

How to Use Voicethread for Discussions

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Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to...

- Describe a Voicethread
- Explain some features of Voicethread
- Setup Voicethread in their course
- Create a Voicethread
- Link to a Voicethread in their Course



WHAT IS VOICETHREAD?





voicethread

Use for...

- Introductions
 - Discussion board
 - Other...
- Multimedia discussion board
 - Start with Powerpoint or Video
 - Supports text, voice, and video
 - Support annotations



See a Voicethread Discussion

- <https://voicethread.com/share/11243944/>

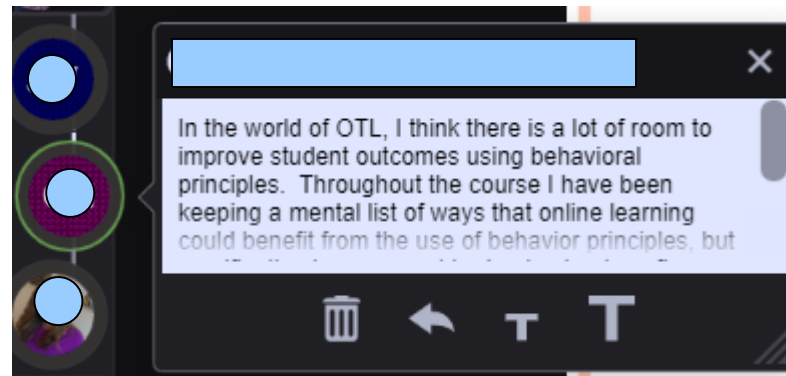


VOICETHREAD FEATURES

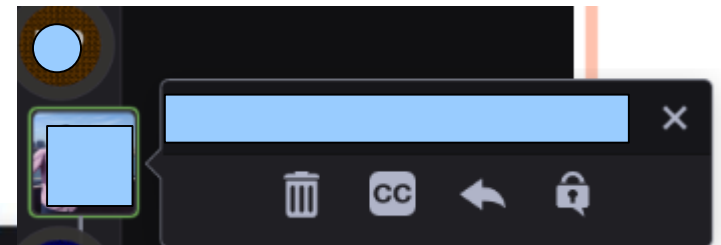


Types of Discussion

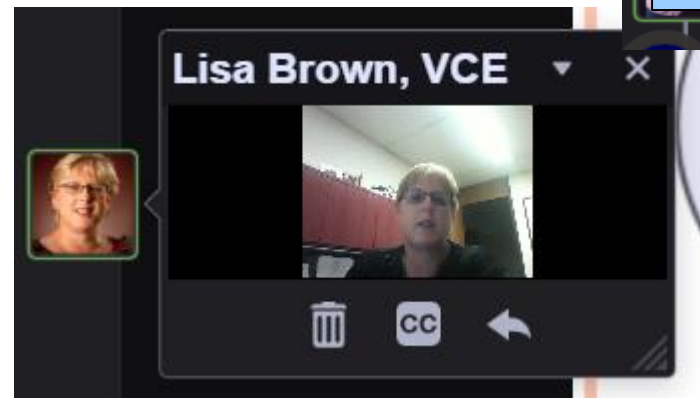
- Text



- Audio



- Video



Threaded Asynchronous Conversation

Main "Post"

Main "Post"

Reply

Main "Post"

Reply

Reply

Main "Post"



SETTING UP VOICETHREAD IN YOUR COURSE



Add Voicethread Tool

Course Management

- Control Panel
- Content Collection
- Course Tools
- Evaluation
- Grade Center
- Users and Groups
- Customization**
 - Guest and Observer Access Properties
 - Quick Setup Guide
 - Teaching Style
 - Tool Availability**

