Video Annotation System (beta)

Videos are part of new instructional strategy. Videos are now widely used in flipped classrooms where students watch the video before class and class becomes a place for conversation. Although generic video commenting systems exist, we plan to add “Salon Style” features to our video annotation tool. That is,

a) All videos are part of a private or public Salon
b) Student watch the video and make a comment as soon as they see something interesting/relevant
c) Students can TAG the video using pre-defined tags
d) Students can work in participate mode (they can only see their comments) or view mode (they can see everyone’s comments)
e) Comments can be filtered by USER or TAG
f) Comments are TIED to specific regions of the video. Hence it is possible to see where everyone is paying attention.
g) Discussions can be focused on specific regions of the video.

The annotation tool is still in BETA stages (that is, it is going through some changes), but basic functionality is there for you to use. Here is how to get started.

Step 1: [ADD A VIDEO] Go to Quickstart from home page and Click on Add a Video

QUICKSTART
Choose an Activity:
Create a Task/Doc »
Add a Video »
Find a Salon »
Start a Salon »
Edit Profile »
**Step 2:** [ENTER DETAILS] From Step 1, you will be directed to the following page. Add a title for the video, your own description and a URL (see below on how to find a URL)

To find the youtube URL, go to any youtube video and click on the share link and copy the highlighted URL

**Step 3:** [ACCESS ALL VIDEOS] To see all your videos, go to MY DOCUMENTS ➔ MY VIDEOS. You will see a list of videos you have added.
Step 4: [SET CONDITIONS] Click on video document manager ( ) and you will be directed to the following page. Add tags [can be used to tag specific parts of the video], place the video in a Salon (when ready) and share participate (students can see only their annotations) or view (students can see all annotations) links with your students.

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Annotating a Video in Salon is easy. You simply play the video and start typing a comment when you see/hear something interesting/relevant. The video will automatically pause after few seconds to allow you to finish the comment before the video starts playing again. Choose a tag (if applicable) and save the comment. You can also switch between participate (you only see your comments) and view (you see everyone’s comments). Comments will be tied to specific location of the video as well.