

Slack

Connectivism

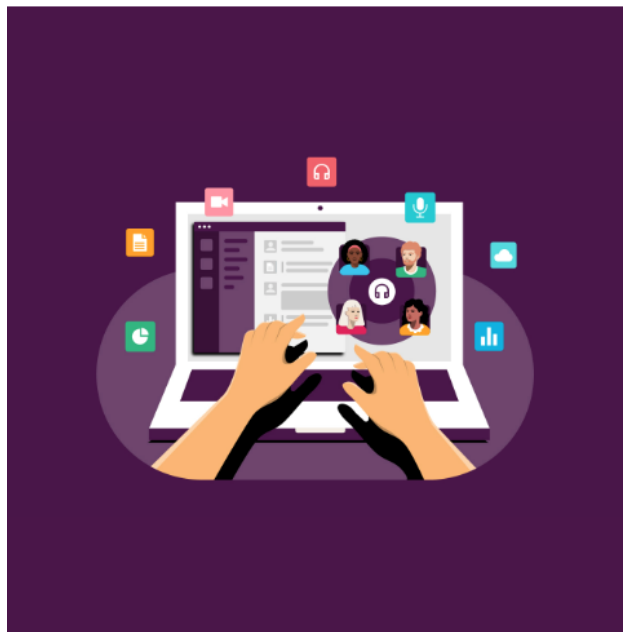
Project Management

Collaboration

Social Constructivism

Crisis Communication

*Slack is a **communication** and **task management** tool. Users can create specialized messaging groups, or “channels,” according to different projects, teams, and organizations. What makes it different from other communication tools is that it is specifically created for work and collaboration. Files that are up to 1GB can be sent and searched within a channel, which makes file management easy. Slack also allows users to integrate over 1,500 apps and services into the chat, so that they can work without having to switch tabs and accounts. Functions like video chatting and screen sharing make it ideal for teamwork. Bringing Slack into the classroom can increase communication and **collaboration**, **facilitate project management**, and allow students to learn how to use a tool that is popular in many workplaces today.*



COLLECTION

Slack as your digital HQ

Learn how Slack gives you the flexibility to be productive from anywhere

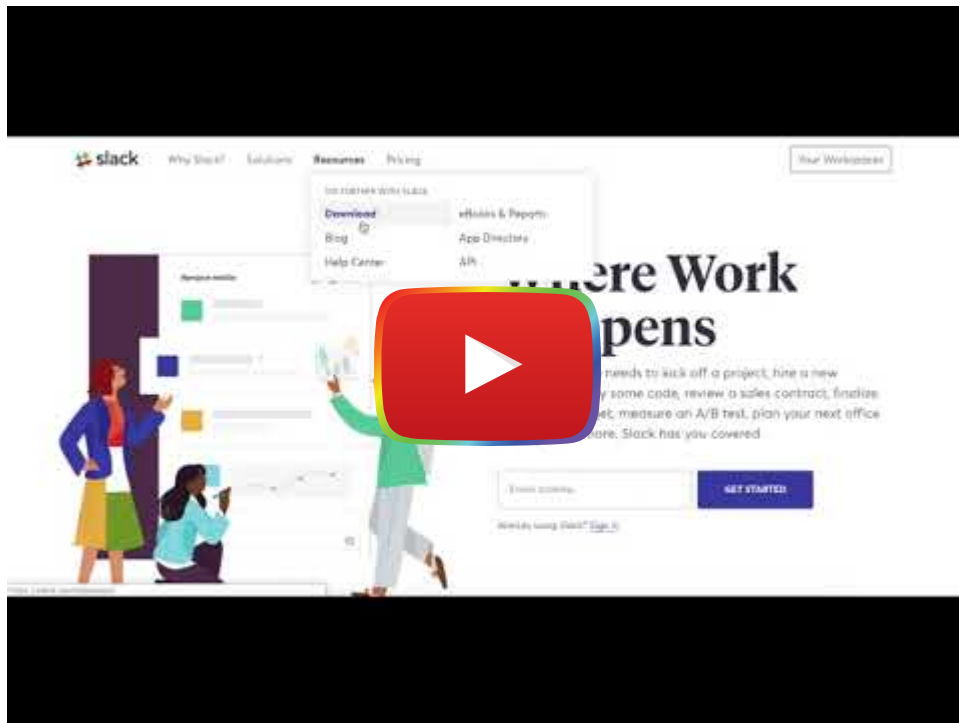
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Tool Snapshot

Price	Basic version: Free; \$6-13/month for advanced features
Learning	Connectivism , Social Constructivism
Ease of Use	★★★★☆
Privacy	★★★☆☆
Accessibility	★★★★☆
Class Size	Unlimited
Login	Yes
ISTE*S	Empowered Learner, Creative Communicator, Global Collaborator
COPPA/ FERPA	COPPA is irrelevant, because of the age restriction. FERPA is mentioned in the Terms of Service.

Slack Overview Video



[Watch on YouTube](#)

Slack & the SAMR Model

Dr. Ruben Puentedura's [SAMR model](#) offers a lens for examining how technology is adopted in a classroom. As you strive to incorporate online tools into your classroom, we encourage you to use this model as an analytic tool.

- **Substitution:** Instructors and students use Slack as a text messaging tool rather than having an in-class discussion.
- **Augmentation:** Instructors and students can ask questions, respond to comments, and communicate outside of class time using Slack.
- **Modification:** Students use Slack channels to manage group projects in a single workspace (e.g., sharing files, providing feedback, engaging in live video chats, sending text messages).
- **Redefinition:** Students can integrate more than 1,500 apps (e.g., Google Apps) into their Slack channels for improved efficiency in project management and communication.

Learning Activities

Empowered Learner

- Students can create personal threads to track their learning progress
- Students conduct a self-evaluation of any individual/group project by reviewing the record in a personal thread or a group project channel

Creative Communicator

- Students create a channel that is dedicated to a group project, communicate, and manage the process of the project within the channel
- Students can submit different formats of homework to demonstrate their learning outcomes by integrating external apps/services

Global Collaborator

- Students can invite experts/professionals from around the world as well as community members to join their channels
- Students can participate in discussions on related topics by entering public channels created by the instructor or other users

How to Use Slack

Follow these steps to get started on Slack:

1. Go to slack.com and create an account using your email address.
2. Follow the instruction to set up your account.
3. If you already have an account, enter your workspace from the 'sign in' button.
4. Create or enter a channel for group messaging.
5. Start or enter direct messages for one-to-one conversations.
6. Invite teammates by sending them emails from Slack.
7. Send files or messages from the bar at the bottom.
8. React or respond to a message.

Read [Slack's tutorial on how to get started](#) to for more instructions on the basics or watch [this Youtube playlist](#) created by Slack to see instructions in action.

Resources

- [Slack's tutorial on how to get started](#)
- [A tour of Slack App](#)
- [Tips on using Slack to make teamwork more productive and pleasant](#)
- [Using Slack in the Classroom by a University Professor](#)
- [Using Slack in a High School Class](#)

Research

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