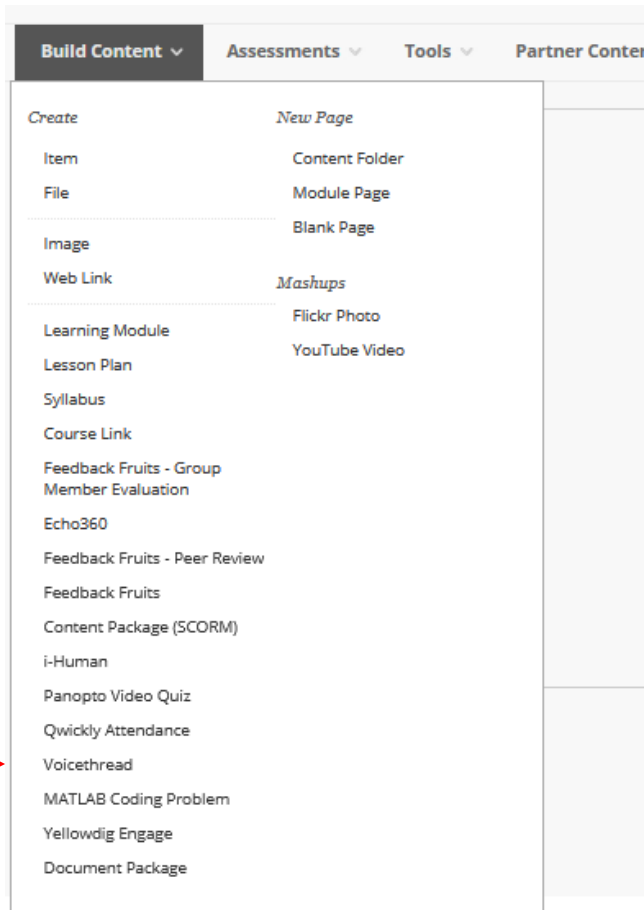
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Zoom Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Click **Submit** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit.


Cancel Submit







Add Tool to Content Area



What do we want THIS link to do?

