Recording a class lecture

**Description:** I want to record a lecture as it happens in my class.

**Options:**

**Windows and Mac Users:**

If the lecture or class session relies mainly on slides presented from the computer, Camtasia Relay (a simple recorder from the makers of Camtasia) may be a good option and can be installed on the laptop or desktop. The application will record audio from an internal or external mic and video of applications displayed on the computer screen. If a web or internal camera is available from the computer, a small “talking head” window of the camera recording can be shown on the presentation (see below).

[Detailed directions for using Camtasia Relay at Furman are available.]

**Tablet Users:**

If the lecture or activity is more board-based, Swivl may be the more appropriate option. If students are speaking, they could be handed the Swivl remote, which will point the camera in their direction and record audio from the remote.

**Distribution Options:**

For Camtasia Relay, videos can be directed to a YouTube channel or a network folder. Videos can then be uploaded from the network folder to BOX.

**Considerations:**

- Camtasia Relay
  - Audio quality could suffer if the instructor moves away from the computer, unless an external microphone is used. It will be difficult to hear students, unless the external mic is handed to students when they have a question or comment.
  - Camtasia Relay provides an easy way to capture the computer screen and a mini-version of what’s coming in through the computer or attached webcam. Editing options are minimal—you can clip only from the very beginning or end of the recording before publishing.
- Consider recording portions of the lecture outside of class using software such as Camtasia, Screenflow, or Explain Everything for more polished screencasts.