System	pros	cons	Notes/Comments
MS Lync 4 Microsoft* Lync Adobe Connect	-free -good integration with Office -can connect to 250+ users at same time -6 simultaneous videos -easy to use -has features necessary for online class -powerpoint compatibility -stable	-slowest (of the three) -difficult to set up -echo -too basic -will need online training -slow when dealing with large files -buffering concerns -installation of client software required	- good that ITS is offering training -very interesting software -possible restrictions with different browser versions -potentially works better in an Office 365 environment -Demo was not well
Adobe Connect Adobe Connect	-stable -browser-based -many useful features -cross-platform -good search function -interactive -ease of use -good password control -can filter background noise -breakout rooms -iPad app -record files -Flash + apps based -best interface & offline editing system	-price -difficult to "pilot" -PolyU version is too old -feedback from mic -format & screen design not very attractive -harder to use (steep learning curve) -netID integration	conducted even though presenter was knowledgableBest candidate if video recording is highest priorityShould also consider its media server.
Blackboard collaborate.	-integration with SS accounts -smooth -consistent re teaching @PolyU -more user friendly -full integration with Bb	-live video -audio quality -lack of video clarity -no interactivity -echo -cost -simultaneous connection problems -clunky -java-based	-Impressive. Stable -ppt presentation was redundant -not good presentation -Single sign-on experience with Bb

Skype	-free	-limited no. of sites/users	-Room bandwidth not good
	-simple, easy & straight forward	-low resolution	-Dropped calls & poor
	-convenient & easy to use	-inconsistent transmission of data	connection
	-well-know platform	-flaky (not that stable)	-Not good enough for serious
		-limited functionality	or important activities
			-Useful communication
			channel between individuals
			but not so useful for
			eLearning/flipping

Are you interested in joining a pilot? If so, which system/s would you be interested in?

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