Blackboard Collaborate

What is it?
Blackboard Collaborate technology delivers open, seamless education-focused collaboration solutions that provide a wide spectrum of collaboration:

- Web Conferencing
- Mobile Collaboration
- Instant Messaging
- Voice Authoring
- Seamless integrations

How does it work?
Blackboard Collaborate can be used within your Blackboard course site or standalone.

Who’s doing it?
Thousands of educational institutions from around the world rely on Blackboard Collaborate to reach their academic, administrative, and financial goals through more engaging, interactive, and cost-effective collaboration.

Why is it significant?
Everything in our society is going mobile, and we believe education needs to do the same. Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing is an essential piece of that puzzle, allowing us to bring learning to students anywhere.

Where is it going?
The latest release plans to support an interactive mobile application, Blackboard Collaborate Mobile, scheduled to be available later this summer 2012. The app would allow students to join live sessions from an iPad™ or iPhone® through a link in the LMS, an email or calendar invite that recognizes their device and credentials automatically. Through the app, students would view presentations and whiteboard activity, communicate through chat and audio, and even raise a hand to request attention from the instructor. Instructors would be able to see who is attending the session on mobile devices and assign grades for attending live sessions or viewing recorded ones.
What are the downsides?
Conversion of collaboration recordings to other media types is a separate step.

What are the implications for Teaching and Learning?
Offer a more collaborative, interactive, and mobile learning experience that constantly evolves, and you’ll keep everyone engaged like never before. Helping you create virtual classrooms, offices and meeting spaces that open more possibilities to more students, wherever they are. Offering exciting new approaches to learning while involving each student on an individual level.