

# Google Slides

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## About

[Google Slides](#) are a free, easy-to-use, cloud-based alternative to proprietary slideshow applications like PowerPoint or Keynote.

Choosing from various attractive templates, users can create a slideshow to present information in different slide layouts. Slides can contain text, images, links, etc., making them versatile for teachers to accompany live lessons or even as self-paced study materials. Meanwhile, students can use them as presentation visuals or to submit assignments in a creative, screen-friendly manner.

Multiple people can collaborate on a slideshow together: for instance, a group of students can be given shared access and editing power over a “whiteboard” slideshow, with each student contributing one or several slides (or even collaborating on the same slides). Content is automatically saved every 3 seconds, so users never lose their work; indeed, one can access the revision history of any slideshow and revert to a previous version at any time. In addition, slideshows can be exported in different file formats, including .ppt, .pdf, and .jpg, and PowerPoint slides can be imported and converted into Google Slides.

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## Tips for the tool

- [How to use Google Slides](#)
- [How to use Google Slides 2018](#) (video)

# Keeping Student Information Safe When Using Online Tools

The [Quick guide to secure handling of confidential student information for faculty using online learning tools \(.PDF\)](#) (developed by the Teaching & Learning Centre and ITS) helps faculty choose secure online tools for teaching. The guide provides guidelines and examples to help faculty consider the information students might be giving up when using a new tool. It is intended for quick use of free or low-cost online tools and not for larger, more costly tools that require more rigorous data privacy vetting.

## Examples of ways to use Google Slides

- [Sample lesson slides](#)
- [Sample slideshow for a presentation](#)
- [Sample shared “whiteboard” for group editing](#)
- [Using Google Slides for Formative Assessments](#) workshop recording from the Teaching & Learning Centre

## Related Tools

- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Keynote for Mac / iPad
- [Adobe Express\\*](#) Page

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