

Warpwire Basics

Warpwire is a multimedia platform that allows you to record, upload, and share audio and video content from within Sakai. It is supported by most [web browsers and mobile devices](#).
[go.durhamtech.edu/ww-browsers-devices].



To use Warpwire, you'll first need to add the Warpwire tool in a Sakai site. This creates a **Media Library** for the site that you will use to create and access your media content.

Getting Started: Adding the Warpwire Tool to a Sakai Site

1. Log into Sakai and go into one of your Sakai sites.
2. Go to **Site Info** and select the **Manage Tools** tab.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the list and click **External Tools** to roll out the list of external tools.
4. Place a check next to **Warpwire**, and click **Continue**. Then click **Finish**.
5. Warpwire appears on the course menu. We suggest hiding this menu item from students (and, later, embedding your multimedia content throughout the course).
6. Click on **Warpwire** in the course menu to *activate the tool* and create a Media Library for the course site. (There may be a pause while the library is created. Warpwire should load much more quickly once the Media Library is initially created.)
 - You only need to activate Warpwire **once** in each Sakai course.

Create a “Selfie” Video (Camera Capture)

Selfie videos allow your students to see you as you speak to them. They can be useful for introducing yourself and your course to your students, as well as providing lecture content, weekly wrap-ups, and feedback. Research suggests that instructor selfie videos can positively affect student motivation.

1. Click on **Warpwire** in the course menu to go to your Media Library.
2. Click the plus (+) button, and select **Camera Capture**.
 - **If you use Chrome:**
A dialog box appears. Click **Launch Camera Capture**.
 - **If you use Firefox:**
Your browser may ask for permission to use your computer's camera. Click **Allow**.
3. A preview of your webcam appears. To begin your recording, click **Start Recording** (.
4. When you're done, click **Stop Recording** (.
5. In the box that appears, type a **title** for your video, and then click **Confirm**.
6. The selfie video is added to your Media Library.

**By default, your video is marked “Unlisted”.
Students can't see it yet!**

For students to see your video, you must “insert” (embed) it somewhere in your Sakai site, such as Lessons, Announcements, etc.

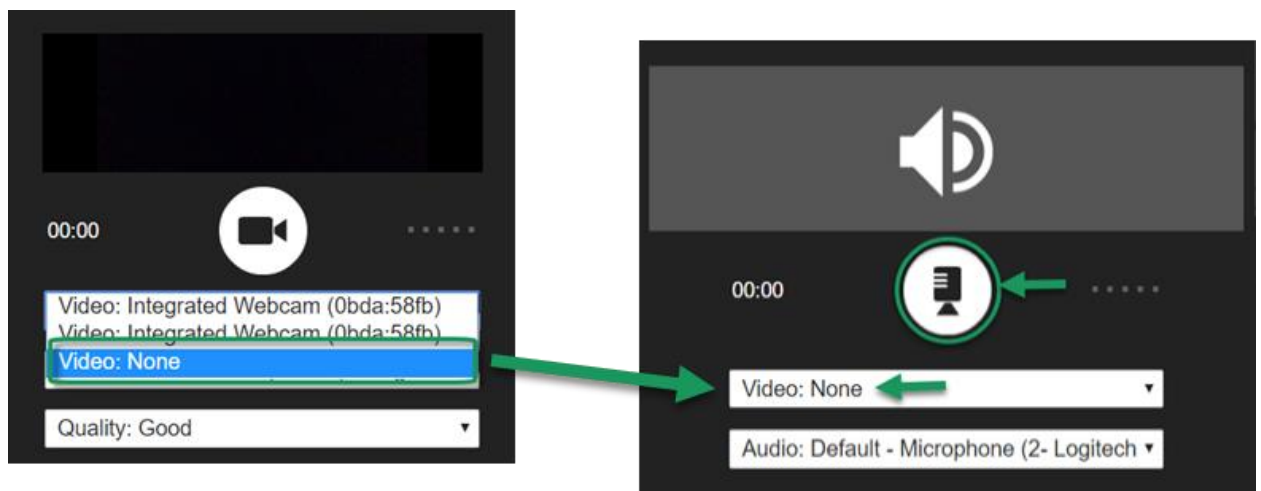
To Insert (Embed) a Video:

1. In Sakai, navigate to the place where you want to insert the video.
(You can insert a video anywhere the text editor is available. For example, in Lessons, click Add Text or in Announcements, click Add, etc.).
2. In the text editor toolbar click the **Warpwire icon** (W).
3. The site's Media Library appears. Locate and click the title of the audio recording you want to insert. The small circle should turn blue (●).
4. Click **Insert 1 item**. The video will be added to the Text Editor box.
5. When done, *save your changes*. Your video should display; play it!

