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Subject: Recording Student Speeches

The CTAM Panel on Using Streaming Video in Public Speaking (and Other Classes) had a robust discussion.

I've attached the handouts from the session.

The biggest concern we uncovered was how to get the recorded speeches back to the students. Some schools have nice IT people who set up servers and folders to streamline the process. Other schools are not so cooperative.

I've found a FREE online solution some may wish to try.
Check out <https://www.getdropbox.com/>
The application is available for windows, mac, and linux

The application sets up a folder on your computer called MyDropbox
Everything you put in the folder is saved on a server-cloud.
You can create sub-folders inside the main folder.
The sub-folders can be shared with students through an easy interface using e-mail addresses.
Only those invited by e-mail can see the contents of any sub-folder.
The sub-folders and contents are accessed through a website.
Students can then download the speeches from the website for viewing.
Note: Dropbox is not a streaming server, so students will need to download to watch the speeches.

The free Dropbox does have a 2gb limit (you pay if you want more than 2gb).
I dropped 100 recorded speeches (recorded with a webcam, about 10 minutes long, and approx 11mb each).
100 speeches used 1.25 gb. Depending on how many students and speeches, you may need to delete early speeches to add later speeches.

You can also load the application on to another machine and link primary folders on different machines together. For example, I have MyDropbox on my work PC and a matching MyDropbox on my home PC. Everything I put in either folder is automatically updated in the folder on the other machine.

Here's another option for uploading student videos to the web.

Check out a free site called www.weplay.com<<http://www.weplay.com>>

The site is designed for sports team management, but can easily be used for speech classes/teams.
Most of the stuff you can ignore or use as you wish (e.g., calendar, document uploading).

The cool area is the gallery where you can upload photos and videos into albums.

Hope this helps those struggling with IT folks,
Dan