Making Video Accessible

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One platform that works the way you do.



Create

any video, presentation, live stream or engagement activity



Manage

all media easily in one secure place



Enhance

your videos to make them more effective and accessible



Share

with individuals, groups, classes, and the public

Engage

students before, during and after class with interactive learning tools

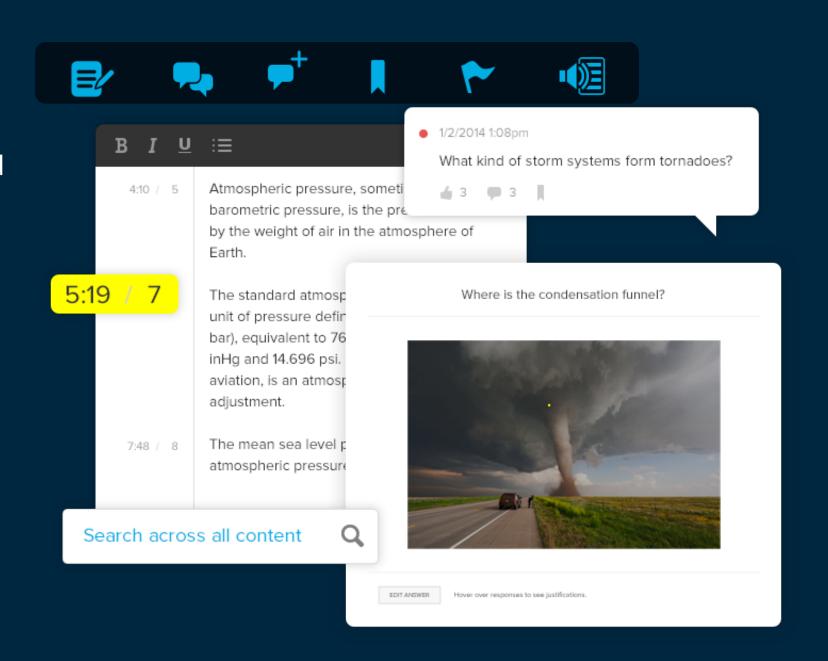
Analyze

your media and student learning with behavioral analytics

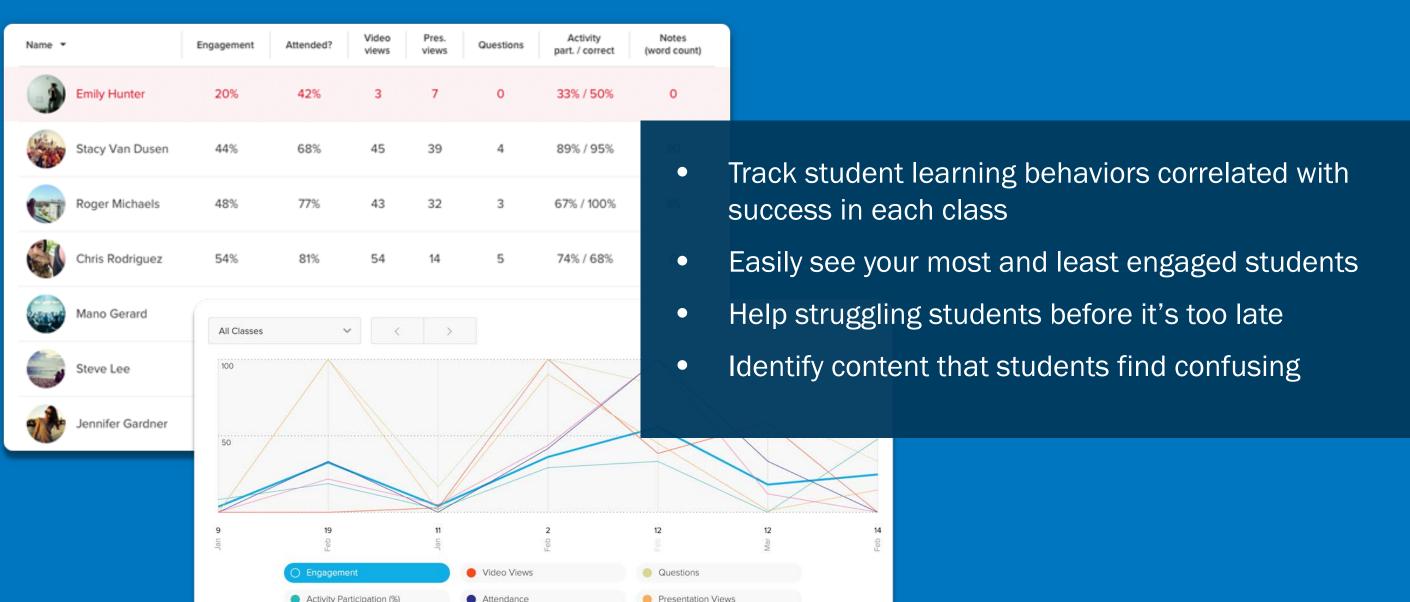
Turns passive video into active learning.



