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**PamB:** Well, maybe we should start...

**PamB:** let's first introduce ourselves

**LoriSi:** Lori, Round Rock TX, graduate student in instructional tech

**MaryFT:** I'm Mary Thompson, a lecturer at University of Houston. I teach technology integration courses for preservice teachers

**PamB:** I'm a library/technology consultant from New York. I work with school districts and universities around the country.

**MarthaJ:** I am a technology resource teacher in Alexandria,VA

**PamB:** Welcome every one. Tonight we are going to look at a web tool called Camtasia...

**PamB:** Camtasia records and captures your desktop and automatically creates online demos and software simulations

**PamB:** Mary has been using it and has created a demo of Tapped In that she is going to share with us...

**JeffC:** <http://www.techsmith.com>

**JasonDe** joined the room.

**PamB:** Mary take it away!

**MaryFT:** If you are in room view, you can see the example that Bj has posted called Demo of TI using Camtasia

**MaryFT:** You can click on that but I have also prepared a page with other examples: <http://www.coe.uh.edu/courses/cuin3113/camtasia.htm>

**JasonDe:** how do you get to room view?

**MaryFT:** I'd like everyone to take a look at a least one example so that you can see what a Camtasia video looks like

**MaryFT:** Jason, there should be button called Room View at the top of your screen

**MarthaJ:** Mary, I really like that video. Do you use it in a F2F class or is it a online class?

**LoriSi:** I think I might have heard of snag it in a class I recently took for the tech program

**LoriSi:** never used it though

**MaryFT:** The TI example is one that I use with an online class

**JasonDe:** I did find room view but it does not change the look

**MaryFT:** The other videos are used in a hybrid f2f/online class

**MaryFT:** Okay...if you are in Room View then you should see a window called Featured Items...

**MaryFT:** the demo is in there

**MaryFT:** Which video did you watch Martha?

**MarthaJ:** the intro to Tapped In

**MaryFT:** The cool thing about Camtasia is the ease with which these videos can be created

**MaryFT:** I made one this morning that took me only 20 minutes

**MarthaJ:** I have to create an online course for my grad class. I might really want to get to know camtasia better.

**MaryFT:** If you can talk students through the process in a lecture setting then you can definitely create a Camtasia video of the same content

**PamB:** I really like having the voice option.

**AlejandraW** joined the room.

**MaryFT:** The benefit of Camtasia over lecture is pretty obvious too!

**AlejandraW:** Hi everyone

**PamB:** Hi Alejandra

**MaryFT:** My students love it because it is self-paced and they can watch it when they have time

**PamB:** We are looking at a tool called Camtasia

**MaryFT:** Yes Pam, voice definitely helps get the point across and it's easy to include as well.

**AlejandraW:** Thanks Pam, I will just listen if you don't mind ....as it is my first time here

**MaryFT:** I usually record my voice at the same time as I am recording the video

**MarthaJ:** are the instructions to use it easy to follow and understand?

**MaryFT:** Even if I flub it, I can go back and edit

**MaryFT:** Yes...the processes are split into Record, Edit, and Produce and the menu for each is located on the left side of the Camtasia window.

**PamB:** Alejandra, if you are in the Room View, look at Featured Items, Click on Demo of Camtasia

**MaryFT:** All the choices are laid out so you don't have to search for them.

**AlejandraW:** thanks

**MarthaJ:** what problems did you have starting with it?

**MaryFT:** To see the menus, try the following TechSmith demo:  
[http://www.techsmith.com/videos/studio/Overview/camtasia\\_studio\\_2.html?movie=1](http://www.techsmith.com/videos/studio/Overview/camtasia_studio_2.html?movie=1)

**PamB:** Mary, I looked at Viewlets but I didn't find it to be simple and easy to use. From what you are saying, Camtasia seems much better.

