

Webcam Recording

Overview

A brief, instructor webcam recording is a great way to add presence to an online course for instructor introductions, module introductions, and course announcements.

Uses

INSTRUCTOR INTRODUCTIONS

Record a brief introduction and consider including .. a welcome to your students; pertinent course information; course goals and themes; information about yourself; and your contact information.

MODULE INTRODUCTIONS

Record a brief introduction for each module in your course. Consider including .. goals and an outline of the module; additional details on assignments or areas where students typically need guidance.

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Record a brief course announcement to add an active presence to the course. Consider including .. a summary of the prior week's activity, goals for the week ahead, details on an upcoming or ongoing project, etc.

Best Practices

PLAN YOUR WEBCAM RECORDING

Consider reusability (avoid dates, term info); create an outline; write a script

PREPARE THE RECORDING ENVIRONMENT

Find a quiet place; consider your position, visibility, and lighting in the recording frame

SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS

Be mindful of your voice (tone, rate of speech); be prepared with your script nearby; record and playback a brief, test webcam recording to practice

Webcam Recording with CaptureSpace

PREREQUISITE: INSTALL CAPTURESPACE

1. Visit video.kent.edu
2. Login (Flashline username/password)
3. Click *Add New > CaptureSpace*
4. Follow the install prompts

RECORD WITH CAPTURESPACE

1. Launch CaptureSpace > WEBCAM.
2. Choose RECORD.
3. Conduct and complete your webcam recording.
4. Double-click the CaptureSpace icon, and click DONE.
5. Edit as needed with TRIM (shorten beginning/end) and/or CHOP (select/remove portions).
6. Click DONE.
7. Click UPLOAD.
8. Add the recording to your Blackboard course via *Build Content > Kaltura Media* or within any Blackboard text editor via *Mashup > Kaltura Media*.

Tips & Tricks

PRESENCE, NOT PRESENTATION

Content is typically best presented alongside supporting visuals. Therefore, instructor "talking head" webcam recordings are not the ideal format for online lecture-type presentations.

BREVITY IS KEY

Try to keep webcam recordings for introductions and announcements brief; one to two minutes is ideal.

POSITION YOUR SCRIPT

Have a script ready in a word processor on your monitor while you are recording, so you face the camera while reading.