- Only video platform to support student interactivity during class, for classroom and remote learners alike
- Instructors can adjust teaching as needed based on student confusion indicator
- Flexible polling options support real-time assessment
- Personal study guide allows students to relive learning experiences on demand



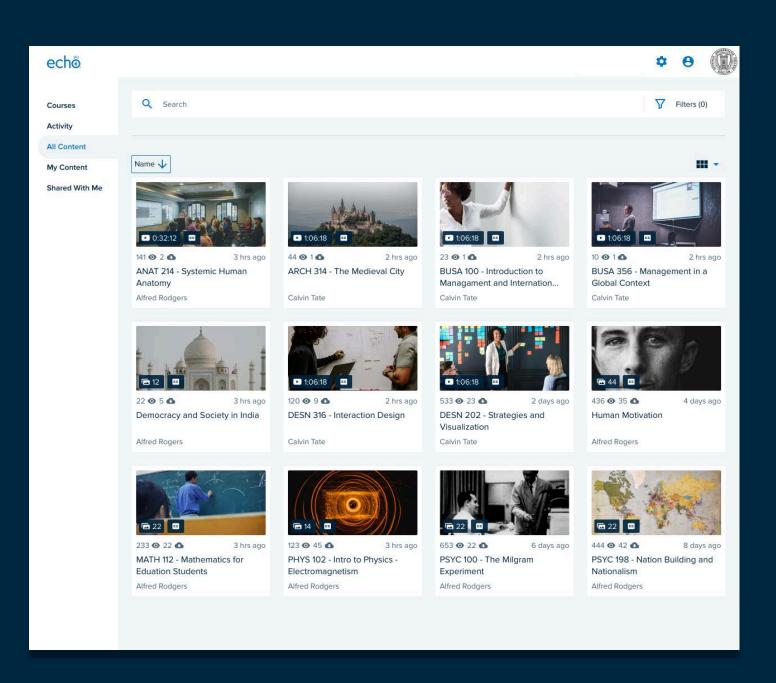
Goes beyond basic video statistics, providing unique echo learning insights to improve student success.



Notes word count

Comprehensive video management without complexity.

- Automatically organizes your videos for easy browsing
- Search, filter, or sort to easily find what you need
- Share videos with individuals, groups, classes, and the public
- Easy access to video analytics
- All from within your LMS





What is accessibility, and why is it important?

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- At least 1 in 5 people in Australia have a long term illness, impairment, or disability.
 - Many more have a temporary disability



Sources: https://flexforward.pressbooks.com/chapter/accessible-education/; Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016, 4430.0 - Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2015, viewed 24 February 2017.

Ensuring Accessibility



- Each country has laws...
 - ADA & Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (US)
 - European Accessibility Act (EU)
 - Updates to Equality Act of 2010 requires all public websites and mobile apps to meet WCAG 2.1 AA by September 23, 2020 (UK)
 - Disability Discrimination Act of 1992 (AUS)
 - United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- ... but web accessibility is moving towards a global standard
 - WCAG 2.1 (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines)
 - A, AA, and AAA compliance



What we're doing today

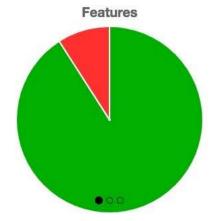
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- Fully automated testing
 - Axe Accessibility engine integrates open source
 JavaScript with other
 Cucumber/Ruby based frameworks we use for other tests
- Support and use a UI Component Library
- All new features and feature sets are tested for 2.1 compliance

