Step Two: Creation  
Talking Head Video - FAQs

Q: What materials do I need for my own creation?

A: Talking head videos can be used with a number of presentation materials. Like all creation methods recommend, such presentation materials are best when they offer content in a dynamic and engaging way. Thus, you may want to consider using embedded media such as images, video, and questions, to name a few.

Regardless of which materials you choose, to create the talking head video, you will need a video/audio capture tool. In the past people have used:

- Canvas
- Quicktime Player for Mac iOS
- iMovie for Mac iOS
- Moviemaker for Windows
- External Video Setup (Camera or Tablet)
- Camtasia (Cross Platform Application)

Q: Out of these options, where should I start?

A: Each of these options hold individual strengths. However, we primarily recommend Canvas as place to start. Canvas offers a straight forward function to create, upload and share talking head videos to either stand alone or accompany your other course materials. Additionally, it is compatible with your computer’s internal camera and microphone.

Q: Okay, great. So, how do I go about using this function in Canvas?

A: Here’s a step by step approach to creating a talking head video in Canvas:

1. Within your Canvas course site, go to the “Pages” section and create a new page (or edit an existing one)
2. Click on the media Record|Upload Media Comment icon
3. Within this popup tab, click on Record Media
   A. Give a title to your talking head video
   B. Be sure to allow Adobe Flash Player Settings to access your computer’s internal camera and microphone
   C. Record video selection as you see fit and when finished, click stop. You can review content through playback as desired
   D. Click save and your video will then be embedded within the page as a media comment, as seen here

Q: Wow, that was simple!

A: Indeed, and if you’d like to see examples from faculty, visit the section Technique in Action.