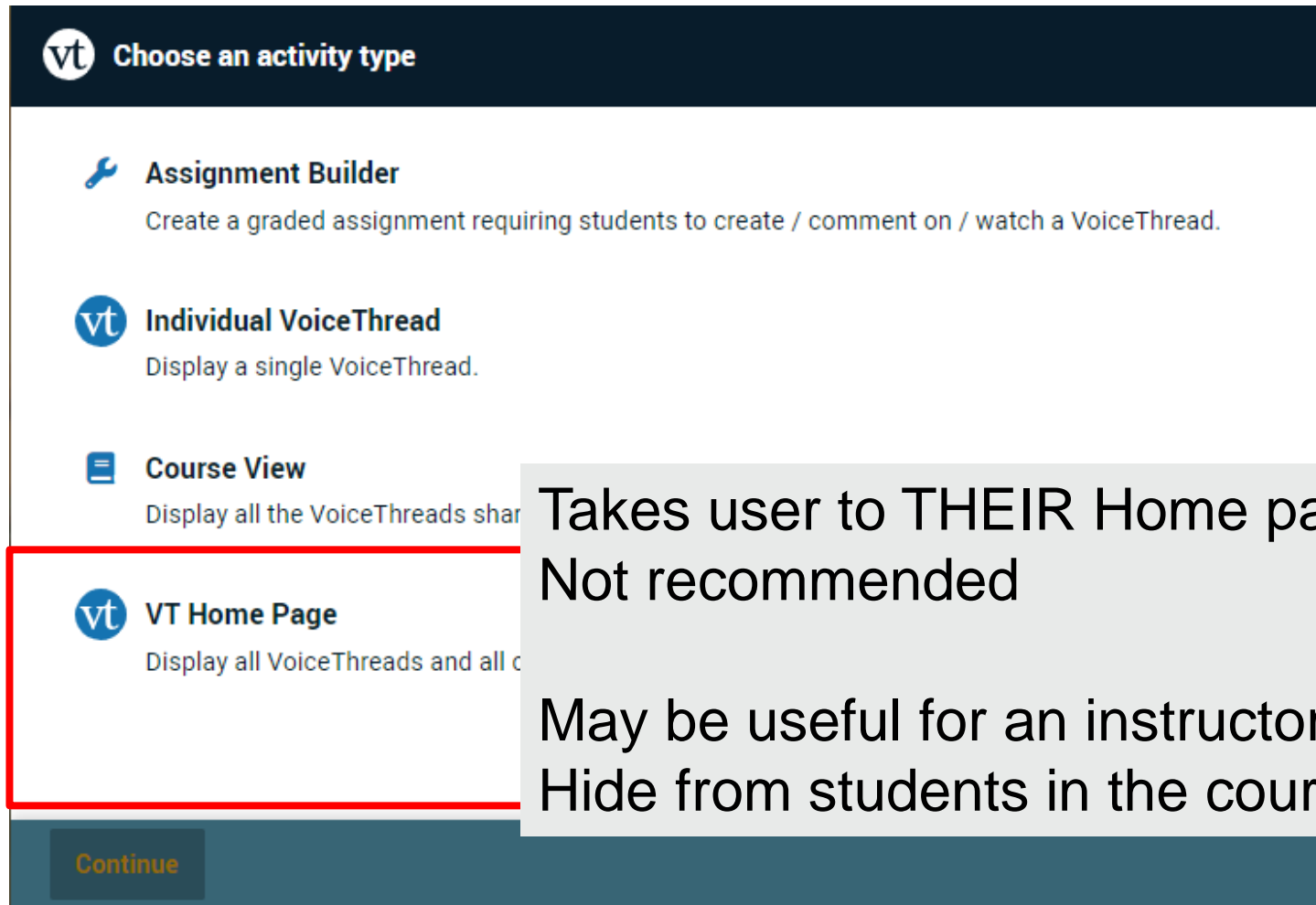
 **Choose an activity type**

-  **Assignment Builder**
Create a graded assignment requiring students to create / comment on / watch a VoiceThread.
-  **Individual VoiceThread**
Display a single VoiceThread.
-  **Course View**
Display all the VoiceThreads shared with this course.
-  **VT Home Page**
Display all VoiceThreads and all courses a student is enrolled in.





[Continue](#)



Home button



vt Choose an activity type

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Continue

Takes user to THEIR Home page
Not recommended

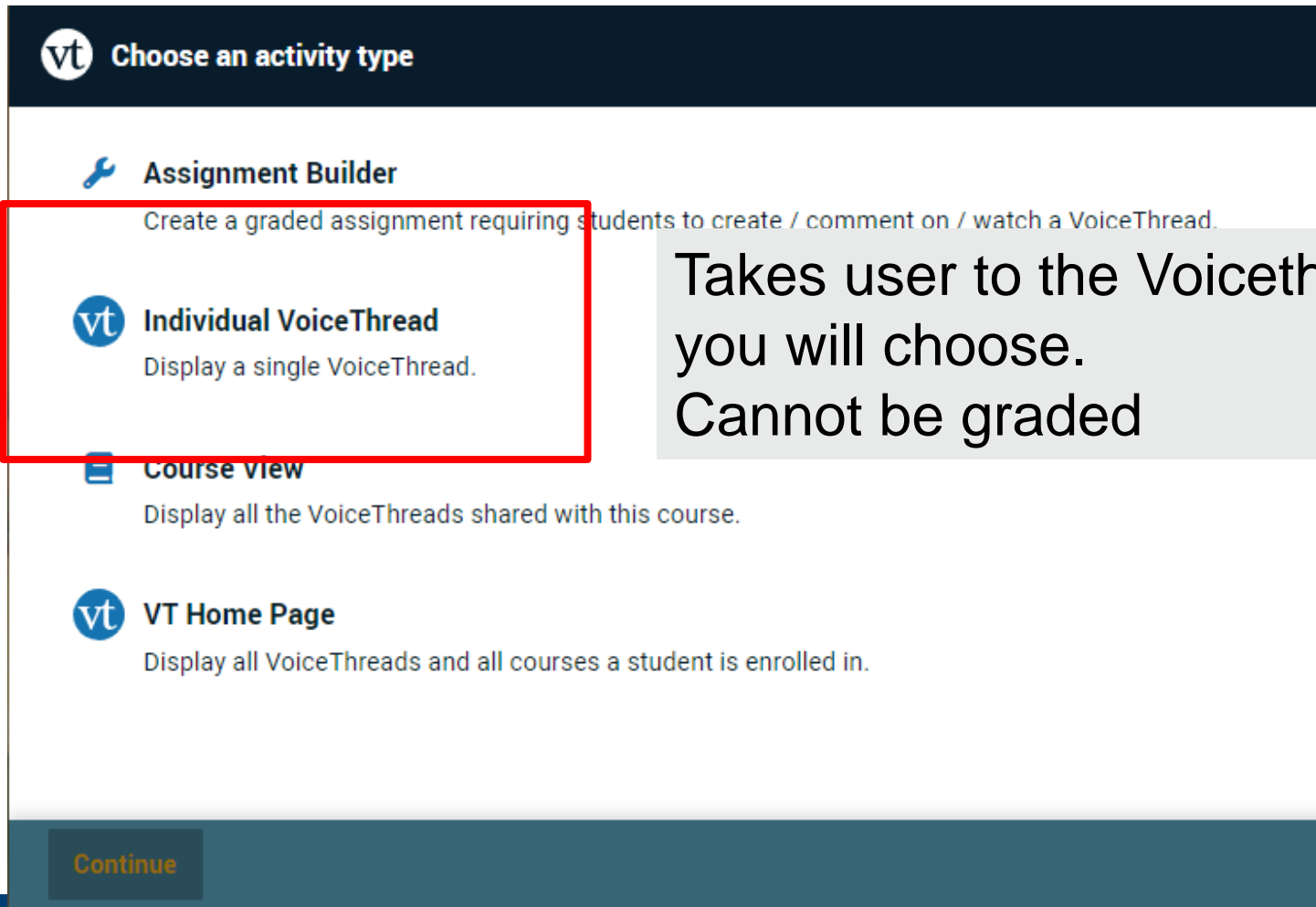
May be useful for an instructor to use
Hide from students in the course



