

Creating Recordings for Your Students: Recording Mini-Lectures

Pre-recorded mini-lectures can be a very effective way to share your expertise with your students. They can come in handy if you want to:

- Address gaps in students' prior knowledge that are needed to understand aspects of your course
- Introduce a difficult, new topic and allow students to re-review it a few times
- Provide various examples, case studies, or anecdotes
- Correct the common mistakes that you observe in students' work
- Create resources for your online or hybrid courses

Pre-recorded lectures are most effective (and most likely to be viewed) in short, topical segments that are around five minutes long. The following methods can help you record mini-lectures:

Method	What is captured?	What do you need?	Where can you find it?	Other useful info
Record audio narration for PowerPoint slides and save as a video Upload the video to YouTube 	PowerPoint slides, audio Click for an example	Microphone PowerPoint 2010 (or more recent version) YouTube account	In PowerPoint, under the "Slide Show" tab, look for "Record Slide Show." To save as a video, open the File menu and navigate to "Save and Send." YouTube	Check out our tutorials related to this process: Covert PowerPoint slides to a narrated video (video) (PDF) Upload YouTube videos and manage permissions (PDF) Embed video content in Blackboard (video) (PDF)
YouTube videos with visual aids 	Video, audio Click for an example	Webcam Microphone <i>Poster board or whiteboards (optional)</i>	Starting in Spring 2013, YouTube recording is integrated into Blackboard's Text Editor, so you don't need to leave your course to record video for your students. (Screenshot)	You can use whiteboards or any visual aids that would enhance your lecture. Visual aids don't need to be digital to be effective learning tools.

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<p>Screencast-O-Matic used to record your favorite presentation tool</p> 	<p>Any visual aid or software that can be displayed on your computer screen (PowerPoint, Word, Prezi, websites, etc.)</p> <p>Audio</p> <p><i>Webcam video (optional)</i></p> <p>Click for an example using Prezi</p>	<p>Microphone</p> <p>Free Screencast-O-Matic account</p> <p><i>Webcam (optional)</i></p>	<p>Screencast-O-Matic</p> <p>Screenr (Screen recording alternative to Screencast-O-Matic)</p> <p>Prezi</p>	<p>The free version of Screencast-O-Matic has a 15-minute recording limit. The Pro account for \$15 is unlimited.</p> <p>Check out this Screencast-O-Matic Guide (PDF).</p>

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