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# TechTalk overview

- Intros & self-intros
- Prezi overview
- Prezi tips
- Prezi strengths & weaknesses
- Prezi alternatives

# 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 & prezzi 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
- [MSG L 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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