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Sam intro

- Sam’s background
  - Education & past jobs
  - Current job
MSGL

- **MSGL** hybrid program overview
- **MSGL tech used**
  - WebCT & Blackboard
  - Wimba (available via WebCT)
  - Google Documents (available via ToreroMail)
  - **Echo videos**
  - Polycom conference phone
Self-intros

- Name
- Occupation
- One thing you don't like about PowerPoint
- One tip for better PowerPoint presentations
Prezi overview

- Who has used it before?
- Prezi.com
- Pricing
How Prezi works

- **Examples & prezi interface**
  - Can import images, video, PDF
- Prezi online sharing
- Prezi offline sharing
- Prezi desktop
Prezi tips

● Prevent vertigo
  ○ Group related items
  ○ Minimize zooming & panning
  ○ Plan carefully up-front

● Keep it simple

● Start or end with the big picture
Prezi strengths

● For slide minimalists
● For artists & designers
● For visual impact & wow! factor
● For showing conceptual linkage
● Fun for students (new, dynamic, cool)
● Shareability
Prezi limitations

- Learning curve
- Limited printing capability
- No transitions besides pan & zoom
- No slide timing customization
- Audio must be FLV or SWF
Top Prezi alternatives

● PowerPoint
  ○ Use minimalist style ([Takahashi/Lessig](#) Method)
  ○ Design it for the audience (not presenter)
  ○ Make eye contact & interact with audience
  ○ Use wireless remotes
  ○ Make them available to students via WebCT
  ○ [MSGL video](#) about PowerPoint & public speaking
Top Prezi alternatives (cont’d)

- Mac Keynote
  - Wow! factor/novelty
  - Simplicity
  - Limited shareability
  - But can export to PDF
Top Prezi alternatives (cont’d)

- **Google Documents**
  - Simplified
  - Online & collaborative
  - Portable & exportable
  - Rich suite of tools
  - Available to all USD students
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