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Creating Screencasts to Deliver Content Online

So, what is screencast? A screencast is a recording of your computer screen, of the screen of your phone or tablet, which, more often than not, is accompanied by an audio narration. So, when a user is watching one of your screencasts, they are watching a video that you made yourself of what was happening on your computer screen at any particular point in time and listening to you speak over those images about what they are watching. It is basically another type of instructional video.

Screencasts are great for so many things. They can be used for showing students how to navigate your online module; provide a quick tutorial on how to use specific functionality in a piece of software; and explain a particularly difficult topic or concept via PowerPoint for example. If you would like to know more about creating effective screencasts, watch this short video.

https://hstalks.com/t/4148/principles-for-creating-effective-screencasts/

What software can you can use to create screencasts?

At TU Dublin ScreenPal (previously known as Screencast-o-Matic) can be used to create a screencast. Access this document for information on how to sign up for a TU Dublin ScreenPal license.

How do I make my screencast available to my students from within my Brightspace module?

Once you have created your screencast, you can stream your screencast from the ScreenPal site or, if you'd prefer, you can download the video file (mp4) and upload it into your Brightspace module. You could also host it in OneDrive, or a YouTube channel if you have one, and insert the link into Brightspace from there.

[Access this document](#) for further guidance on how to embed your ScreenPal screencasts into your Brightspace modules.