Video Production

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Discussion

- Have you taken a video before? What did you consider when shooting the video?
- What video effects have you seen recently? How did they impact your perception of the content?

Workshop agenda

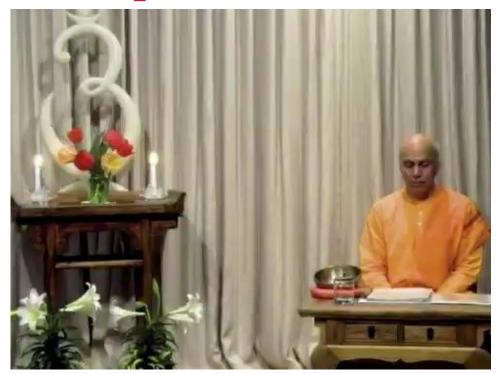
- Objectives
- Example
- Ideas/question
- Vocab
- Video Production
- Editing Software

Slides, handouts, and data available at

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Example Student Video by Ava Knight



What did you notice about the production of this video? What do you think the steps were to make this video?

Important questions

- What are you trying to communicate to your audience?
- What argument are you making?
- What media (videos, images, audio) do you need to communicate your message and support your argument?

Key vocabulary

- **Script:** the key information you want to convey, including specific words you want to use in narration (first document you write)
- **Shot:** a single short video recording
- **Storyboard** or **outline**: two ways of planning out how your script will be connected to specific shots you'll film (second document you'll write)
- **Shot List**: a to-do list for all the shots you will need to create the video you've planned (third document you'll write)

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Video Production Steps



Steps

- 1) Draft a Script
- 2) Plan your Shots
- 3) Select the Location(s)
- 4) Develop the Schedule
- 5) Shoot
- 6) Edit Video

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Script

- What you want to communicate
- Speaking points (refer to assignment guidelines)
 - Important facts from library research
 - Description of fieldsite and fieldwork experiences
 - Your main insight

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Storyboard or outline

- Once you know what you want to say, plan how you will say it "with video"
- **Storyboard:** timeline of scene sketches
- **Outline:** bulleted list of the scene descriptions

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TITLE: How To Use The Coffee Machine



SCENE: Intro question
ACTION: Wideshot of 2 employees
in office kitchen. One asks the other
if they would like a coffee
VOICEOVER: Employee 1 Would you
like a coffee?" Employee 2: Yes,



SCENE: Get mug

ACTION: Cut to close up shot of

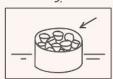
cupboard with mugs. Hand reaches to

where the mugs are.

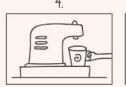
VOICEOVER: Employee | First, 171

get a mug located in the top left

cupboard. H's labeled mugs.



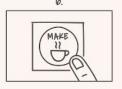
SCENE: Get coffee
ACTION: Cut to close up of coffee.
Hand shows where coffee is located
and selects one.
VOICEOVER: Employee I You'll find
the coffee pods to the left in the
alacs container.



SCENE: Place mug
ACTION: Close up of hand placing
mug on the coffee machine.
VOICEOVER: Employee I: Place
your mug on the platform located at
the front of the coffee machine.



SCENE: Coffee in machine
ACTION: close up of hand placing
coffee into the top slot of the
machine.
VOICEOVER: Employee I: Place
your coffee pod into the slot located
at the top of the coffee machine.



SCENE: Press on button
ACTION: close up of hand
pressing the button on front
of machine.
VOICEOVER: Employee I: Press
the button with the mug icon to
start the machine.



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What kinds of footage do you want?

- **Presentation:** a "host" reciting a script
- **B-roll:** "background" footage you can cut to any time
- **Cut-in:** close-ups of an object a subject is interacting with

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Make a shot list

- A storyboard or outline is a list of the shots and other information as it will appear in your video (as we discussed)
- A shot list is a planning document—it's your to-do list of each individual thing you will need to film
 - For each shot, you'll need to plan a location and time to film it



Location

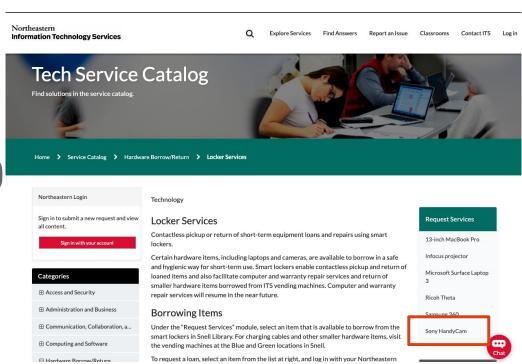
- Permissions
 - Time constraints
 - Avoid filming people
- Background noise
- Lighting
- Northeastern <u>production studios</u>



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Schedule

- Date and time for shoots
 - Location limitations
 - Room reservations
- Equipment rental (1 day)
- Buffer/makeup days
 - Weather
 - Transportation
- Time for editing



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Shoot

- Equipment
 - Phone camera or rented equipment
 - Tripod
 - Fully charged
- Where to place camera
 - The rule of thirds: placing focal points at thirds in the image
- Review videos and images

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Edit video

- Integrate images and videos
- Adjust sound and voice over
 - **J-cut:** audio begins before the associated video
 - **L-cut:** audio continues after the associated video
 - Synchronization: synchronizing video and audio
 - Background music
- Add titles or graphics

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Vocabulary review

- **Storyboard**: timeline of scene sketches
- **Shot List**: list of "shots" (or the individual short clips that will combine to form your video)
- The Rule of Thirds: placing focal points at thirds in the image
- **Cut-in**: displays an object the subject is interacting with
- **B-Roll:** "background" or secondary footage you can cut to any time
- **Synchronization**: synchronizing video and audio

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Avoiding Common Pitfalls



Common pitfalls: image

- Avoid bright lights in your shot—they will make everything else look dark
 - Outside, move so the sun is to the left or right of a person—not right
 in their face to make them squint, but not behind them
- Record "extra" footage at the beginning and end of each shot (this makes it easier to edit it later)

Common pitfalls: sound

- Background noise: Your microphone may hear a lot more than you do!
 - Record a "sound test" of "nothing" and listen to see if it's acceptable
 - Keep that recording of nothing in case you need to add "silence" somewhere in the video
- Turn off A/C units, electronics, etc, if you can



Free video editing software

- <u>Vimeo</u> (basic)
- <u>Lightworks</u>
- VN Video Editor
- <u>DaVinci Resolve</u> (advanced)

Next time, we will walk through how to edit in Vimeo



Discussion

- Questions about video production or editing?
- Questions about how to get started?



Thank you!

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- For more information on the DITI, please see: https://bit.ly/diti-about
- Schedule an appointment with us! https://bit.ly/diti-meeting
- If you have any questions, contact us at: <u>nulab.info@gmail.com</u>
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