

Managing student initiated VoiceThreads

One challenge of using VT with your class is managing the VT's that your students initiate.

Optimal Method

- Have your students create one “personal” VoiceThread per term.
- All subsequent assignments that are initiated by the student, should be submitted, not as a new thread, but rather as a new slide on this “personal” thread.
- In order for this to be effective, you should instruct your students to submit a picture of themselves as the first slide in their “personal” first thread.
- They should also create a title for this thread, which should include their Chinese name as well as the name they are using in class.
- After students have submitted their introductory slide on their “personal” thread, you will need to take time out of class to demonstrate to them how to add slides, and how to order and label additional slides as they add them throughout the term (remember, each slide will represent a different assignment).

Suggestions to help you stay organized

- Instruct your students that when they post a new slide to their “personal” thread, they should reorder the slides, so that the new slide follows their introductory slide (this is the slide with the photo).
- Reordering slides is very easy, you just click and drag slides on the create page. Having the photo as the first slide will help you recognize and organize your threads.
- Be sure that students always label new slides with their name and the title of the assignment. To make it easier for you, try and use a consistent title format, which will be easy for the students to apply.
- For giving feedback to the students on their work, you can write or speak comments. If you would like a student to rewrite an assignment, there is a “replace” function under the create tab, which will allow them to replace the slide without removing the existing comments.