Project	Number	Date	
ALP-QA-BVT-IE	18	09 Nov 2018, 09:12	

Features Statistics

The following graphs show passing and failing statistics for features



		Steps						
Feature	Device	Passed	Failed	Skipped	Pending	Undefined	Total	Pas
Register a new Admin	test_results	0	1	5	0	0	6	্ৰ
Admin Can Upload Media to Captures List	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Can Upload and View Video Captions From Content Details Page	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrator Creates New Users	test_results	18	0	0	0	0	18	2
Register a new Instructor	test_results	6	0	0	0	0	6	2
Instructor Can Upload and View Video Captions From Content Details Page	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Instructor Can Upload Media to Their Library	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Instructor Can Download Media Files From Their Content	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Register a new Student	test_results	6	0	0	0	0	6	2
Student Can Upload Media to Their Library	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Student Can Download Media Files From Their Content	test_results	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-	30	1	5	0	0	36	7
	-	83.33%	2.78%	13.89%	0.00%	0.00%		87.5

Accessibility Remediation - Level Access



- Partnering with Level Access
- Founded in 1997 by engineers with disabilities pre-WCAG, longer than any other US-based vendor
- Supported remediation and continued auditing of more than 1000 companies
 - All testing and remediation suggestions performed by employees with disabilities
- Leaders include Tim Springer (CEO and Co-Founder) and Jonathan Avila (CAO)



Tim Springer



Jonathan Avila

Areas of Remediation



1. Perceivable

 Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive

2. Operable

User interface components and navigation must be operable

3. Understandable

Information and the operation of user interface must be understandable

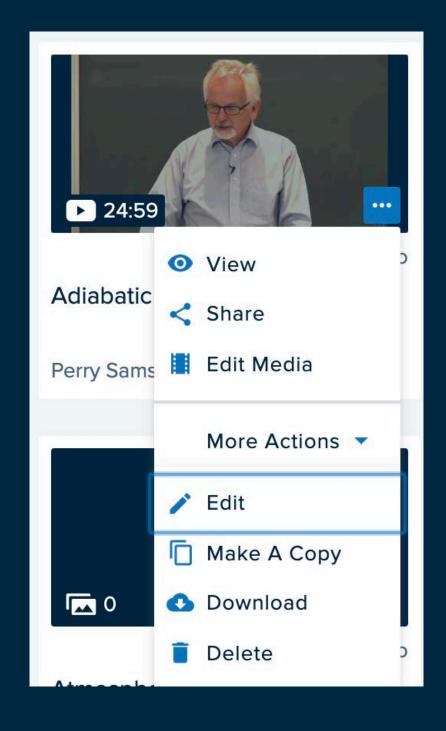
4. Robust

 Content must be robust enough that it can be interpreted by a wide range of user agents, including assistive technologies

Accessibility Remediation

- Beginning global audit, including:
 - Universal Capture
 - Student, Instructor, and
 Admin roles
 - Mobile app
- Once complete, will begin remediation, starting in areas that affect the most users



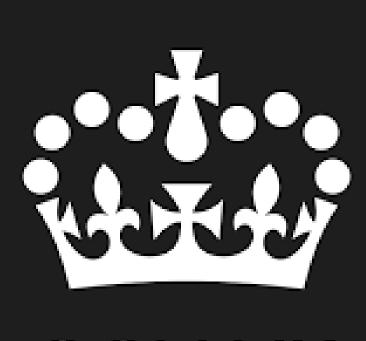


Standards are evolving



"The Public Sector Bodies
 (Websites and Mobile
 Applications) (No. 2)
 Accessibility Regulations 2018"

Deadline of full WCAG 2.1 AA compliance by September 23 2020



GOV.UK

What's at stake?



