

Using Present.me for Presentations

This job aid will give you an overview of the Present.me web service and how to start using it to record presentations. The job aid also includes examples of presentations using this web service.

What is Present.me?

Present.me is a free, online service that allows you to upload a PowerPoint or Google Docs presentation and then use your webcam to record yourself giving the presentation. The service saves your presentation in the cloud and you can also download it to your personal computer, embed it in a webpage, or send a URL to share it with other people.

Technical Requirements

In order to use Present.me, your computer needs to meet the following requirements:

1. Operating system: Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista SP2, Windows 7, Windows 8, or Mac OS 10.6 or higher
2. Web browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher, Mozilla Firefox 12 or higher, Safari 5 or higher, Google Chrome 9 or higher
3. Adobe Flash Player 10.3 or higher.
4. Webcam (internal or plug-in)
5. Microphone (internal or plug-in)
6. Broadband internet connection (dial-up is not fast enough for this program)

Getting Started With Present.me

To begin using Present.me, you will need to create an account. There are both free and paid options for the service, but a free account will provide you all the features you need for this project. Go to: <https://present.me/content/> to sign up.

Once you have signed up, the Present.me website has a series of tutorials that will help you get started in using the program. These tutorials can be accessed here: <https://present.me/content/tutorials/> You will particularly want to look over the “How to Record a Present.me” on this page and “The seven deadly sins of webcam presenting” tutorials on this page.

The “Quick Start” tutorial: <https://present.me/view/9911-your-first-present-me> may also be useful.

Getting Help With Present.me

If you need help using Present.me or want to learn more advanced features, Present.me has some great support resources to help you out. First, the Present.me support page: <http://support.present.me/home> has a Knowledge Base of Tutorials, How-Tos, FAQs, and Help documents to walk you through many of the problems that you might have.

You’ll also see that when you log in to the site, there is a green “Support” tab on the left side of the Present.me window. If you click on that, it will open up a form that allows you to email a question to the Present.me staff. If you’re really having trouble, this is a great way to get a question answered.

Other Resources

The Present.me blog <http://blog.present.me/> addresses common problems and includes suggestions for different ways of using Present.me.

Finally, you can see examples of Present.me presentations here: <https://present.me/explore/featured/1>. This is a great way to see how other people use the service, get ideas for how to effectively get your points across, and even learn something!

Examples

The videos below are particularly good examples of effective presentations.

<https://present.me/view/113253-sbl-2013-ppt-introvert>

<https://present.me/view/99034-source-analysis>

<https://present.me/view/99004-leftvsright-copy>

<https://present.me/view/92830-reconstruction-the-plans>

<https://present.me/view/90256-citingreferences>

<https://present.me/view/87091-first-response-ppt>

<https://present.me/view/79950-how-to-research>

Technical Support

For Technical Support in using Present.me you will need to explore [Support at Present.me](#). Ashford University Technical Support cannot provide assistance with using this site.