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## Overview

Harmonize is a suite of tools focused on collaboration and discussions. This includes discussion boards, Q&A boards, polling, PDF annotations, chat, video, and more -- while voicethread just focuses on video annotation and creation.

Both GoReact and Harmonize offer students and instructors the ability to add timestamped commentary on videos a student has uploaded, their peers have uploaded, or that the instructor has provided for them.

## Basic philosophy and how it integrates into the class

Harmonize integrates its video annotation features into the standard Harmonize discussion and assignment tools so that students and instructors can leverage the timestamped commentary on any video regardless of where it's uploaded. GoReact requires the assignment be set up initially as an exclusively video assignment.

Harmonize does this because it allows the instructor to offer students choice in how they respond to an assignment, and if that response happens to be video, then the critique tools are available. Additionally, this allows students to leverage the critique tools on any video provided by the instructor or their fellow students without that having to have been the expressed up front intent of the assignment. This increases flexibility for when and where the tools can be leveraged in the classroom.

## Grading and rubrics

Grading in GoReact is entirely based around the student's recording and doesn't take into account peer review comments left by students. In Harmonize, we present a unified view of the student's recordings, any comments they've left on other students' work as well as presenting the amount of other content they have read so that the instructor can assess the entirety of the student work.

GoReact builds its own rubrics for assessing the video, requiring instructors to use the GoReact rubric builder. Harmonize leverages (Canvas only) the rubrics built into Canvas, allows them to be linked to the assignment, and then integrates with SpeedGrader so that instructors only have to learn one rubric tool and grading tool. We try NOT to add new tools that instructors have to if it's not necessary.

Rubrics are not available in Harmonize on platforms other than Canvas, while GoReact leverages its own rubric builder so is available on all platforms.

## Multi-student synchronous video

GoReact has the ability to pull multiple students into their video recorder and have them all record together. Harmonize requires the use of a third party tool like Zoom, Teams, or any tool that supports video conferencing to make the recording and then upload it to Harmonize for timestamped commentary by the instructor and peers.

## Synchronized video play/record

GoReact also has the ability to play a video for a student to react to and then live record their response to the video so you can watch both the source video and the student's recorded response side-by-side in a time-synced fashion.

Harmonize supports this either in a more asynchronous way, such that the student can watch the video and record their response, but we don't make the video or PDF available in a side-by-side synced fashion. You would have to watch the first video and then the second one.

GoReact also has the ability to upload a PDF and do side-by-side recording of the PDF and the person's video. This is useful if running a slide deck while presenting.

Much like in the multi-person scenario above, Harmonize leverages third-party tools to manage this (like Zoom or Team), and then the students have to upload their video for critique.

## Timestamped critique types

Both Harmonize and GoReact allow text-based timestamped comments on a video.

In addition to text, GoReact allows video and file attachments at timestamped points in the document.

Harmonize requires the video and file attachment feedback to be done as overall commentary on the video vs being attached to specific timestamps.

Additionally, GoReact allows numeric ratings of their timestamped comments as well as the use of pre-created canned feedback items to offer common feedback on videos to be done with a single click of the marker.

## Collated video critique responses vs individual feedback responses

GoReact collates all feedback into a single view on the video so when viewing the video, you can see ALL commentary offered by ALL users in a single location.

Harmonize breaks each student's and instructor's feedback on the video into a separate area so that each reviewer's comments are presented as their own critique in isolation from the other critiques made on the video.

Overall summary video:

 [Spotlight on GoReact Video Assessment with Macmillan Learning](#)