

Project proposal for Technology for Teaching Grant  
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I am requesting for 4 copies of Camtasia Studio 4 (\$179.00 ea.) bundled with Snagit (10.00 ea.). Camtasia Studio 4 is a screen capture software that allows exporting in a variety of formats (.mov, .avi, and .swf) with multiple compression options. I have downloaded the 30 day free trial of the software and have been using it for a week. Essentially, it allows me to play a DVD or input a VHS clip on to the screen of my computer and capture what is played on the screen. And, it has an editing function. This clip can be archived and dropped into a PowerPoint. The software is very simple to use with virtually no learning curve. It also allows putting PowerPoints into video formats to produce multimedia shows.

Uses:

**For Film Studies courses:** It allows me to take clips of films and build PowerPoints quickly and efficiently. It replaces Pinnacle's Studio Version 8 which captured analog.

Furthermore, these clips can be placed in an archive to demonstrate film techniques.

It allows students to capture clips and place them in PowerPoints for presentation or in conjunction with Adobe InDesign place video clips into papers in a .pdf format. I have been using InDesign for two years now. The most time consuming elements of this process are capturing clips and extracting frames for deconstruction. With this software students could do that part of the process with minimal instruction and without my presence.

**For my FYS seminar *Deconstructing Spectacles*.** It allows student to grab clips anywhere from the web (i.e. YouTube) for analysis and deconstruction.

**For my research:** I am presenting a paper on Australian film this Fall and I have already made use of the free trial offer to capture the clips which I will be using in that presentation.

I am requesting funds for four copies-one for my office, two for a student use location such as the Writing Center, and one for classroom instruction. Jim Forney is exploring the possibility of a license that would allow flexible use. An alternative technology is Adobe's Captivate but it is priced much higher.