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Announcing the Personal Video Studio!

HDK Productions (Hank, Dave, Katie :) is delighted to announce the Personal Video Studio, a desktop video studio designed to allow faculty and staff to create video learning objects with a minimum of training, hassle, and time. Housed, for now, in Rm. 463 in the Mesa LRC, this system is ready to make you an Internet TV star! Consisting of a live video switcher and several video sources including standard cameras, document camera, computer video, and DVD/VCR player, the studio will allow you to record any of these sources along with your voiceover, switching between them at the touch of a button. You can lecture, show your computer screen, use the document camera like a whiteboard or opaque projector, and even show movies, all in real time. The video and audio are recorded to digital tape and should require little or no editing.

Using this system, you can record anything from full-up lectures to short, reusable video learning objects. This is also the easiest way I know to create narrated versions of your PowerPoint presentations. The average training time required to use the system is about 20 minutes and, thereafter, you won't need anyone else in the room with you while producing video. You don't have to wait on anyone else in order to be able to produce compelling, effective and accessible instructional video of all sorts!

You can view our initial promo at:

http://online2.sdccd.edu/pvs/pvs_intro_2_overlay/pvs_intro_2_overlay.html.

To see some examples of faculty-created videos produced with systems like this, you can check our demo web page at http://online2.sdccd.edu/dgiberson/pvs_demo. You can sign up for time in the studio using our web calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/pvideo>; all district faculty and staff and friends from InterWork connected schools are welcome. If it's your first time or you would just like some help with a production please contact Dave (dgiberso@sdccd.edu), Hank (hbeaver@sdccd.edu) or Katie (kpalacio@sdccd.edu) to set up a mutually convenient time. Once you become comfortable in the studio, you can just reserve some time and show up at the door. If Hank is not around, one of the IA's in the student Center for Independent Learning next door will let you in. The studio is available at all times the Mesa LRC is open.

This resource was funded through a grant from the SDSU Interwork Institute's Universal Design for Learning Scholar program. Join us for a flex seminar (#54289) and hands-on experience with the studio on July 10 from 9 AM—noon in Rm. 435 in the Mesa College LRC!

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Special Points of Interest

- Release your inner TV star!
- Learn Camtasia Studio
- Help your students with Course Information Pages
- Get in touch with your cheap side—free edtech tools
- Get to know your online students in real time
- Send large files via the Web



Flex Seminars for Summer 2009

SDCCD Online Learning Pathways is pleased to announce its Summer 2009 slate of Faculty/Staff Development (Flex) seminars! The complete list of offerings can be found on our Faculty training page at <http://www.sdccdonline.net/faculty/training/>. Offerings will include:

- **An Introduction to the Personal Video Studio**—learn to use this great new video production tool. Enrich your online and web-enhanced courses with easy-to-produce, effective, and accessible video learning objects. Friday July 10, 9AM—noon, Rm. 435 Mesa College LRC. Flex # 54289.
- **Vista Tips & Tricks**—Stump the chumps; bring your Blackboard Vista questions to RM. W-222, Miramar on Wed. July 15 2-4 PM with web simulcast on [CCCConfer](#). Flex # 54278
- **Introduction to Camtasia Studio**—our perennial favorite topic. Learn to create screencasts to teach your students virtually anything! Fri. July 24, 9AM—noon, Rm. W-222 Miramar. Flex #54279
- **Free E-Learning Tools**—these free (or really cheap) tools can greatly enhance your student's e-learning experience! Friday July 31, Miramar W-246, 9-11AM. Flex #54280
- **Pages with Paula**—Learn to use our new Course Information Pages system to quickly create web pages providing information to your online students before the first day of the term. Miramar W-222, Tuesday Aug. 4, 2-4 PM with web simulcast on [CCCConfer](#). Flex #54281. You can also meet the newest member of our team, Paula Miranda!
- **Hands-on Course Prep**—get your Fall course shells ready. Drop in anytime for face-to-face assistance from our staff. Thursday Aug. 13, 1-5 PM. Flex #54282. Friday Aug. 14, 9AM—noon, W-222 Miramar. Flex #54283.

Teaching and Learning in Real Time

Synchronous e-learning is gaining in popularity as the technology for teaching in real time has become more user-friendly and robust. At SDCCD Online Learning Pathways, we use Elluminate® through a partnership with CCCCOnfer. This summer, we are installing a Powerlink on Blackboard Vista that will enable you to add an Elluminate link directly into your course.

What are some of the ways that a live class session on Elluminate can add educational value to your online or partially online course? We know for sure

that two essential factors for online learning and retention are presence and interaction; and synchronous e-learning has the potential to achieve both.

- ✦ Learners can ask questions directly and receive immediate feedback.
- ✦ Difficult concepts can be illustrated, explained and reviewed.
- ✦ Learners can demonstrate their understanding of course material.
- ✦ Instructor and students become a

supportive learning community.

- ✦ Students enjoy hearing (via voice over IP) and seeing (via webcam) their instructors and each other.
- ✦ Live sessions can be saved and archived for later viewing.

This Summer and Fall, SDCCD Online Learning Pathways is offering instructional technology workshops via Elluminate. Come join us and see the power of learning in real time!



Technology Tip



We've all tried to send a file as an attachment through e-mail only to have it bounce back because the file was too large. YouSendIt is a web service that was designed to solve this problem for you. You just visit their website at <http://www.yousendit.com>, tell them to whom you want to send the file, and browse for the file on your hard disk. The file is uploaded to YouSendIt and an e-mail is sent to your recipient containing a hyperlink that will enable them to

download the file.

This is a fee-based service, but you can sign up for a free "Lite" version that allows you to send files of up to 100 Mb in size with a total download bandwidth limitation of 1 Gb/month. This could be a life-saver for you (or your students) if you're having trouble with a file upload for some reason. The service seems quite reliable & secure.

Please Contribute!

We'd love to publish your 75-200 word article here. Please send us your best technology tip or resource so we can share it with everyone!

You can send your submission to Dave Giberson at

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