**MaryFT:** Let me know when you've had a chance to look at it

**MaryFT:** I have used both Viewlets and Camtasia and I strongly prefer Camtasia

**LoriSi:** wow..this is very kewl

**MaryFT:** Glad you like it Lori

**LoriSi:** I'm surprised some of my classes have not picked up this program

**MarthaJ:** If I wanted to add a powerpoint to a web site does this work better then saving powerpoint as a web page?

**MaryFT:** Viewlets relies on individual screen shots while Camtasia allows me to do what I do naturally

**JeffC:** It comes bundled with Snagit (to screen capture any part of the screen) and Dubit (to overdub audio). It's around \$100.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**MaryFT:** Actually, Martha, I haven't done that yet but I think that you might have greater certainty about the outcome/quality of your PPT if you recorded it in Camtasia

**SusanR** listens quietly

**MaryFT:** Camtasia's newest upgrade (free if you already have the program) includes a button that integrates Camtasia with PowerPoint

**MarthaJ:** So you are just moving through your screen and videoing and talking about what you are doing?

**MaryFT:** But Lori brought up a really good point...how many classes are using Camtasia style productions?

**MaryFT:** What are the benefits to students of these types of presentations?

**PamB:** I viewed a powerpoint on Camtasia today and it was very impressive...so smooth with voice over

**MaryFT:** That's correct Martha...then you have the opportunity to edit it and add transitions, CallOuts, other video sources, and other sounds

**LoriSi:** does the website for this program have sample presentations also?

**AlejandraW** is watching the demo

**MaryFT:** Yes...

<http://www.techsmith.com/products/studio/default.asp?lid=CamtasiaStudioHome>

**MarthaJ:** Having both visuals and sound can really be a benefit for students to comprehend what you are teaching.

**SusanR** is also watching the demo

**PamB:** It's a great way to create tutorial for students, such as the one you created for TappedI in

**MaryFT:** I use it not only to introduce programs but I also use it to give my students ideas for our projects

**MaryFT:** I slip in a little technology integration theory along the way

**LoriSi:** this is amazing

**MaryFT:** I am working with a third grade teacher to create some Camtasia intros for her classroom computer centers

**SusanR:** impressive

**MaryFT:** We will see if the kids can watch and then do

**LoriSi:** this would be great to be able to present a lesson/video to a class while using a SMART White board

**SusanR:** lots of classroom application

**MaryFT:** She has been struggling with Computer Centers and this might be a workable solution

**LoriSi:** I bet it will

**MarthaJ:** I have a teacher who wants to create a tutorial for ESOL students on a program she uses and this would be great with the audio and visuals.

**MarthaJ:** She was going to use powerpoint but this would be even better!

**MaryFT:** I agree Martha! And the Callouts feature would allow her to present important text and/or vocabulary

**MaryFT:** At the risk of losing everyone...

**LoriSi:** adaptive students, such as autistic would probably love the lessons

**MaryFT:** here is the link to download a 30-day free trial:  
<http://www.techsmith.com/download/studiofreetrial1.asp>

**JeffC:** Just checked pricing at  
<http://www.techsmith.com/order/academiclicensing.asp?lid=OrderEduHome> ...for educators it is \$169 for the Camtasia/Snagit bundle.

**MarthaJ:** what does snagit do

**SusanR:** What is the learning curve for teachers?

**SusanR:** is it a steep learning curve?

**MaryFT:** Susan, I was able to pick it up pretty quickly but I've had quite a bit of experience editing video

**JeffC:** Snagit captures screenshots on a PC... any area you want to capture and turn into a .jpg.

**MarthaJ:** ok

**MaryFT:** However, in the early stages, editing is not really necessary...that can come as you get more comfortable

**MaryFT:** However, making the initial video is simply turning Camtasia on and then performing the process that you want to record

