

Echo360 Q&A

What is Echo360?

Echo360 is a system for creating and streaming instructional videos and audio recordings. The most common type of Echo360 video is a *screencast*, which is a narrated recording of a computer display, but other types are possible.

Who may use Echo360?

Any full or part-time instructor may use Echo360 to create and stream videos for their courses. Staff may also use Echo360 to create training videos.

How is Echo360 currently being used?

Echo360 is used to support graduate and undergraduate courses in a wide range of disciplines. Faculty use Echo360 to teach online and “flipped” courses, to record student presentations, to create short reusable presentations on a narrowly focused topic, to record reviews of homework and exam results, and to record make-up lectures. Echo360 has been used to record candidate interviews, workshops, and how-to videos.

Can I record in the classroom?

Yes. More than 30 classrooms are currently configured for in-class recording. A current list of Echo360 classrooms is maintained on [Educational Technology’s Echo360 page](#). Additional classrooms can be equipped upon request.

Can I record outside of the classroom?

Yes. Echo360’s Personal Capture software can be installed on any Windows or Mac computer to create recordings anywhere and anytime.

Can Echo360 stream videos created with PowerPoint or other software?

Yes. You can import videos created with PowerPoint, and from many other sources such as Camtasia, BBFlashback, camcorders, and even your phone or tablet.

What can I record?

The Personal Capture software (see “Can I record outside of the classroom?”) can record: only your voice, or your voice plus your computer display, or your voice plus a webcam image, or your voice plus both your computer display and a webcam image.

Can I record a document camera?

Yes, the Echo360 classrooms can record a document camera. This makes it possible to record handwritten notes and drawings. Portable document cameras such as the IPEVO Point 2 View can be used with Personal Capture outside of the classroom.

Can I edit my recordings?

Editing is limited to cutting out sections. For example, you can remove unwanted segments at the start or end of a recording, or cut out portions in the middle.

How do my students access and view the recordings?

Echo360 recordings can be viewed on any computer, phone or tablet. You can add an “External Resource” link to your Kodiak classroom that delivers your students to a list of all the recordings for that course. You can also provide “public URLs” to individual recordings that can be distributed like any other web address.

Can my students download my recordings for offline viewing?

Yes, but this option can also be turned off at your discretion.

Can Echo360 videos be closed-captioned?

Yes. A video or audio file is *closed captioned* when the viewer or listener can choose to display the text of the spoken words on the screen. Student Disability Services maintains an account with 3PlayMedia, which is a captioning service integrated with Echo360.

How do I get started?

Echo360 is supported by the OIT’s Educational Technology group. Email us at edtech@wne.edu and we’ll create an account for you and send you information to get you started. A short 30-45 minute one-on-one training session is strongly recommended.