UNGRADED DISCUSSION





Individual VT Button



The screenshot shows a dark blue header with the 'vt' logo and the text 'Choose an activity type'. Below this, there are four menu items, each with a small icon and a description. The 'Individual VoiceThread' item is highlighted with a red rectangular box. To the right of the menu, a grey text box contains the text: 'Takes user to the Voicethread you will choose. Cannot be graded'. At the bottom of the menu is a 'Continue' button.

vt Choose an activity type

-  **Assignment Builder**
Create a graded assignment requiring students to create / comment on / watch a VoiceThread.
- vt** **Individual VoiceThread**
Display a single VoiceThread.
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Display all VoiceThreads and all courses a student is enrolled in.

Continue

Takes user to the Voicethread you will choose.
Cannot be graded



Select or Create a Voicethread

The screenshot displays the VoiceThread interface. At the top left, there is a 'vt' logo and the text 'Share individual VoiceThread'. Below this, there are navigation options: 'Filter and sort', 'I can edit', a search icon, and 'Refresh list'. A red box highlights the '+ Create new VoiceThread' button in the top right corner. The main area shows a grid of four threads:

- Meet Your Classmates**: Created by Eric on May 9, 2022.
- Community of Inquiry (EDE472_Su2020B)**: Created by Lisa Brown, VCE on May 9, 2022.
- The Missing Student - Case Study...**: Created by Lisa Brown, VCE on May 6, 2022.
- Quiz Community of Inquiry (484sp21)**: Created by Lisa Brown, VCE on May 6, 2022.

At the bottom, there is a 'For Individual VT' label, a 'Showing 50 of 520 VoiceThreads' indicator, and a 'Load 50 more' button. The footer contains 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons.







GRADED DISCUSSION



Assignment Builder Button

vt Choose an activity type

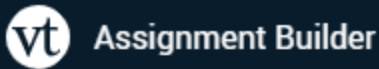
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Graded options

[Continue](#)



Comment on a Voicethread Assignment



Create

Students are required to make a VoiceThread using a video, image, document, or presentation.

Comment

Students are required to make a comment on a VoiceThread.

Watch

Students must watch or listen to an entire VoiceThread.

Students get graded for
COMMENTING on a Voicethread



Create New

vt Assignment Builder

Filter and sort I can edit  Refresh list

 Create a new VoiceThread

Selecting an existing VoiceThread will make a copy of it for use in this assignment.



Let's get started!

You can drag and drop files to this window, or use one of the following options to create or upload media.