**MaryFT:** Camtasia records it all seamlessly and then drops it into the program for editing

**SusanR:** . o O ( doesn't run on Macs )

**MarthaJ:** and what format does it save to

**MaryFT:** No. No Mac version.

**JeffC:** They have a program called EnSharpen for Macs... not sure how it works though.

**MarthaJ:** Susan, I feel the same way, but look at snapz pro and imovie

**MaryFT:** Multiple formats Martha...I generally export to Flash

**MarthaJ:** what if you weren't saving to a web page

**SusanR:** I understand

**PamB:** Have you ever used Macromedia Captivate ?

**MaryFT:** but you can also export as Quicktime, Windows Media, and AVI

**MarthaJ:** ok

**LoriSi:** really...I have some experience with quick and wm

**MaryFT:** You can import many of those formats into PowerPoint or play them from your desktop or burn them to a CD

**PamB:** You can post it on a desktop or save it to a CD

**MaryFT:** I find that most (if not all of my students) can access the Flash files and they are so nice and small

**MaryFT:** So, as a teacher, I have found that Camtasia allows me to present my course materials succinctly

**MaryFT:** in a manner that allows for the multiple learning styles and readiness levels of a very diverse group of students

**PamB:** I think I'm sold. I was trying to convince myself to learn viewlets because I was given a copy of it, but now I'm going to download the trial copy of Camtasia.

**MaryFT:** I generally assign them the videos as "homework" so that we can concentrate on integration/creativity ideas when they are in the classroom

**MaryFT:** I think it's a good choice Pam

**PamB:** Do your students create any themselves?

**MaryFT:** I would like to add that to the curriculum in the near future (many of them have asked!)

**MaryFT:** I will probably offer it as an option for some of those who are ready to move on

**SusanR:** Older students would feel quite at home with Camtasia

**MarthaJ:** I think if you are taking any distance learning courses it should be a part of it.

**JudenGst1** joined the room.

**MaryFT:** I will also be teaching a graduate class in Multimedia for the Classroom and Camtasia will figure prominently

**AlejandraW:** thank you for the information ... will download and study it later ...must leave

**MaryFT:** you're welcome Alejandra

**PamB:** Bye Alejandra

**JeffC:** Do your students have access to a computer lab with Camtasia accessible Mary?

**MaryFT:** No...but they are allowed to download the free trial to their profiles

**MaryFT:** For a Summer course, 30 days will be sufficient

**JeffC** nods

**JudenGst1:** What is Camtasia? Sorry....logged on in the middle of conversation

**MaryFT:** if enough of them request it then, purchasing a site license will be considered

**MaryFT:** Hi Juden...take a look at <http://www.coe.uh.edu/courses/cuin3113/camtasia.htm> for an overview of Camtasia

**MaryFT:** there are lots of links that demo different features of the software

**JudenGst1:** thanks

**MarthaJ:** but I can also see a computer station with it that can be accessed by many teachers.

**MaryFT:** Also, the trial version of Camtasia is fully featured

**LoriSi:** that is nice!

**MaryFT:** which I love...it allows you to really get to know the software

**MaryFT:** I don't like software trials that prevent you from saving or really using it

**MaryFT:** Yes Martha, many teachers could share but, unlike some programs, the educational price is not too steep

**MarthaJ** nods

**MaryFT:** I bought my copy once I had used up my trial period

**MarthaJ:** my budget is tight but I might be able to get it

**MaryFT:** I had so many ideas and I simply couldn't do without it

**MaryFT:** What sorts of ideas do you all have for using Camtasia in your areas?

**LoriSi:** so, if you don't mind me asking, what sort of classroom lessons has anyone made



**MarthaJ:** having teachers create tutorials for students that miss an important instruction.

**MaryFT:** What about posting in-class PowerPoints to a teacher website so that parents can view them as well?

**MarthaJ:** I had to show students over close circuit TV how to log onto their laptops. This would have worked so much better

**LoriSi:** I bet

**MaryFT:** Lori, do you mean classroom lessons for older students or younger?

**MarthaJ:** but then you have to keep updating. high school teachers often don't have the time.

**MaryFT:** No doubt...and the added benefit is that students can rewatch them as many times as they need

**LoriSi:** either one...I'm certified pe, but am working on projects for my class this semester

**JudenGst1:** Can you record DVD footage to the program?

**MaryFT:** I have watched my students use the demos in many different ways. Some watch and do immediately, some watch and take notes, some watch and read the transcripts

**MaryFT:** Juden, I think you can record anything that you can see on your screen...I haven't tried DVD yet

**PamB:** I teach curriculum/technology integration with school Librarians and classroom teachers. One of the courses involves creating websites with Front Page. Camtasia would help take the pressure off the students in learning Front Page -- they could view it ahead of time and as many times as they need.

