

How do you create e-feedback on the iPad and what free apps should you use? We tested it for you!

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		Technical characteristics	+	_	Comments	Grade
	Voice Recorder	M4A; No editing; 1.5 MB 5 min.; No mathematical formulas; Save on device; Pay for more		Many intrusive advertisements Not very user-friendly Unpleasant interface Some major malfunctions	Voice Recorder is poorly designed and problematic. The intrusive advertisements are quite distracting, even for a free app. This app should be avoided.	*
	Microsoft PowerPoint		Allows for easy viewing of files More advanced features compared to other apps	Requires a costly subscription to Microsoft 365 (online version of MS Office) to modify or create files Limited features compared to the desktop version Some free apps (like Google Slides) provide functions that are essentially the same Attractive animations, but time-consuming to execute	Microsoft PowerPoint is very efficient, but for adept users of Microsoft products only, as it requires a costly subscription that provides even fewer features than the desktop version. The stand-alone free app, without editing rights, is not very useful.	**
	Google Slides		Provides for free what most apps charge for Very easy to share work	Attractive animations, but time-consuming to execute Great for teamwork, but less useful for providing feedback Uploading files can be complicated Requires a Google Drive account	Google Slides is very popular for collaborative work, but it has not been designed to provide the desired style of feedback.	**
	Prezi Lite Editor	Web file, EXE; Yes edition; File size unavailable; No mathematical formulas; Save on device and on cloud; No pay for more option	Good alternative to PowerPoint for presentations	Impossible to share files (pictures only) Only YouTube videos can be shared Attractive animations, but difficult to build	Prezi Lite Editor is very popular for collaborative work, but it has not been designed to provide the desired style of feedback.	**
	Microsoft OneNote	Mathematical formulas; Save on cloud;	Free subscription Shows all PDF pages, one after another Inserts multiple audio files within the same document Documents easy to share online between multiple users	Impossible to export the file produced No video options	OneNote is Microsoft's answer to the apps available in Google Drive. It is user-friendly and offers many options. Without the download option, file sharing can be problematic for confidential documents.	
	Audio Class Notes Free	M4A; No edition; 2.3 MB 5 min.; No mathematical formulas: Save on device	User-friendly interface Easy file management	Few sharing options Few possibilities other than audio recording	Audio Class Notes Free is a user-friendly and efficient interface. File management is very easy compared to other apps; however, apart from audio recording, the app has little added value.	樊
	Adobe Voice	Web file, MP4, YouTube; No edition; File size unavailable; No mathematical formulas; Save on cloud; Pay for more	User-friendly interface, easy to use Many simple file export options	Picture upload only (no PDF) No whiteboard interface Continuously pressing the record button is probably inconvenient for longer recordings File rendering is a somewhat lengthy process	The user-friendly Adobe Voice app is well designed. Some features are not suitable for longer recordings. The absence of a whiteboard interface is disappointing.	**
	AudioNote (Free)	No mathematical formulas; Save on device •	Interesting whiteboard interface Very easy to use Allows PDF embedding	 Output file format (audionote) is not practical Very large file size for a file that only contains audio and pictures Some features are not easy to find in the interface 	AudioNote (Free) is versatile and allows PDF embedding, a rare feature for a freeware app (no requirement for additional purchase). The output file, however, is impractical.	**
	Voice Record Pro	No mathematical formulas; Save on device	Several options for fine-tuning audio settings Silence detection Many file export options Easy-to-use file converter	No option to embed visuals	For audio recording only, Voice Record Pro is simple and extremely efficient. Its features are useful for basic or expert use. The export options and file converter are great features that are rarely seen in a freeware app.	❖
	ScreenChomp		User-friendly interface Very easy to use Allows PDF embedding	Video rendering is time-consuming (done directly in the cloud rather than on the device) Few sharing options Limited whiteboard interface Bugs while broadcasting whiteboard marks	ScreenChomp is a very user-friendly app, but not versatile. Video rendering is a lengthy process, much more so than with other apps.	**
	Educreations Interactive Whiteboard		User-friendly and easy to use Creative interface	Some options, like importing PDFs, are only available in the paid version Shareable only in the Educreations webspace Impossible to download files Whiteboard interface is very basic	Educreations Interactive Whiteboard is a great app, but the freeware version is quite limited. The obligation within the freeware version to publicly share posted content is inconvenient. For an app of this quality, the whiteboard interface is very disappointing.	禁
	bContext	Web file; Yes edition; File size unavailable; No mathematical formulas; Save on cloud; Pay for more		Requires a subscription for basic functionality Sharing work is difficult	bContext is a fine app, but its freeware version is quite limited. Without the download option in the freeware, file sharing can be problematic for confidential documents; nonetheless, the ability to embed PDFs and the presence of a great whiteboard interface are rare for freeware versions of a commercial app.	**
	ShowMe	Pay for more	Interesting whiteboard interface Allows PDF embedding	Requires a subscription for basic functionality Sharing work is difficult	Standing is a solid app with an interesting whiteboard interface. The freeware version has inited features, however, and sharing options are limited and not user-friendly.	**
	Doceri Interactive Whiteboard		Great whiteboard interface Many simple file export options Option to establish live connection with a desktop computer	Option to export files in different sizes, but possessing a sully in make files Picture upload only (no PDF)	nteractive Whiteboard is versatile and user-friendly with more advanced options for advanced users. Its only flaw is that it does not allow PDF embedding.	***
	Screen Recorder Pro	M4A, MP4; No edition; 80 MB (video) 4 MB (audio) 5 min.; No mathematical formulas; • Save on device and on cloud; No pay for more • option		A lot of intrusive advertisements Some glitches No whiteboard for video Large file size Recording only possible through camera Recording of web browsing can be tricky	Screen Recorder Pro allows recording of audio and video, which is rare. Simple recording of web browsing is a great feature. Apart from recording, however, its features are limited and some glitches occur here and there. The intrusive advertising is quite distracting, even for a freeware app.	**
	Pro Recorder (Free)	MOV; No edition; 30 MB (video) 4 MB (audio) 5 min.; No mathematical formulas; Save on device and on cloud; No pay for more option	Versatile app Option to record web browsing, but procedure is complex	A lot of intrusive advertisements Some glitches No whiteboard for video	Pro Recorder (Free) allows recording of audio and video, which is rare. The recording of web browsing is a great feature, albeit quite a complex procedure. Apart from recording, however, its features are limited and some glitches occur here and there. The intrusive advertising is quite distracting, even for a freeware app.	**