More than Lecture Capture: Using Tegrity as a Course Supplement

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3 Different Types of Videos That I Make and Examples of What They May Cover

Learning and taking Notes
- I introduce students to the format of the textbook, and demonstrate my process for making an outline based on a few pages.

Writing Skills
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- Revising Paragraphs - The same as with sentences, but a full paragraph

Research Skills
- Basic Library Resources - Demonstration of the Music Library Website, and how to use OneSearch and Classic Catalog to find what you want.
- Advanced Research Methods - How to access discipline-specific resources, and make use of journal articles and bibliographic resources
- Citation Formatting - How to use the Chicago system (Some of my students use other systems, which I allow, making this ideal for an optional video)

Challenges with Tegrity or “Tegrity Sucks”

As far as I am concerned, Tegrity is not designed to make great videos, it excels at making mediocre ones.

Tegrity has poor editing tools
- If you are editing from other video files, it is awkward
- If you import audio from other sources, it is awkward

Tegrity does not play well with other processor-intensive programs
- If you require other interference programs or applications, you could have issues
- Focus groups have complained of problems with OneNote

Approaches to Making Videos: The Recording Process

My Philosophy: Videos should be simple, made in one take, and uploaded immediately

Before Recording

The Recording Space and tools:
- Use the same recording environment
- Avoid lots of background materials (pictures, bookshelves, posters, etc. are distracting)
- Make sure that it is well lit
- Do you need a microphone? Make a test recording (I use my laptop’s built-in system)

Have a Clear Goal and Plan: Questions When Preparing
- Can I cover this topic in a single video or should I divide it?
- Is there a clear and specific goal or challenge?
- Can I explain this topic in a step-by-step manner?

Why should you watch this video?

Positive of Tegrity or Why I Use It Anyway

Tegrity is easy
- Seating: easy to find a new class is easy
- I can start recording within a minute of opening the program
- Tegrity upload automatically and quickly in the background

Tegrity provides feedback for me
- Detailed viewing statistics
- Who watched video?
- Which videos did they watch?
- How long did they watch them (are students watching a video multiple times)?

Easy for Students
- I can provide direct links to videos in Blackboard or emails
- Easy navigation with chapters
- Has a large buffer for students with slow internet (pause while it loads to watch later)

Tegrity provides two video streams
- Stream of my computer screen
- Stream of my webcam

Students can make either video stream full screen
- Students like being able to see me as well (this is not possible in Mediasite)

Feedback from Students

I’ve really enjoyed watching videos of the material we are studying. I’m a visual learner and having a picture attached to an idea makes it much clearer.

The Tegrity videos are something I have never seen before. It was extremely helpful to see the instructor talking about my paper with the paper pulled up on the computer screen. It went through step by step each thing that he had comments on. That was most beneficial.

Further Discussion

- Join me for a more detailed discussion at the April 2 Teaching Online Faculty Interest Group, 12 PM

College Star Research Groups

- My study of the use of Tegrity is involved in two College Star research groups:
  - Teaching With Technology
  - Tegrity and Lecture Capture

Evaluation of Your Tegrity Files

After Recording

- Tegrity automatically uploads (set it to go to your private course and move it from there)
- Watch sections of the video to check sound, lighting, etc.
- Move to the proper course and set accessibility
- Ask students for feedback both on Tegrity and your videos themselves

Use your viewing statistics

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Core Educational Skills: Writing and Research Methods

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