Making the Impersonal Personal when you take your class online

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Providing Context

- A Challenge for Engineering Students
- CoE has Distance Sections along with On Campus Sections
- The lecture is captured live, then post-processed for later viewing
  - By on-campus students
  - Or by distance students
- The rest of the environment is unchanged
  - Walk-in Office Hours
  - GTA Assistance

The Problem
for a student in a Distance Section

Face-to-Face

- Live classroom lecture
- Live Q&A when appropriate
- Office Hours
- GTA Office Hours

Online

- Recorded Lecture
- Email Q&A
- No Office Hours
- GTA email

UTA Options for Recorded Lectures

- Echo360
- Echo Personal Capture
- Lync

Lync

- Presently in trial mode
- Requires uta.edu email and VPN
- Allows live streaming and recording for later viewing

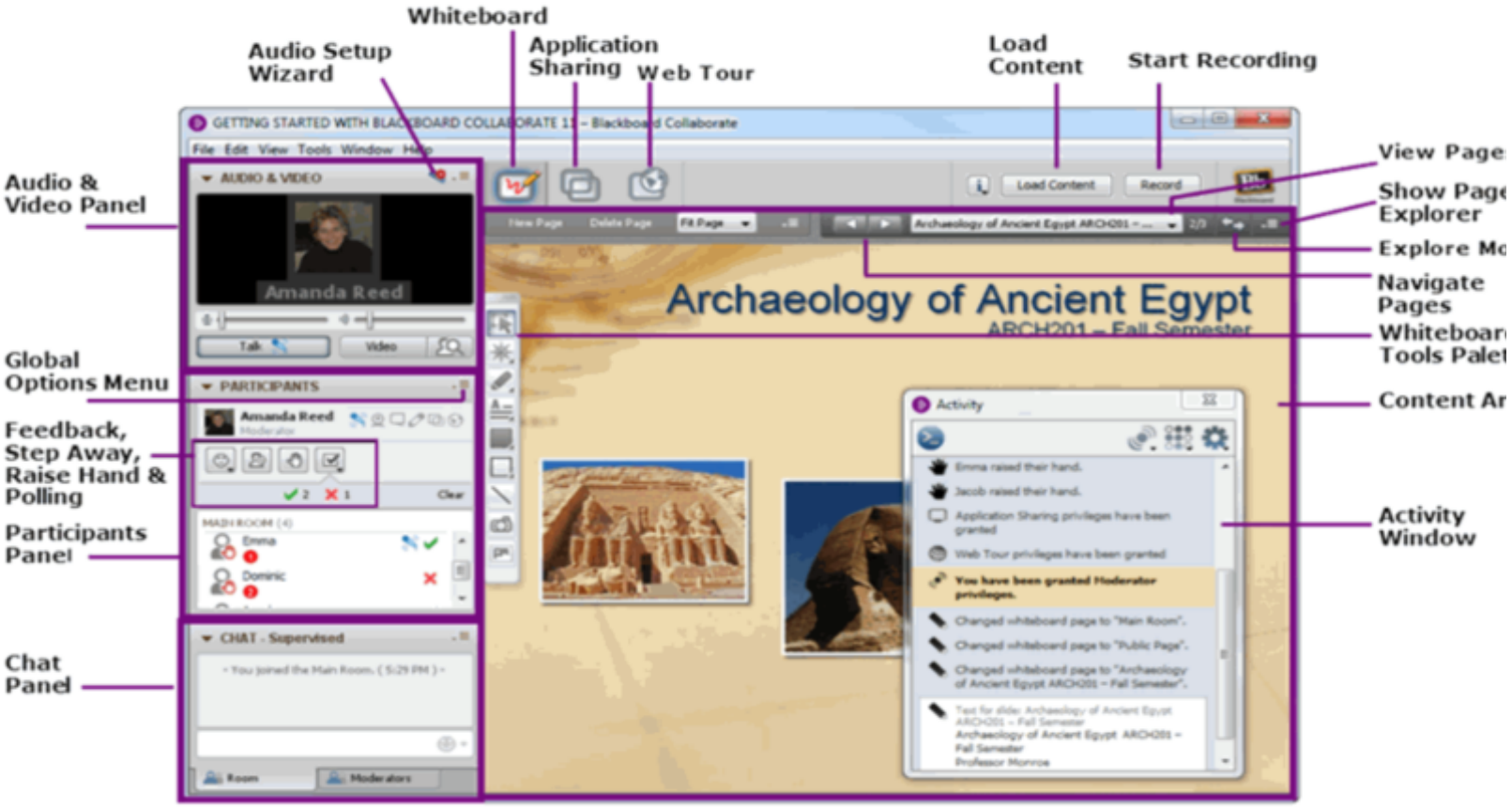
But what about Office Hours?

- Telephone
  - **NO!**
- Email
  - **NO!**
- Video Chat
  - **Yes!**

Options?

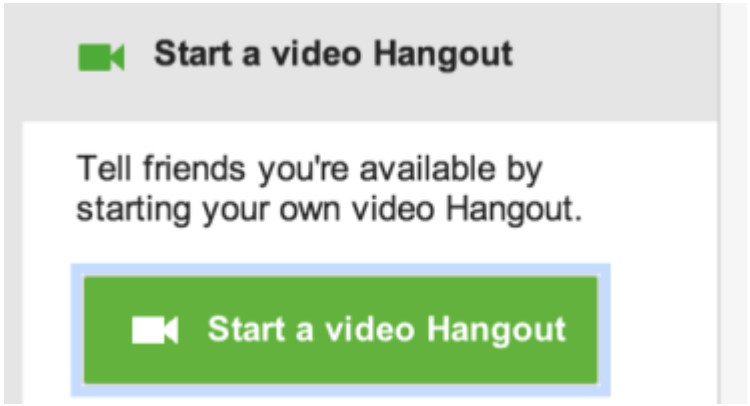
- Blackboard Collaborate
- Google+ Hangouts
- Lync

Blackboard Collaborate



Google+ Hangouts

- Start at plus.google.com
- Requires Chrome browser and Google Plus logon
- Lets all participants view each other as well as the Prof



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