



Interactive Whiteboard Review – March 2009

A comparison of the interactive whiteboards available in Ireland this month. If you know of any other IWBs that are not listed here, please contact Anseo.net so that we can review them and put them up. Likewise, if any information is incorrect (or has been updated), please use the commenting facility so it can be changed in the future. Anseo.net takes no responsibility for incorrect information – please double check prices!

All products listed here are the prices offered for a full, all-in, package, which includes the board, speakers, projector, native software, installation and wiring. Some companies offer to sell the parts separately; check with individual companies.

Key: S=Software, P=Price, Q=Quirks, GS = Guarantee/Service A=Aesthetics (all rated out of 10)

* indicates Promethean Inspire Software is downloaded separately (estimated cost €200)

Board	Company	Price	S	P	Q	GS	A	%	Review Summary
1 TouchIT *	Resources 4 Learning	€2800	10	7	8	8	8	82%	Great all-round IWB which allows touch-based interaction but also doubles up as a normal whiteboard.
2 Lisdoire Smartboard *	Lisdoire	€2400	10	8	6	8	8	80%	Best value IWB at the IPPN conference and still best value Smart board (made better with good software!)
3 TouchIT	Resources 4 Learning	€2600	8	8	8	8	8	80%	Great all-round IWB which allows touch-based interaction but also doubles up as a normal whiteboard.
4 BoardWiz *	C-IT and Bach Marketing	€2150	10	9	5	7	7	76%	Clone of Promethean but at much better value.
5 Lisdoire Smartboard	Lisdoire	€2400	7	9	6	8	8	76%	Best value IWB at the IPPN conference and still best value Smart board
6 Clusus *	Screenflex	€3500	10	5	5	8	9	74%	Promethean clone with good customer service, height adjustable
7 Smart T20	Various	€3500	7	6	7	8	9	74%	New Projector doesn't warrant higher price but fine IWB from Smart
8 Promethean Reseller	Promethean	€2500	10	8	4	6	8	72%	The Best Value Promethean product with the best software. A good purchase for Promethean fans.
9 Traceboard *	Lennox	€3195	10	4	7	7	8	72%	A fine IWB but slightly above average price.
10 Hitachi Starboard	Interactive Classroom	€3798	7	3	9	8	9	72%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. This option is a long-throw projector. Short throw is even more expensive.
11 Ebeam Wireless *	Resources 4 Learning	€2400	10	8	5	7	5	70%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
12 Mimio Wireless *	Discovery	€2400	10	8	5	7	5	70%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the
13 BoardWiz	C-IT and Bach Marketing	€1950	4	10	5	7	8	68%	Clone of Promethean but at much better value.
14 Rainbow IWB	Rainbow Education	€2500	9	8	4	6	7	68%	Ebeam technology with decent software. A bit pricy unless bought in bulk.

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16	Promethean Fixed	Promethean	€3995	10	4	5	6	9	68%	An expensive model compared to reseller product. Has a short throw projector
17	Promethean Height Adjustable	Promethean	€4995	10	3	6	6	9	68%	Unless you have children in wheelchairs, this is an unnecessary luxury.
18	Ebeam Wired *	Resources 4 Learning	€2100	10	8	4	7	4	66%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
19	Mimio Wired *	Discovery	€2100	10	8	4	7	4	66%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the Ebeam.
20	Cleverboard 3 *	Shaw Scientific	€3199	10	4	4	7	8	66%	Third-tier IWB enhanced by Promethean software, uses Mimio technology.
21	Clasus	Screenflex	€3300	4	6	5	8	9	64%	Promethean clone with good customer service, height adjustable
22	Traceboard	Lennox	€2995	4	5	7	7	8	62%	A fine IWB but slightly above average price.
23	Ebeam Wireless	Resources 4 Learning	€2200	4	9	5	7	5	60%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
24	Mimio Wireless	Discovery	€2200	4	9	5	7	5	60%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the Ebeam.
25	Mimio Wired	Discovery	€1900	4	9	4	7	4	56%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the Ebeam.
26	Ebeam Wired	Resources 4 Learning	€1900	4	9	4	7	4	56%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
27	Cleverboard 3	Shaw Scientific	€2999	4	5	4	7	8	56%	Overpriced IWB with little quirks, uses Mimio technology.