**MaryFT:** That's one thing I want to point out...to improve accessibility of what is essentially a visual and auditory media, I try to provide a transcript with all the videos I use in class

**LoriSi:** right, that sounds like a great lesson to view...there's lots to front page

**MaryFT:** Pam, I have one on FrontPage that I use with my students...they really like it

**MaryFT:** I am also able to teach them the intricacies of saving to the server and uploading files without anyone getting lost or frustrated

**JudenGst1:** Do you think Camtasia could be used in a slide show manner?

**PamB:** I'm going to be teaching blogging next month...Camtasia would be very helpful.

**MaryFT:** Could you clarify slide show manner?

**MaryFT:** Pam, I found some videos on using Blogger that I used with my students...I think they were made with Camtasia

**JudenGst1:** multimedia slide show for presentations with CD audio, DVD, and pictures in one presentation...

**PamB:** Mary, were they on the web?

**MaryFT:** free blogger videos: <http://movielibrary.lynda.com/html/modPage.asp?ID=113>

**PamB:** YES! I have this CD. It's very good...

**MarthaJ:** Juden I do know you can do that in imovie

**PamB:** I didn't know how it was made. NOW I do.

**MaryFT:** Yes, Juden, Camtasia is supposed to integrate well with PowerPoint and other slide show style software both to record them and you can also put Camtasia videos into PPT

**JudenGst1:** ah....great

**MaryFT:** The newest version of Camtasia actually adds a Camtasia button to your PowerPoint toolbar (if you want it) to facilitate full screen recording of your shows

**JudenGst1:** that's awesome

**MaryFT:** I haven't tried it yet but I will

**MaryFT:** I have used Producer in the past and found that the finished products were too bandwidth heavy for most of my students

**LoriSi:** I just tried it out...amazingly easy

**MaryFT** claps for Lori

**JudenGst1** smiles

**PamB:** This tool is awesome!

**MarthaJ:** Mary, thanks for sharing

**MaryFT:** Yay! I am so glad you like it

**MaryFT:** So...does anyone want to brainstorm other things that you could use it for?

**MaryFT:** We only have 5 mins or so left

**LoriSi:** I had real problems with media encoder and windows movie maker...

**SusanR:** Could it be used for electronic "photo albums" or student yearbooks or electronic portfolios?

**JudenGst1:** Yes

**PamB:** Maybe we should all download Camtasia and meet here next month in Web Tools to share our experiences.

**MaryFT:** I bet it could...it would certainly make them more accessible than most tools that students currently use for that

**MaryFT:** I'd like that

**LoriSi:** I would probably use it to demonstrate a new type of activity or game, rules, something the students can see about activity or some health issue, how the body works, systems in the body

**JudenGst1:** Most definately, Lori!

**MaryFT:** I'd like to see that Lori

**LoriSi:** too many pe teachers do not take advantage of technology

**PamB** nods

**LoriSi:** I would need some time to work on it, but I think I have a great idea to practice

**MaryFT:** Accessible in that its easier to learn than MovieMaker/Premiere and more widely accessible than the newer versions of PowerPoint

**JudenGst1** left the room.

**PamB:** Mary, Thank you so much! This evening has been so informative...and fun!

**MaryFT:** Glad you all could join in...I had a great time! I am headed over to the Teacher Education Forum now

**LoriSi:** thanks for the links...in my class discussion...I will be sure to mention this newly learned info...thanks bunches

**MaryFT:** You're very welcome Lori

**PamB:** You did a great job!

**SusanR:** Thank you Mary and Pam. .. a neat application

**MaryFT:** Thank you for the chance to do this...it was great fun

**PamB:** Great! We'll all share what we learned tonight.

**PamB:** Good night everyone