Create an Audio Recording

Audio recordings are useful for introducing the week's lesson, providing feedback on an assignment or project, and modeling pronunciation.

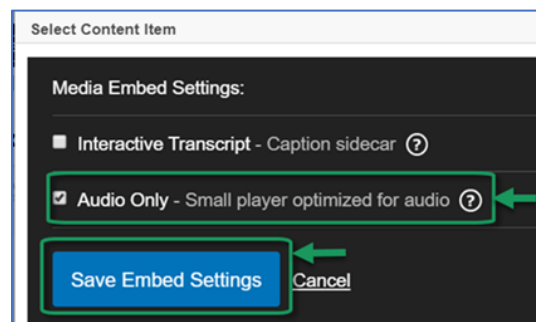
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2. Click the plus (+) button, and select **Camera Capture**.
 - **If you use Chrome:**
A dialog box appears. Click **Launch Camera Capture**.
 - **If you use Firefox:**
Your browser may ask for permission to use your computer's camera. Click **Allow**.
3. **IMPORTANT: Deselect the video!** In the *Video drop down*, select **Video: None**. The video recording button will change to a microphone button.



4. Click on the **microphone button** to start – and later stop – recording.
5. In the **Title** field, give your audio recording a descriptive title. Click **Confirm**.
6. The audio recording is added to your Media Library.

To Insert (Embed) an Audio Recording:

1. In Sakai, navigate to the place where you want to insert the audio recording.
(You can insert audio anywhere the text editor is available. For example, in Lessons, click Add Text or in Announcements, click Add, etc.).
2. In the text editor toolbar click the **Warpwire icon** (W).
3. The site's Media Library appears. Locate and click the title of the audio recording you want to insert. The small circle should turn blue (●).
4. **IMPORTANT! When inserting an audio recording, you will also need to click the options icon** (⋮).
 - Place a check in the box next to **Audio Only – small player optimized for audio**.
 - Click **Save Embed Settings** button.



5. Click **Insert 1 item**. The audio recording will be added to the Text Editor box.
6. When done, *save your changes*. Your audio recording should display; play it!

Upload a Video from Your Mobile Device

1. Use your mobile device's camera to record a video.
2. When you're done recording, open your device's web browser and go to: **warpwire.durhamtech.edu**.
3. Tap the Durham Tech Account Login button, and sign in using your Durham Tech User ID and password (the same as you would use to log in to Sakai).
4. Your Warpwire Media Libraries appear. Tap to select a library.
5. Tap the plus (+) button and select **Upload Files**.
6. Select your phone's Photo or Video Library. (If you use an Android device, a pop-up appears asking if the browser can access your camera. Tap **Deny**.)
7. Locate and tap to select the video you recorded.
8. A dialog box appears. Tap the **Title** field to give your video a descriptive title, then tap the **Start Uploading** button.
9. The video uploads and appears in your Media Library. You can now access the video in Sakai and insert it wherever you'd like in your Sakai site.

Editing and Managing Media

Note: In Warpwire, instructors are considered “administrators” or owners of their Media Libraries.

- [Clip a video or audio](https://www.warpwire.com/support/media-options/clipping/)
[https://www.warpwire.com/support/media-options/clipping/]
- Choose a [different or custom thumbnail](https://www.warpwire.com/support/media-options/choose-custom-thumbnail/) (default video or media image)
[https://www.warpwire.com/support/media-options/choose-custom-thumbnail/]
 - [Using PPT to create your own thumbnail image \(PDF\)](https://go.durhamtech.edu/ppt-create-image)
[https://go.durhamtech.edu/ppt-create-image]
- [Remove \(delete\) a video](https://www.warpwire.com/support/manage-media-libraries/remove-files-from-media-libraries/) from a Media Library
[https://www.warpwire.com/support/manage-media-libraries/remove-files-from-media-libraries/]
- [View analytics](https://www.warpwire.com/support/analytics/media-assets/) [https://www.warpwire.com/support/analytics/media-assets/]

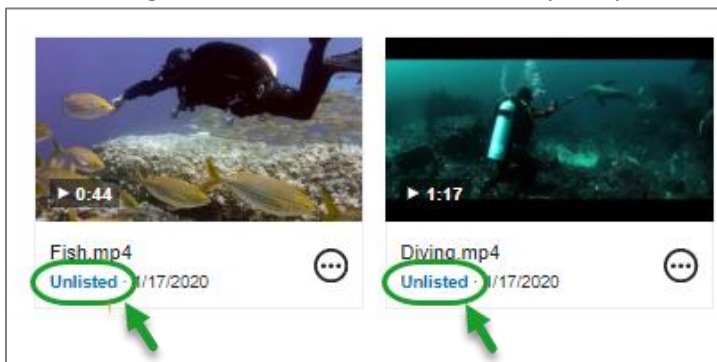
FAQs

Who can see my videos (or listen to my audio content)?