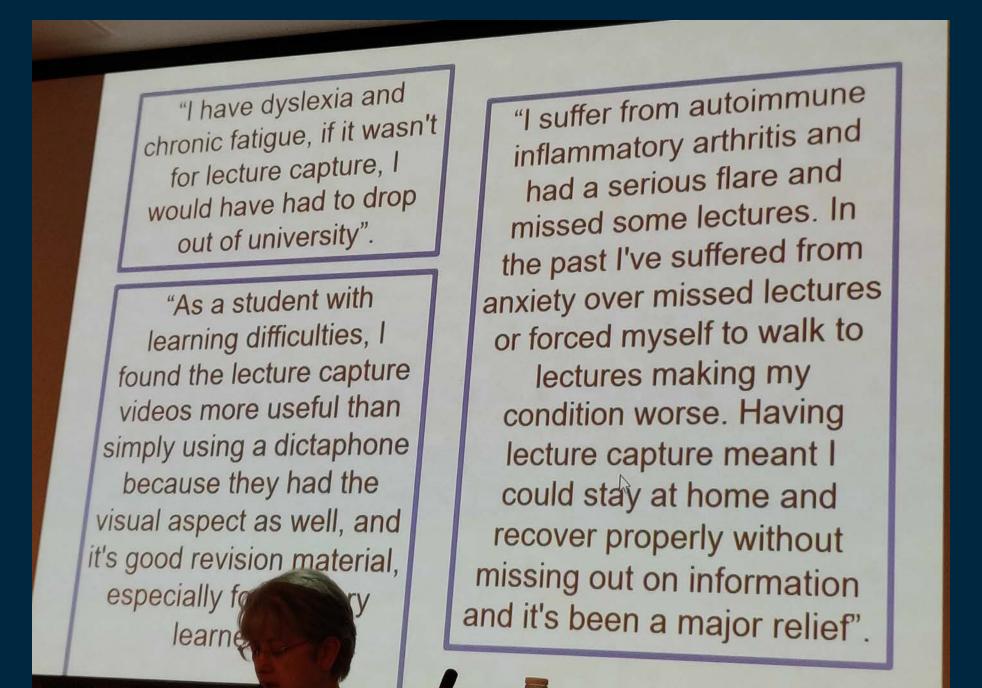
- "In every single legal action so far, the litigant has prevailed."
 - Cassey Green presenting the Campus Computing Survey 2018
- Over 240 federal ADA website compliance lawsuits were filed in 2016 alone
- Awards vary, but legal fees go from \$25,000 upward
- In the early 2000s, the 23-campus CSU system pulled all content out of the iTunes University program
 - Apple responded by fixing accessibility issues for Mac and Windows
 - Started an accessibility-first initiative and has led the industry



What tools can you use to help make your content accessible?

Strengths of Lecture Capture





Transcription & Closed Captioning for Accessibility



- Transcription is a significant improvement in the accessibility of video
 - Not all accessibility is about sensory impairment
 - Provides learners other modes of viewing content
 - We know the accuracy is not enough for closed captioning
 - (Transcripts != Closed Captioning)
- Closed Captioning is still the primary focus of video accessibility
 - Needs to be 99% accurate and include key descriptions
 - A compliant in-house captioning initiative needs to have accountability

Closed Captioning Partners





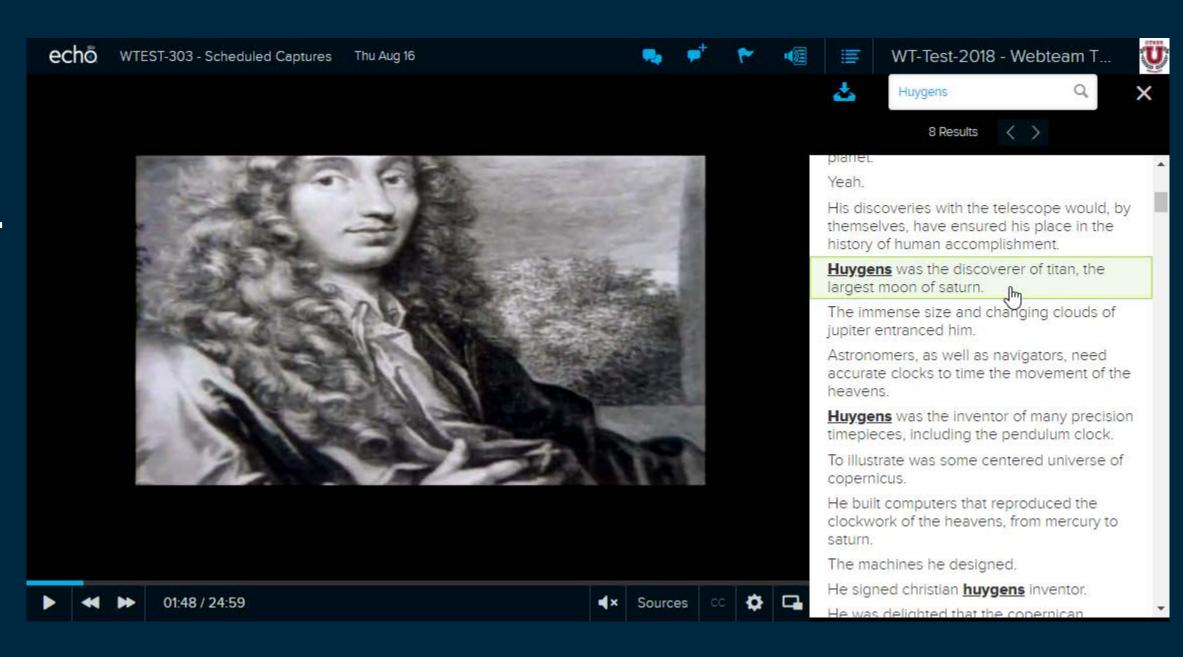






Transcripts vs. Captions in the Echo360 Classroom echo

- Different standards for accuracy of transcripts vs. captions
- Can be used for different purposes