Add from
computer



Record video
slide



External
source



Enter a URL




Take a picture

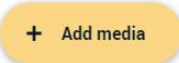


Record audio
slide



Click continue when finished

sample2 

 + Add media

2020 05 01 SMD

Delete Edit slide

Untitled

Delete Edit slide

marriage and family therapy

2018
EFIS
thin

Untitled

Delete Edit slide

Untitled

Delete Edit slide

NEW COURSE EVALUATIONS

Biostatistics

Other departments/programs welcome

Untitled

Delete Edit slide

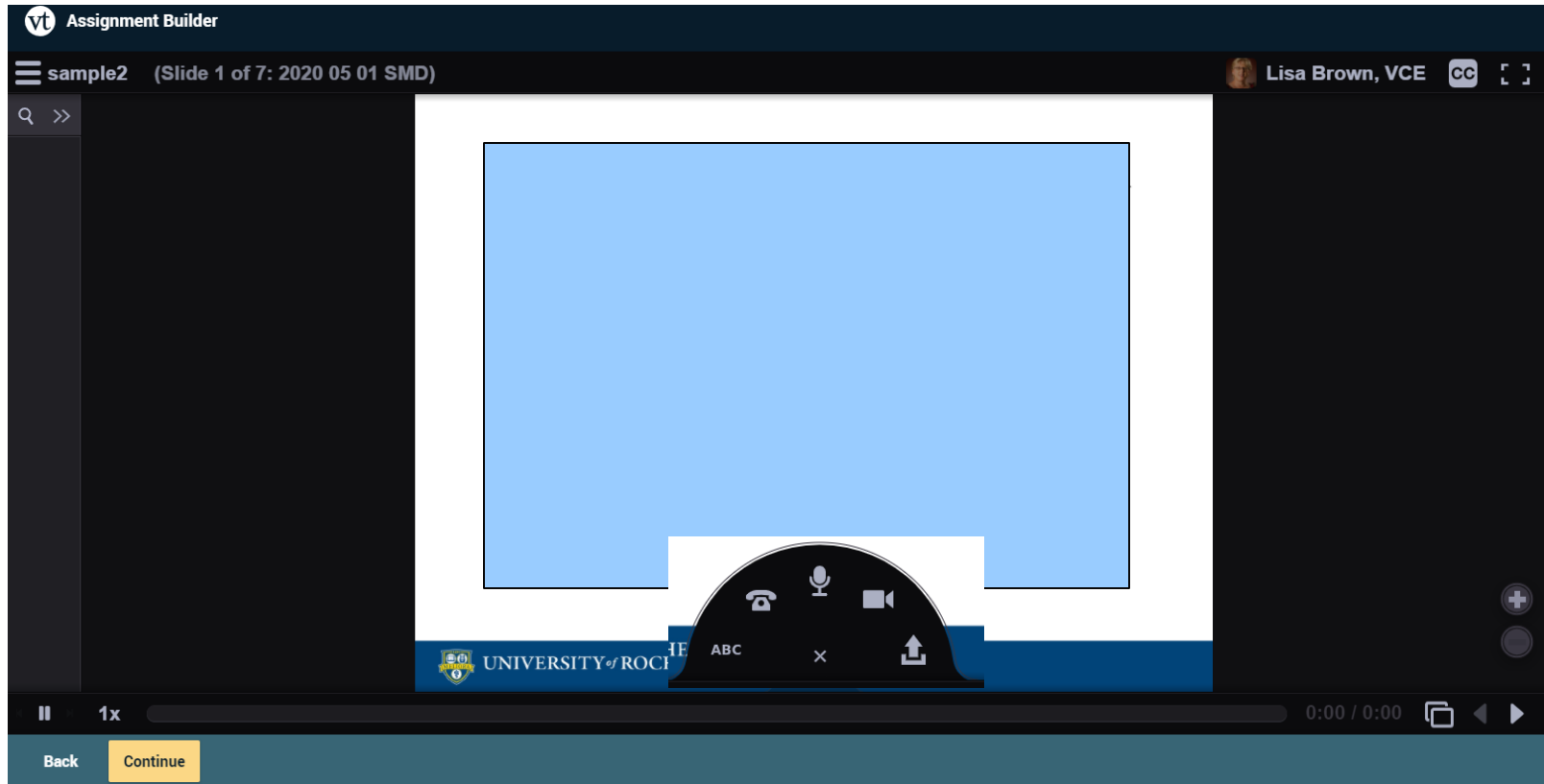
Accreditation Self-Study

- APA - Psychological Internship (2022)
- APA - PhD in Clinical Psychology

Back Continue



Record your Comments




The screenshot displays the 'Assignment Builder' interface. At the top left, the 'vt' logo and 'Assignment Builder' text are visible. The main header shows 'sample2 (Slide 1 of 7: 2020 05 01 SMD)' and the user 'Lisa Brown, VCE' with a 'CC' icon. The central area features a large blue rectangle representing a video recording area. A semi-circular recording control overlay is positioned at the bottom center of this area, containing icons for a phone, microphone, video camera, and an 'x' to stop recording. Below the recording area, a blue banner displays the 'UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER' logo and text. At the bottom of the interface, there is a playback control bar with a play/pause button, '1x' speed, a progress bar, and '0:00 / 0:00' duration. Below the playback bar are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons.



Set up assignment features

vt Assignment Builder

Participation requirements

Number of comments students must record on their own VoiceThread Minimum 

Number of slides required Minimum

Select which comment types will be allowed

- Microphone
- Webcam
- Telephone
- Upload
- Text

Back

Set this to the minimum number of total comments students should make, including replies to classmates



More Options

Allow students to add slides to any VoiceThreads for this assignment.



Uncheck this

Enable threaded commenting

Enable comment moderation

Don't allow commenters to delete their own comments

Limit length of each comment to:



Minutes

60

Seconds

0

When recording, automatically advance to next slide after:

Playback

Start playing when opened

When final comment on a slide has played, automatically advance to next slide after:

Permissions

Allow download

Allow students to make a copy

Back

Continue



Playback

- Start playing when opened
- When final comment on a slide has played, automatically advance to next slide after:

Permissions

- Allow download
- Allow export
- Allow students to make a copy

Back

Continue





Assignment Builder

Assignment name

Comment on this

Assignment instructions

Type instructions here

Example URL



Message shown to student after they submit

You have successfully submitted the assignment

Start date

Due date

- Allow students to resubmit assignment
- Allow students to view assignment after submitting

Assessment

- Percentage
- Complete / Incomplete

Back

Publish



Start/Due Dates

These dates / times are not recorded in Blackboard.

