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Audiovisual formative feedback



“Students want feedback in a variety of formats, including verbal, written and electronic.” (NUS, 2010)

“How can universities and colleges best support technology-enhanced learning?”

One of the answers given

“Use screen capture software to provide audio and visual feedback in assessment which would particularly benefit some disabled students.” (National Student Forum, 2009, p.28)

Audiovisual formative feedback

Brick and Holmes (2008:340) discuss literature

- more acceptable than written feedback (Stannard, 2006, 2007; McLaughlin et al, 2007)
- more detailed than written feedback (Stannard, 2007)
- most memorable method of instruction (Mayer, 2001)
- accounts for learning styles
- feedback is valued
- “clearer than traditional forms”

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- “The fix that fails ... You need to do more reading” (Cree, 2010)
- “Tell them there is a problem and show how they can improve!” (Cree, 2010)
- Engage early with useful feedback

Today's examples

- Pre-prepared audiovisuals in
formative quiz feedback
essay feedback

Much of the literature focuses on specially drafted individual feedback but the focus here is on reusable feedback.

Formative quiz feedback

Principles of Assessment Quiz

Examples of feedback provided:

[Internally produced screencast](#) (reliability)

[YouTube video](#) (transparency)

[‘Spliced’ YouTube video](#) (practicality)

Creating audiovisual feedback

Screencast Tools

- 1) Camtasia Studio - commercial. Good tool enabling simple editing of screencasts, integrates into PowerPoint if required
- 2) Captivate - commercial Adobe product
- 3) Jing - free software to download, free version limits screen recordings to 5 mins
- 4) Screenr - free online tool, works well with Twitter
- 5) Screencast-o-matic – free online screencasting software

Source (1-4): <http://ipark.hud.ac.uk/content/screencasting>

Task: producing a 'Splicd' YouTube video

- Taking your subject, think of a question that your students find challenging or that you want them to read about for lecture preparation.
- Search on YouTube for relevant material.
- Make a note of the start and end points in seconds and copy the URL.
- Go to www.splicd.com
- Enter URL, enter seconds & 'click' continue.

Essay feedback

Conclusions in Academic Writing

Improper Citation

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Many students don't know what a citation is.

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Some students will not be sure of 'contraction'.

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