PlayPosit Instructor FAQ

This document is a compilation of PlayPosit’s frequently asked questions at the University of Arizona.

General

What is PlayPosit?

Playposit is an online application used to insert questions, surveys, discussions, and other interactions throughout videos with the aim to make videos more interactive, allowing students to explore and deepen their learning.

For example: use multiple choice, free response, check-all-that-apply, or fill-in-the-blank questions throughout the video to emphasize key points and encourage students to check their understanding. Or use discussion forums to ask students to engage with each other during specific time points.

Check out PlayPosit’s explanation of what it can do with their video.

Can I use my own video with PlayPosit?

Yes. In addition to videos from YouTube or Vimeo, you can make your own recorded videos interactive using Playposit. To do so, we recommend that you upload videos through Panopto, instead of uploading directly to PlayPosit. Panopto has benefits that will enhance user’s experience.

- Optimizing streaming based on internet connection and device
- Unlimited storage
- Upload almost any video size
- Content permission based on UA credentials

Please refer to the video guide on how to use Panopto videos with PlayPosit.
**What browser is PlayPosit compatible with?**

PlayPosit recommends using Google Chrome for optimal compatibility.

Check out PlayPosit’s [website](#) on browser compatibility.

**Can I reuse my bulb for another course?**

Yes, you can reuse your bulb for another course. If you are using D2L, you will need to have the integration enabled in your new D2L course site. Then go through the steps of adding a PlayPosit bulb to your site and viola!

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**Grades and Grading**

**Are questions graded automatically?**

Most question types are automatically graded, including multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and check-all-that-apply. Free response questions will require you to review and manually grade.

**How do I review/grade student responses?**

From D2L, find the bulb that you would like to review and click “Monitor”. You can also access monitor directly from the Playposit site. Please check out ODL’s [document](#) for detailed steps to do it.

PlayPosit also has a [document](#) about grades and monitoring.

**Do the grades from PlayPosit automatically transfer to D2L’s gradebook?**

Yes, PlayPosit grades will transfer automatically into D2L’s gradebook (see below for instructions on proper integration).

[Setting up D2L Gradebook with PlayPosit](#)

[More help with D2L and PlayPosit](#)
Face-to-Face Teaching and PlayPosit

I don’t teach an online course. How can I use PlayPosit to help enhance my face-to-face course?

You don’t have to teach an online course to use PlayPosit. PlayPosit is a tool that make videos more interactive. If you have videos you share with students, you can add questions throughout the videos to enhance student engagement.

You can also use PlayPosit’s “Broadcast” function during the in-person course lecture. This can be act like a clicker, where students can access PlayPosit through their device and answer questions live during the video showing in class.

D2L

How do I add PlayPosit into my D2L course site?

Currently, PlayPosit is being piloted at the UA. If you are interested in being part of the pilot for PlayPosit, please email InTech for more information.

If you already have PlayPosit integrated into D2L and need some help setting up PlayPosit in D2L and assigning bulbs, check out PlayPosit’s D2L help page.

Even if you do not wish to be a part of the pilot, instructors can still explore PlayPosit by signing up for a free account at PlayPosit using your @email.arizona.edu address. Please know that if you are just exploring, you will not be able to integrate the bulbs with the D2L Gradebook.

What is the difference between self-paced, learner-made, and broadcast?

*Self-paced*: allows for learners to explore the bulb at their own pace asynchronously.
Learner-made: asks students to be the instructor by making their own bulb, integrating questions throughout the video.

Broadcast: will have learners explore the bulb synchronously as a class, where the instructor controls the pacing of the video. Students will respond to the projected questions on their own device. This option is more often used in a face-to-face classroom.

I copied my PlayPosit bulb from another course through D2L. Why is my bulb not working?

Even though you can copy your bulb information from one course to another, each D2L course will have to have the PlayPosit integration activated. Please send an email to InTech@email.arizona.edu to request for course activation.

Please know that when you copy forward your bulbs using this method, the grades from the copied course will not be associated with the new course, but discussion forum information will NOT clear out. (Students that posted a discussion response through PlayPosit will have their information and response still on the PlayPosit bulb. This could be considered a FERPA violation.)

I need the students to see the whole video screen to answer the question. Is there a way to show the whole screen?

Yes! In the top right-hand corner, above the question, is “Show and Hide Question” bar. The students will need to click on the bar to hide the question and view the whole video screen. Students can click on the bar again to unhide the question.