A/V Angel Self-Training: Basics

Roles and Common Terminology

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C3VOC



https://github.com/voc/engelschulung

General

- We will stream, record and publish nearly all talks with your help
- You can operate the cameras and video mixer
- At do-not-record talks we also need angels
- We (people from c3voc) will be there to help
- The live stream video signal will also be the final recording
- We aim for consistent quality, but everybody make mistakes don't blame yourself!

Angeltypes

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- A/V Angels:
 - Camera Angels
 - Video Mixer Angels
 - Audio Mixer Angels (in some cases)
- A/V Technician
- C3VOC Crew
- External Crew (in some cases for light and sound)
- Stage Manager (only on big events)

A/V Angel: Role Camera

- One camera angel per camera in each lecture hall
- Operates the cameras in the lecture halls
- Maintains good camera settings

A/V Angel: Role Video Mixer

- One person per lecture hall
- Operates the video mixer to produce an interesting video
 - Switches between cameras and slides
 - Composes pictures with multiple sources
 - You decide, which sources to show
- Mixed video feed is used for both, live-stream and the recordings
- You might get assistance by a director on challenging talks

A/V Angel: Role Audio Mixer

- This might also be the task of the video mixing angel
- Mute and un-mute microphones when they are used/ not used
- Change the amplification for individual microphones
- Check the audio level (loudness) for stream

C3VOC Crew

- 2nd to n-th level support in the lecture halls.
- Responsible for keeping stuff working
- Familiar with all equipment in use
- Able to fix (nearly) all the issues
- Reachable via phone/ DECT

External Crew

- Does audio mixing and controls the lighting fixtures.
- Ensures that the stage and their equipment works
- Please refrain from bothering them all the time
- Ask A/V Tech first
- They are still nice people

A/V Technician

- Direct support for you in the lecture hall
- Makes sure, that speaker laptop is connected
- Responsible for the speaker's headset microphone
- Communication gateway to the Stage Managers and external crew
- Your first contact for any technical issues in the lecture hall
- Shifts usually last four hours

Stage Manager

- Is responsible for the lecture hall operations:
 - Cooridnation with all teams (VOC, Heralds, Translation, etc.)
 - Crowd control
 - Time keeping
 - Last minute issues
- Carries the radio for emergency communication
- Same shift schedule as the A/V-Technicians

Basics

Closeup Shot

- Show the head and upper part of the body
- Leave the width of one hand above the head
- Eyes should be close to the upper third line

Closeup Shot: Good Example

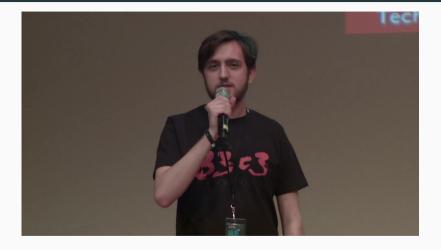


Figure 1: Good closeup shot

Closeup Shot: Good Example



Figure 2: Good closeup in Lecture Mode

Closeup Shot: Bad Example



Figure 3: Half a head - not good

Closeup Shot: Bad Example

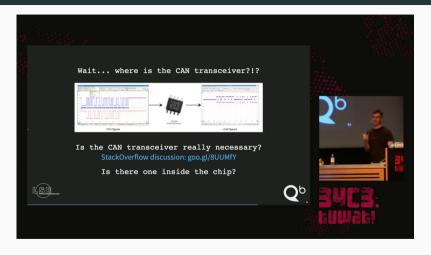


Figure 4: Too far out for a good Lecture Mode image

Medium Shot: Good 1

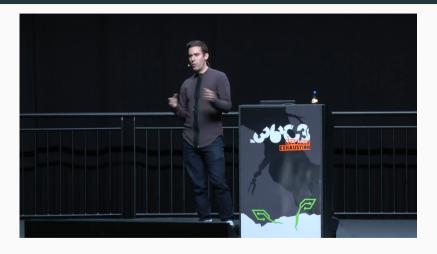


Figure 5: One person, the lectern and some context

Medium Shot: Good 2

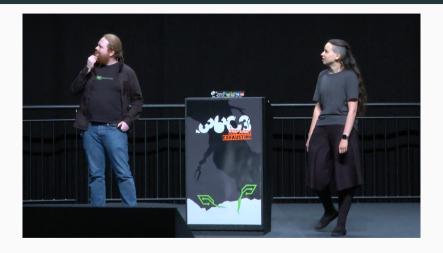


Figure 6: Two persons on stage

Overview

- Shows the complete stage and the people on it
- Heads of the crowd are OK, if it's dark enough
- Don't use this camera to show the slides use lecture mode instead
- Locked off, do not move.

Wide Shot: Good Example

