

Distance Learning : Student Presentations in PPR MA Modules

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Recommendations

Brief Outline of Panopto functionality

Panopto has the in-built functionality to create an 'Assignment Folder' (sometimes referred to as a 'Drop Box').

The Assignment Folder's purpose is to allow distance learners to create and share presentations with one another and their teacher by utilising Panopto software. As such the recording functionality is multiplatform.

Distance learners download the Panopto recorder and utilise to record their PowerPoint presentation as a movie with narration. The finished presentation is uploaded to the Assignment Folder that sits within the relevant Moodle course.

Creating the Assignment Folder – How difficult for the Administrator?

The Assignment Folder is created by the Administrator and according to Panopto is a three point process.

<https://support.panopto.com/articles/Documentation/drop-box-student-recordings-0>

This ease of set-up appears to be confirmed by Universities using Panopto Distance Learning functionality. Here is an example of Haverford University using Panopto Assignment Folders with their Moodle courses for off campus student presentation recording.

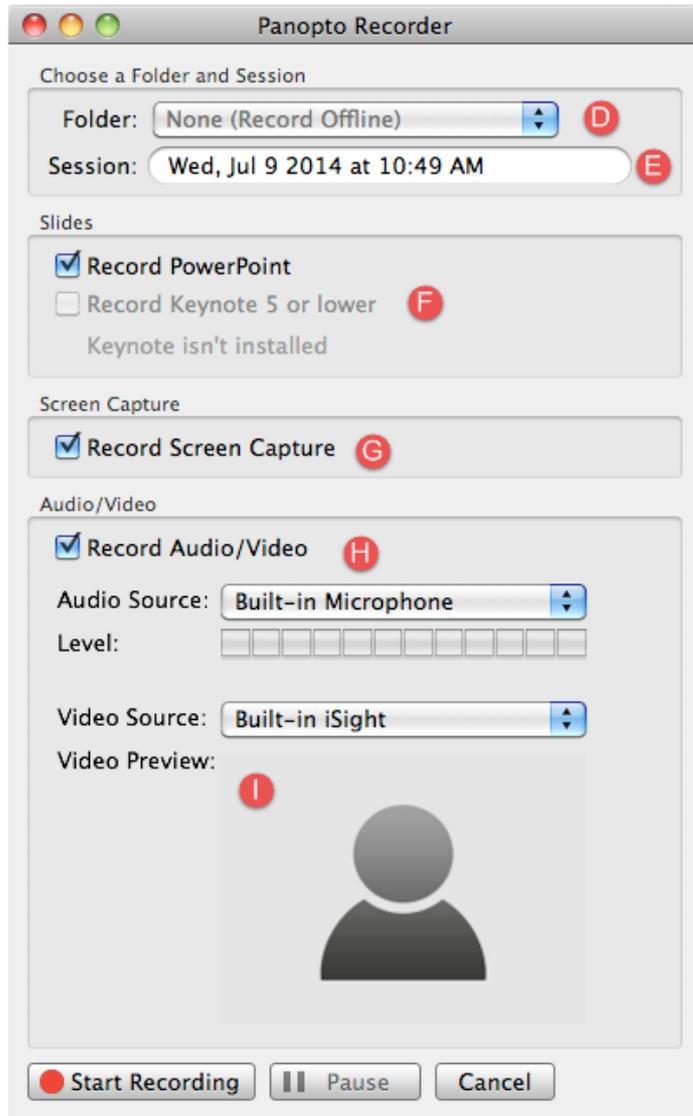
<http://iits.haverford.edu/documents/create-a-drop-box-for-students-to-record-to-using-panopto/>



The screenshot shows the website for Haverford University's Instructional & Information Technology Services. The page title is "Create a Drop Box folder so students can record with Panopto". The content explains that Panopto is used for faculty use but students can also use it. It states that students use Panopto to practice before a class presentation or to create presentations outside of class-time. It also mentions that by default, the student who created the video and the teacher of the course are the people with access to view student videos that students record. Below the text are instructions on how to create a Drop Box folder for the Panopto folder linked to your Moodle Course. The page includes a search bar, a navigation menu, and a related content section with links to "Panopto (Lecture Capture)", "Using Panopto Lecture Capture and Video in your Course", and "Recording Presentations and Uploading to Panopto Drop Box (instructions for...)".

Creating an audio PowerPoint- How difficult for the student?

It is very simple to use for the student. They choose what they want to capture (video, audio, and or PowerPoint etc.) and press a record button. It allows the student to capture themselves if they have a camera and so wish. See screen shot.



Once complete they press an upload button and it uploaded to the Assignment Folder in the appropriate Moodle course. See shot below.

Offline Recordings						
Start Time	Duration	Session	Streams	Actions		
1/13/2011 2:50 PM	00:01:09	Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 2:50:25 PM	Audio + Screen	Upload to Server	Delete	

Currently Uploading Recordings						
Start Time	Duration	Folder	Session	Streams	Upload Progress	Actions
2/17/2011 6:21 PM	00:00:03	my folder	Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6:11:58 PM	PPT + Screen	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	Pause Delete

Uploaded Recordings						
Start Time	Duration	Folder	Session	Actions	Status / Link	
2/17/2011 6:10 PM	00:01:07	my folder	Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 4:32:30 PM	Delete Local Set Offline	View Edit Share (default)	

Conclusions

The downside of Panopto distance learning functionality is that it requires an element of administrator set up time. However, the biggest issue appears to be the University's imminent changeover to a different system that may or may not have distance recording functionality and in any case is restricted to Windows systems. There is little point in pursuing Panopto if it is to be phased out. On the other hand if it is to be retained as a legacy system there may be merit in continuing its use purely for Distance Learning courses. Such a policy would prevent certain key features of distance learning being integrated into campus-based practice that might be a problem in the near future.

[Since writing this I have been informed by ISS that there is no intention to phase on Panopto and in fact the licence has been renewed].