Echo360 and Amazon Transcribe



- Selected partnership based off testing of multiple other platforms
 - Google
 - Watson (IBM)
 - 3Play
- Support appropriate language packs for our four regions (AU, US, UK, CA)
- Growing support and testing for multiple languages
- Close partnership in steering new features and prioritization of roadmap



Transcript Demo

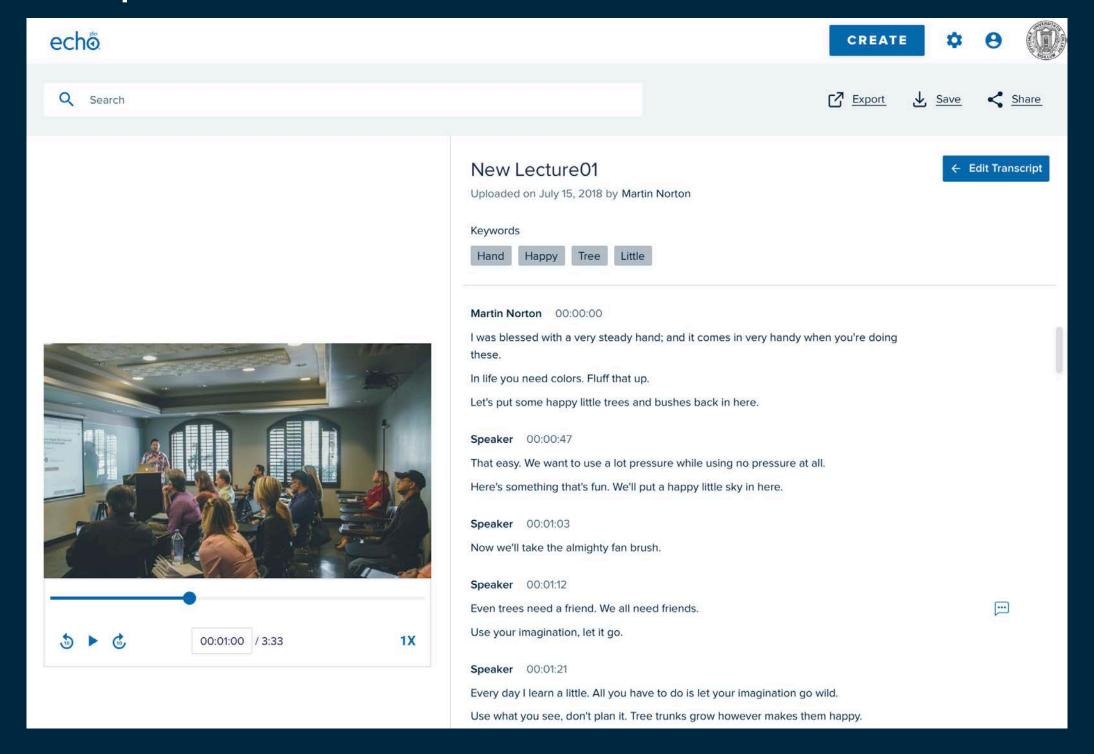
Offline editing of Transcribe files



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Transcript Editor

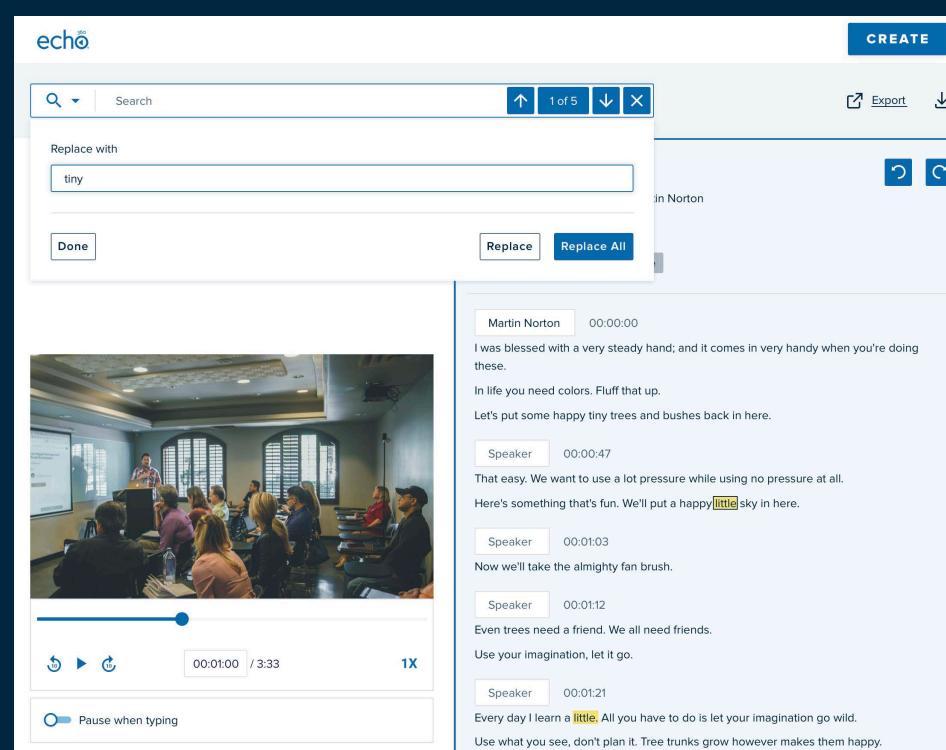




Transcript Editor – First iteration



- Allows user to edit transcripts generated from Amazon's Transcribe service
 - Or 3rd party generated via upload
- Low confidence words are automagically flagged
- Users can push transcripts to the caption track
