Wimba Classroom vs. Blackboard Collaborate 11

	Blackboard Collaborate 11 Web Conferencing	Wimba Classroom
1	Session based (requires start and end time)	Room based (single room meet whenever)
2	Non-persistent settings and content	Persistent settings and content
3	New tech whiteboard	Old tech whiteboard
4	Web tour	No Web tour
5	Download archive via Publish! application*	Download archive directly from Blackboard
6	No tracking information available to presenter	Tracking available to presenter
7	Can be in multiple online sessions at once	Can only be in one online classroom at one time
8	Guest access from inside the session	Guest access from the building block
9	Content is not organized	Content is organized by presentation
10	Opens in Java Webstart app	Opens in Web browser
11	Audio wizard inside application	Audio wizard outside of application in setup wizard
12	Audio buffering	No audio buffering
13	Limit of 6 simultaneous speakers (setting)	No limit of speakers
14	6 simultaneous video streams	Display only 1 video stream at a time
15	Ability for end user to change video quality	Video quality set in room preferences
16	Clipart available for whiteboard	No clipart
18	Annotations on whiteboard persist throughout session	Annotations persist only while on slide
19	Multibyte characters in both text chat and whiteboard	English support only on eBoard
20	Animated laser pointer on whiteboard	Arrow pointer is static arrow
21	Real-time indicators of chat/whiteboard activity by user	No indicators that user is using tool
22	Must have PowerPoint or Open Office to upload PowerPoint	Do not need PowerPoint or Open Office to upload PowerPoint
23	Recordings may show participant names (settings)	Recordings do not show participant names
24	File transfer during session	Not available
25	Multimedia presentation tool	Not available
26	Chat can be moderated	No ability to moderate private chat
27	Quiz Manager	Not available
28	No telephony (on our installation)	Telephony
29	Informal polling - only multiple choice	Informal polling -multiple choice and open ended
30	Guest access to recordings not available from Blackboard	Guest access to recordings available from Blackboard
31	Can only export whiteboard to standard video formats	Can export whiteboard and video feed to standard video formats
32	Echo cancellation*	Not available
33	Mobile app for participants under development	Mobile app not available and won't be developed

* on-demand download of mobile archives (mp3/mp4) and echo cancellation expected in Summer 2012

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