Sharing features are easy • Can download up to 20 presentations a day • Good for hosting presentations • Archive in SlideShare • Share via SlideRocket, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Blogs, Websites
Ubiquitous Presenter	Free	Windows 7, Vista, XP: PowerPoint 2003/2007: Chrome, Firefox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can upload and annotate PowerPoint presentations • Allows student interaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a presentation host & collaborative tool • It is harder to use • Steep learning curve • If you are new to UP, it will take some time to load & set up. • Good for collaboration • Share via Ubiquitous Presenter
Zoho Docs	Free (5 GB storage) Pro starts at \$5 / Month (250 GB)	PC, Mac, Linux: Firefox, Chrome, Safari, IE iPad, iPhone, Android: via App	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create slides • Insert pictures, video, animation, shapes, & more • Has templates you can choose from • Can create transitions between slides • Can save slides as PPTX, ODP, PPSX, PDF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features are easy • Minimal learning curve • Good for presentations of any length • Good for tight deadlines • Good for Collaboration • Archive in Zoho Docs • Files are small • Share via Email, Zoho Docs

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