Start date

Saturday, May 1, 2021 3:52 PM

< May 2021 >

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

03 : 52 PM

Note the time here.

Start date

Saturday, May 01, 2021 12:00 AM

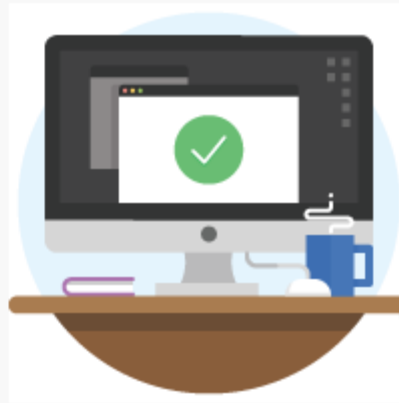
Due date

Sunday, May 02, 2021 11:59 PM



Close tab

Refresh Blackboard page

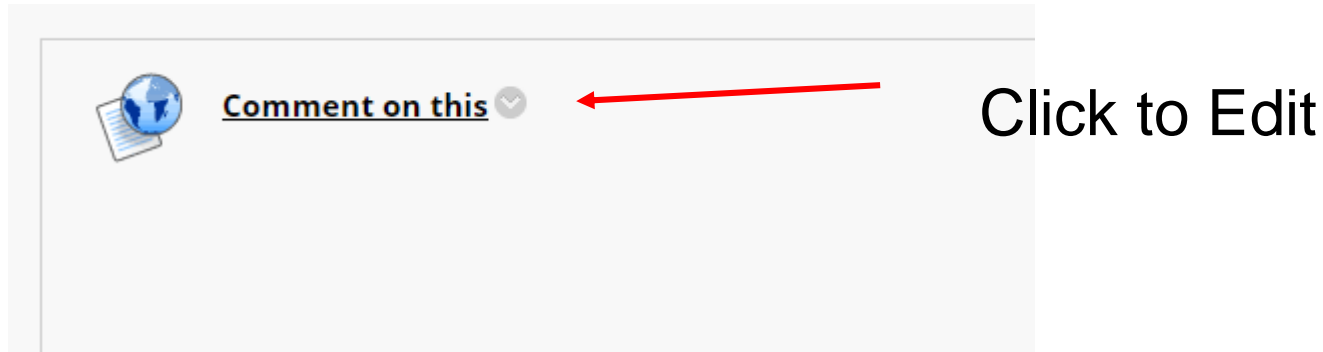


Success!

The tool provider content was added to your course. Close this window and refresh your course to view the new content.



View in Blackboard



Refresh Blackboard page!



Adjust points

WEB LINK INFORMATION

* Name

Comment on this

Evaluation

* Points Possible

100



Visible to Students

Yes No

Due Date

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.



Add instructions

DESCRIPTION

Text

For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).



The image shows a screenshot of the TinyMCE rich text editor toolbar. It includes various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough), paragraph alignment (left, center, right, justified), list creation (bulleted, numbered), text color, background color, link, unlink, insert link, unlink, undo, redo, and a menu icon (three dots). Below the main toolbar is a secondary row of icons for table manipulation, source code, fullscreen, and help.

Instructions to students

P

0 WORDS POWERED BY TINY



Set to Open in New Window

WEB LINK OPTIONS

Open in New Window

Yes No



Highly
recommended

STANDARD OPTIONS

Permit Users to View this
Content

Yes No


Track Number of Views

Yes No

Select Date and Time
Restrictions

Display After  

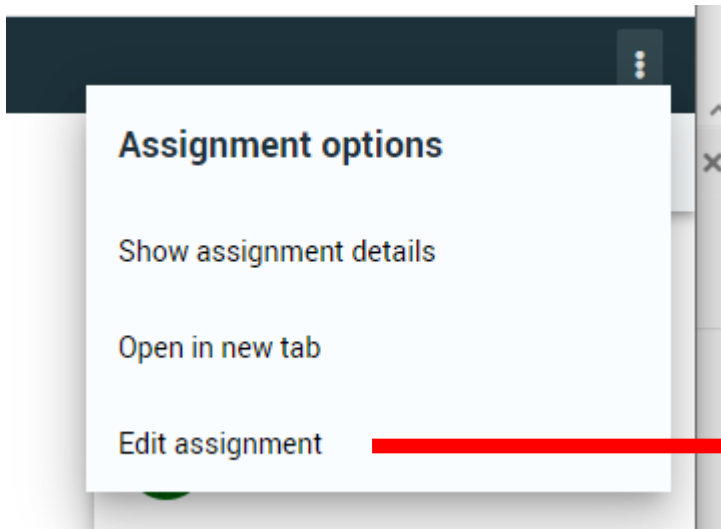
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Display Until  

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.



