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## Screencasting

If you have ever watched a Khan Academy video, you've seen screencasting in action. Screencasting is becoming more and more popular in higher education, especially here at the Naval Postgraduate School. Screencasting allows you to capture your computer monitor as a movie that students can watch while they are studying. Some faculty members are using screen casting as a normal part of their distance learning courses, while other faculty members supplement their lectures with worked examples. Some faculty members are using screencasting techniques as part of their office hours for distance learning students.

We often get inquiries from faculty members on how to turn their computers into blackboards for use during screencasting. Once you have the right equipment, producing your first screencast can take as little as 30 minutes. There is a variety of options when making purchasing decisions. Below are my recommendations...

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## Using Breakout Rooms in Zoom

### Introduction

*Active learning is any approach to instruction in which all students are asked to engage in the learning process.*

Breakout rooms offer opportunities for interaction and/or collaboration for students and their instructors. In a breakout room, groups of students can talk via their microphones and headsets and can collaborate using the whiteboard, chat and application sharing. Breakout rooms provide opportunities for peer-to-peer support, which is particularly valuable for distance learning students who rarely, if ever, meet their peers face-to-face...

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