

So you have heard about VoiceThread. Now what?



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You Will Need....

The Following Link:

<https://voicethread.com/join-org/22880546/?type=2>

A CUWAA Email Address

Access to Blackboard

Objectives:

In regards to Voicethread, We will be able to...

- Login successfully to you personal VT home page
- Create a Voiceover PPT-- Uploading those made previously and/or full creation in VT
- Share a presentational VT in Blackboard
- Navigate the assignment creation tool in Blackboard
- Navigate the tool's tutorials and trainings

What is Voicethread?

“A VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and leave comments in 5 ways - using voice (with a mic or telephone), text, audio file, or video (via a webcam).”

- Voicethread.com

What does this mean for us in 2021 Higher Ed?

Operating in the “Post-Covid” educational sphere we are looking for ways to...

- Promote authentic, dynamic communication in the virtual space
- Provide a variety of ways to assess informally (formative assessment)
- Create flipped classroom opportunities for traditional in-person education
- Give students a wealth of opportunities to learn, share what they know, and interact with you and their peers in a way that may feel less “stale”

Creating and Navigating your VT Account.

1. Click the link provided in the presentation and zoom chat
2. Select “Register”
3. Create an account with your CUWAA email account
4. Confirm email/password (you should receive an email from voicethread)
5. Practice with the navigation

Creating Voice Over PPTs

- Many options exist for creating VTs of presentations with voice overs.
- This can be done with pre-recorded presentations in powerpoint, presentations uploaded to youtube, or presentations that need additional voice over descriptions.
- We will walk through each of the options briefly.
- The goal of VT is to be intuitive and user friendly-- Experiment on your own!

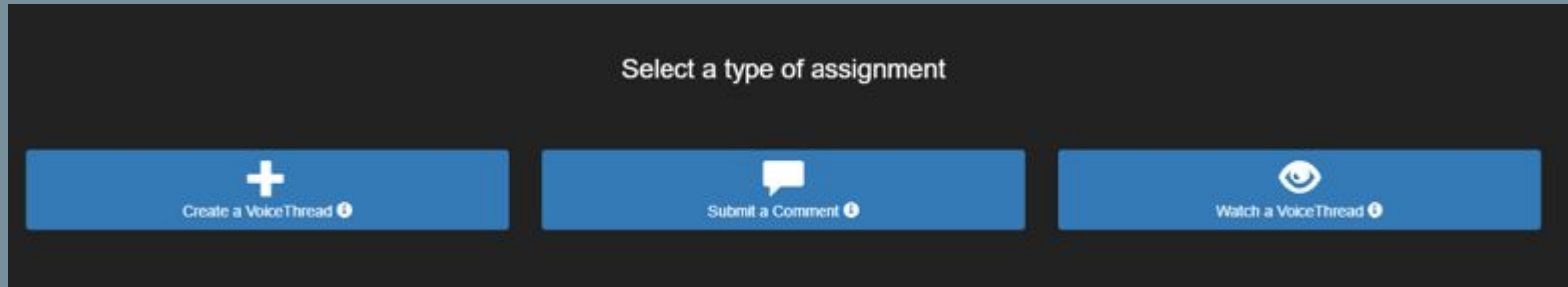
Sharing VoiceThreads in BlackBoard

Option 1: Share a link or embed from VT into a Blackboard Item

Option 2: Create/link a voicethread under Build Content in Blackboard

Creating VoiceThread Assignments

- In your course under Build Content → Voicethread → Assignment Builder
- Three types of graded assignments (see below)
- Once assignment is created, a Grade Center column is automatically added
 - 100 points default (can be changed in the Grade Center)
 - No Category by default (can be changed in the Grade Center)



Students create their own VoiceThread

Students comment on instructor's VoiceThread

Students must watch an instructor's VoiceThread from start to finish.

- Must have audio/voiceover
- Students can't skip ahead

Grading VoiceThread Assignments in Blackboard

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for a course titled "Blackboard for Effective Course Delivery (Slide 1 of 5)". The main content area shows a VoiceThread assignment with a video player. The video title is "Blackboard for Effective Course Delivery - 2020 and Beyond". A chat window is open over the video, showing a message from Taryn Kannon: "Hello".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with a search bar and two sections: "Submitted" and "Not Submitted". The "Submitted" section lists a student named Taryn Kannon (TK) with a grade of 0. The "Not Submitted" section lists a student named Susan Gallanis (SG) with a "Remind all students" button.

On the right side, there is another sidebar with a search bar and two sections: "Submitted" and "Not Submitted". The "Submitted" section lists a student named Taryn Kannon (TK) with a grade of 0. The "Not Submitted" section lists a student named Susan Gallanis (SG) with a "Remind all students" button. A red circle highlights the student name and grade in the "Submitted" section.

- Click on the Voicethread assignment link to see submissions.
- Click on a name to see that person's comments.
- Enter the grade in Voicethread (upper right corner). Grade MUST be entered as a percentage (not a raw score/points).

Learning/Professional Growth Opportunities

Free Trainings: <https://voicethread.com/workshops>

Training Library: <https://voicethread.com/library>

Tutorials: <https://voicethread.com/myvoice/browse/threadbox/890/>

Higher Ed Resources: <https://voicethread.com/myvoice/browse/threadbox/118/>

Certification: <https://voicethread.com/vce>

Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXggZ2yUPudu9EKx5ZtrdAw>

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Bonus: Using ALL of our tools!