- Access is controlled via TA role (Instructors and Admins can always access)

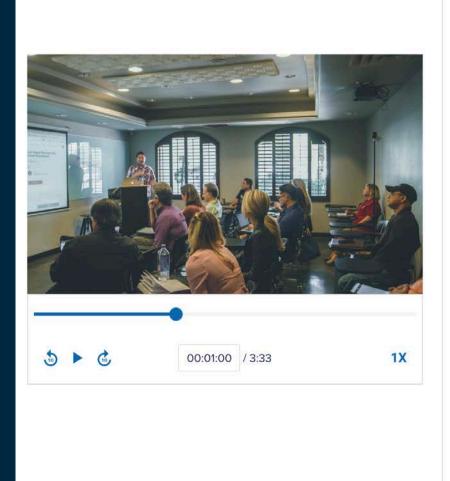


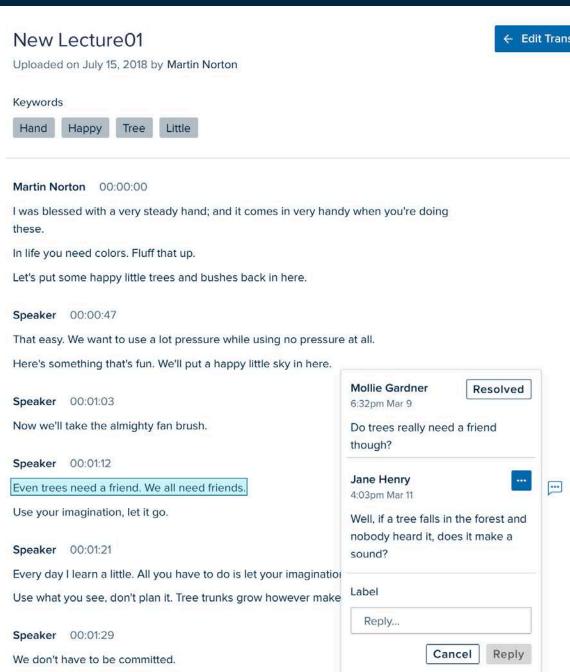
Transcript Editor – Future features



Future features:

- Totalconfidencescore pertranscript
- Bubble upcommonlyused keywords
- Comments





How can we help?



- Open to other tools, cohorts, webinars, anything!
- Would love to hear from the community:
 - What standards or workflows has your university already implemented?
 - What will need to be implemented or changed in the future?
 - What gaps do you foresee that you aren't yet sure how to solve?
 - What standards or best practices are you driving that you think others could learn from?

Thank you!

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