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• contributions and motivation for using video assignments on two courses related to usable security.

• observations from these assignments, in terms of differences between artefacts produced on both courses.

• close with a discussion and some recommendations for performing such assignments in the future.
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Why would you want to listen to this talk?
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CHALLENGE
# Case Studies

**Reflections on Video Assignments for Usable Security**  
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<td>Lecture. Teams would typically capture speakers using a smartphone camera giving a lecture with supporting slides in a theatre or group study facility.</td>
<td>Instructor. The speaker would adopt the approach of teacher and methodically progress through a script or series of bullet points.</td>
<td>Formal. The majority of speakers adopted a formal tone when delivering the presentation. The approach often exhibited planning, but also had the potential be disjointed as students would work on silo-ed segments.</td>
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<td>Lecture. Optimal for delivering knowledge, but less so for communicating the merits of an artefact, e.g. an interface. Speaker often struggled to interact with the artefact or supporting slides or material.</td>
<td>The approach was beneficial for nervous students that were not confident in the material or the areas being discussed, but such a style was not engaging or distinct. The approach does require some coordination between members.</td>
<td>The approach is generally optimal for conveying knowledge and the virtues of a particular interface or solution. However, speakers were often not engaging and often lacked imagination in terms of how to stimulate the audience.</td>
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<td>Narration. Teams typically capture a video stream and then narrate over the recording, e.g. screen recording. It was also common for students to capture a traditional slide deck and narrate.</td>
<td>Free-form. The free-form approach is a loosely structured video with the speaker seemingly progressing through the presentation with little structure. The approach often exhibited a lack of planning and coordination with speakers rambling through concepts and ideas.</td>
<td>Conversational. The speaker would attempt to have a conversation with the audience. A challenge for a video presentation, but effective in engaging the audience with short sentences and a clear structure.</td>
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<td>Narration. A very common and relatively easy to capture presentation type. The type often lacked coherence and exhibited lack of planning as team members could remotely capture segments and stitch video together more than in other types. The videos would also often have distracting watermarks due to students using shareware.</td>
<td>The approach has the potential to be engaging, but only with considerable practice and experience. The reality is that this style often was exhibited by weak teams rushing to meet deadlines.</td>
<td>The approach arguably only worked well for those confident in language ability, i.e. native English speakers. While it is highly engaging, it often just demonstrated a team that was not prepared and was working to fill the time requirement of the assessment.</td>
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<td>Advertorial. Teams would produce a video as a ‘sales-pitch’ or marketing video that would extol the virtues and benefit of the artefact they produced. The videos would typically be technically advanced and of a high-quality production.</td>
<td>Storytelling. Speakers adopted an approach of telling stories and providing of examples to justify the approach to designing the artefact. The concern is that this suggested the artefact was informed by a few examples or stories, rather than addressing a core problem.</td>
<td>The approach is optimal at demonstrating key consideration of the problem area or intended audience. However, it can be time consuming and speakers would often spend considerable time delivering aspects of stories that were often of little relevance.</td>
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*Table 1: Observations*
CASE STUDIES
NARRATION STYLE - INSTRUCTOR ROLE - FORMAL TONE
ADVERTORIAL STYLE - FREEFORM ROLE - HUMOUROUS TONE
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NARRATION STYLE - FREE FORM ROLE - FORMAL TONE
CONTRAST

- **narration style** was favoured by many teams across both courses.

- **advertorial style** occurred more so regards the proactive password checker project.

- **humourous tone** was far more common with the technical assignment.

- **lecture style** was also far more present more with the proactive password checker assignment than technical solution.
HINDSIGHT
DIGITAL NATIVES DELUSION

experienced consumers (of video) ≠ skilled authors (of video)
RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCLUSION