

AP Virtual Showcase: Session 4 Chat questions, comments and tips

Shared by Melanie:

Telus low cost internet

[AU Algonquin College : Contact North - ability to borrow a laptop and also access free tech support](#)

Question 1: How can we have more than one meeting at a time in zoom?

Answer: You have to purchase additional licences. Tech Soup Canada offers discounted rates: <https://www.techsoup.ca/content/zoom-meetings-1-year-subscription-%E2%80%93-access-discounted-rates>

Question 2: Do you use a free or subscription version for loom?

Answer: Loom is free for 25 videos storage.. You can download them and delete them in loom to make room for newer videos (from Mark Affue at CL&D). Ryan used free version at first then decided to upgrade to paid version. There is no discount for non-profits.

Great comments and tips:

- We use breakout rooms by inviting students in one by one, joining us in the main room to be greeted and then they go in one on one or into an 'independent learning room' - this allows them to leave the breakout room back to the main room to ask a question any time. Sounds like similar to what Ryan is doing :)
- Some programs shared that when they get to covering specific features of iPhone vs Android, they split the group in zoom into breakout rooms and have another instructor or volunteer help there (one group does iPhone and the other does Android)
- I also use Loom for quickly creating digital content. A competitor for more advanced features would be <https://www.techsmith.com/>
- In terms of having a "dual network" (one for staff, one for guest). This is a common feature for modern routers on the market today. Cost wise anywhere from \$300-\$600....
- I try and help them as much as I can and love it when they connect on their own and see that there is life on the other end even though online! the Pandemic really put our life on hold but gave us a new direction

- (Zoom) was the best tool when the pandemic started and brought learners back to learning when we were confined to our home. They were so isolated and didn't know what to do. I even connected some of them outside of LAMP using the wifi when we were not allowed to enter the building!
- ABC Canada is fabulous we use the workbooks for MONEY MATTERS. Yes, Money Matters is great. Includes resources for people with diverse abilities and Indigenous peoples.
- Perkins school for the Blind recommends 1 password. IT Security Specialist also approved this password manager. Anything web-based is subject to vulnerabilities. However, any protection is better than none:
<https://www.perkins.org/resource/1password-accessible-and-secure-password-storage-option/>
- App option - Twilight is a blue light app that can be put onto a computer or phone. It can be used just as a blue light filter, but can also be used for students who struggle with white/black visual (common in dyslexia) to change screen colour to see if something different is more comfortable. Downside - on a computer that resets when turned off, your IT department may have to include it as an installed app.