Edit the Assignment Info



A screenshot of the "Assignment Builder" interface. The interface has a dark header with the "vt" logo and the text "Assignment Builder". Below the header are two tabs: "1 Choose options" and "2 Finalize". The "Finalize" tab is active. The main content area is light blue and contains a message: "Message shown to student after they submit" followed by "You have successfully submitted the assignment". Below this are fields for "Start date" and "Due date". The "Due date" field is populated with "Monday, May 03, 2021 2:45 PM". There are two checked checkboxes: "Allow students to resubmit assignment" and "Allow students to view assignment after submitting". Below these are radio buttons for "Assessment" type: "Percentage" (selected) and "Pass / Fail". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Back" and "Publish".



GRADING THIS VOICETHREAD



Instructor View

vt Grading: VT Comment

Assignment overview

INSTRUCTIONS	Add instructions here
ASSIGNMENT TYPE	Comment
COMMENT REQUIREMENT	Minimum of 2 comment(s)
GRADE TYPE	Percentage

▶ ASSIGNMENT CONTENT

UNGRADED (1) GRADED(0)

Search

re ruth expo UNATTEMPTED

REMIND STUDENTS



View Ungraded Work

This screenshot shows the 'View Ungraded Work' interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'UNGRADED (1)' and 'GRADED(0)'. Below the tabs is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search'. A list item is visible, featuring a green circular icon with the letters 're', the text 'ruth expo', and 'SUBMITTED' below it. To the right of the list item is a small downward-pointing chevron. At the bottom of the interface is a button with a blue arrow icon and the text 'REMIND STUDENTS'.


This screenshot provides a detailed view of the 'View Ungraded Work' interface for a specific item. At the top, there are two tabs: 'UNGRADED (1)' and 'GRADED(0)'. Below the tabs is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Search'. The main content area displays a green circular icon with the letters 're', followed by the text 'ruth expo' and 'SUBMITTED' below it. To the right of the text is a small upward-pointing chevron. Below this information are two blue play button icons, each followed by the text 'Apr 29, 2021 • 10:36am' and 'Apr 29, 2021 • 10:37am'. Below the play buttons is a percentage sign icon and a yellow button with the text 'SAVE GRADE'. Below the 'SAVE GRADE' button is the text 'Additional options ^'. Below this is a blue circular icon with a refresh symbol and the text 'UNSUBMIT'. At the bottom of the interface is a button with a blue arrow icon and the text 'REMIND STUDENTS'.



View Graded Work

UNGRADED (0) **GRADED(1)**

☰


 **ruth expo** ^
Apr 29, 2021 • 10:37am
100%

▶ Apr 29, 2021 • 10:36am

▶ Apr 29, 2021 • 10:37am

100 % **SAVE GRADE**

Additional options ^

 UNSUBMIT



Student View

vt VT Comment

Information

Add instructions here

☰ Record at least 2 comments

Start assignment

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

- 📅 No due date set
- 📊 Percentage
- 🚫 Not yet submitted



Student Access

This assignment will open on May 1, 2021 – 12:00 AM

Not Permitted
Until After Start
Date

Information

☰ Record at least 3 comments

The due date for this assignment has passed

No access after Due Date
Cannot submit after Due Date/Time

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

📅 Start date May 1, 2021 – 12:00 AM

🚫 Not yet submitted

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

📅 Due Apr 30, 2021 – 4:50 PM

📊 Percentage

🚫 Not yet submitted



Student View

Information

Add instructions here

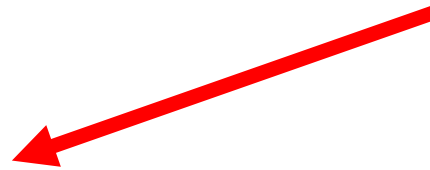
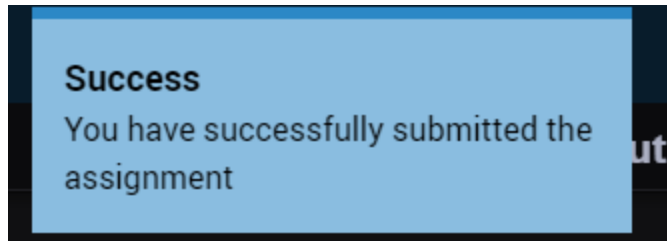
☰ Record at least 2 comments

Submit

Resubmission is allowed.



Student Submits



Information

Add instructions here

✓ Record at least 2 comments

Submit

Resubmission is allowed.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

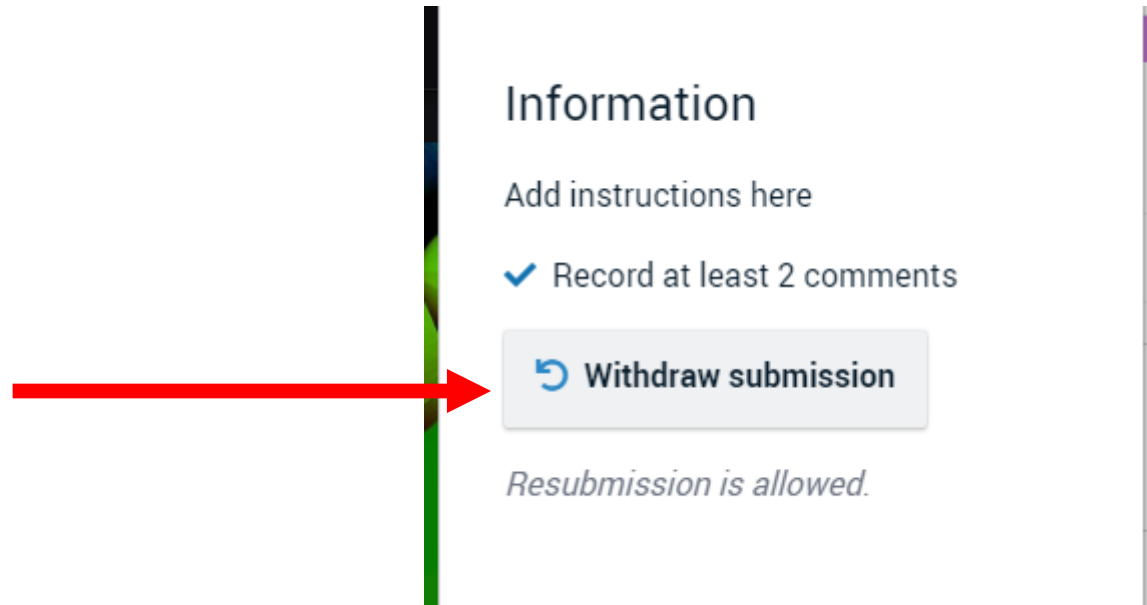
📅 No due date set

📊 Percentage

🚫 Not yet submitted




Before Grading



Information

Add instructions here

✓ Record at least 2 comments

 **Withdraw submission**

Resubmission is allowed.

A vertical bar on the left side of the interface is colored with a gradient from black at the top to green at the bottom. A red arrow points from the left towards the 'Withdraw submission' button.



After Grading

Information

Add instructions here

✓ Record at least 2 comments

This assignment has already been graded. You cannot resubmit it.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

📅 No due date set

📊 Percentage

✓ Submitted Apr 29, 2021 – 10:37 AM

📝 Graded

Sorry! You don't have permission to comment on this VoiceThread. Please contact the person who created it to request permission to comment.

OK



Note

- Student cannot submit until they make the minimum number of comments.
- But... student can leave the VT without making the comments – no message is displayed to student
- Once submitted, student can no longer add additional comments without withdrawing submission. Must allow student to resubmit.
- Instructor provides a percentage grade that passes back and converts to percentage of overall points (not auto-graded), unless you do pass/fail option.



OTHER FEATURES



Closed Captioning

The image shows a video player interface with a dark theme. At the top right, a control bar displays the name "Lisa Brown, VCE", a yellow "CC" icon, a full-screen icon, and a close icon. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Off", "English" (selected with a yellow dot), "On", and "Add captions...".

Below this, a larger video player window is shown. It has a title bar with "Lisa Brown, VCE" and a close icon. On the left side, there is a vertical list of four circular profile pictures. The main video area displays the text "Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content" in yellow. At the bottom of the video player, there are icons for a trash can, a "CC" icon, and a left-pointing arrow.



Edit Captions

Request Captions



Help?

3Play Media via University of Rochester

Order

Manage Captions

 Edit captions

 Download  Remove

OK



Caption Editor



Caption Editor

Start: 00:00:01.5 End: 00:00:05.4

Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

Start: 00:00:05.4 End: 00:00:10.0

relationships. Content is the foundation of your course, but

Start: 00:00:10.0 End: 00:00:14.1

content is important in an online

Cognitive presence is the area that focuses on student to content

0:00 / 1:18

Save Captions



**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**



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Video Tutorials

- <http://rochester.edu/online-learning/disruption/index.html>