- By default, *only your students* can access your video or audio content.
- And they can see that content *only where you insert it in Sakai*.
 - In other words, students can see content you insert in Lessons, in an Announcement, etc. But if they click on the Warpwire button in the course menu, they don’t see anything there, assuming all content is marked “Unlisted”.

What does the “Unlisted” label mean on items in my Media Library?

- By default, all items you add to your Media Library are labeled “Unlisted”.
- Students can see “Unlisted” content *only where you insert (embed) it* in Sakai.
- If a student goes into the course Media Library, they will NOT see “Unlisted” content.




How can I share Warpwire content with another class that I am teaching?

There are several ways to do this!

METHOD 1 (SIMPLEST): Insert Warpwire content into another Sakai site

You can insert content from any of your Media Libraries into any class you are teaching. Wherever you insert it, your students can see it, even if the content resides in the Media Library for another class.

To insert Warpwire content into another class's site:


1. In Sakai, go into the site you want to share audio/video content with.
2. Navigate to the place where you want to insert the content (such as Lessons > Add Text).
3. On Sakai's text editor, click the **Warpwire icon** (.
4. Click **Account** in the upper right.
5. A list of all Media Libraries you have access to appears. Click on the Media Library that contains the content you want to use.
6. Select the item of content you want to share, then at the bottom, click **Insert Item**.
7. Save. Students in this class will be able to view the inserted content, even though the content resides in another class's Media Library.

Note about analytics: To view analytics, you must go to the Media Library in the site where the content is stored. The analytics will list all students who have access to that content, from all classes.

METHOD 2: Copy Warpwire content to another class's Media Library

Alternatively, you can copy content from one class's Media Library to another class's Media Library for use in the latter class. This adds some extra work, but will result in separate analytics for each class.

To copy Warpwire content to another class's Media Library:

1. Suppose you have Warpwire content in site 1 that you want to use in site 2. In site 2, add the Warpwire tool to the course menu and click on it to create a Media Library for the site.
2. In site 1, click **Warpwire** on the course menu.
3. For any content item, click the **options icon** () and choose **Copy**.
4. A list of all of your Media Libraries appears. Locate the Media Library you want to copy the content to, and to the right, click **Add Copy**. The content is now copied to that site's Media Library. Repeat this step for any other content items you want to copy.
5. Go back into site 2, and click **Warpwire** in the course menu. You will see the copied content items. Now you can insert the content in the Sakai site for students to view.

When I import my Sakai site to a new site, what happens to my Warpwire content?

- When you import your Sakai site to a new site, embedded Warpwire content is imported; HOWEVER, students in the new site will not be able to access it. (It will work fine for you, the instructor, but will *not* work for students.)
- Solution: Instructors will need to re-link each embedded Warpwire video/audio item after importing. (See steps below.)

- Good news: Work is underway to improve this.
 - In the coming months, we expect importing to work for Warpwire content *embedded in Lessons* so that instructors no longer have to re-link that content.
 - For other tools (e.g. Announcements, Tests & Quizzes, etc.) we do not anticipate a fix for importing any time soon. For Warpwire content in tools other than Lessons, instructors will need to continue re-linking the content after importing.

How do I re-link content after importing?

To re-link Warpwire content after importing:

1. After importing your Sakai site, in the new site, navigate to an item of embedded Warpwire content (e.g. in Lessons, Assignments, wherever).
2. Make note of the Media Library displayed in the upper left corner (just below the video title). This tells you in which library this content is stored; you'll need to know this for step 7 below.
3. Click to **Edit** the inserted Sakai content, so Sakai's text editor box appears.
4. In the text box, click on the Warpwire content placeholder to select it.
5. Click the Warpwire button in the text editor toolbar.
6. Click **Account** in the upper right.
7. A list of Media Libraries you have access to appears. Click the Media Library that contains the content (as noted in step 2 above).
8. Select the content you want to share, then at the bottom, click **Insert Item**.
9. Save. Now students in the new class will be able to view the inserted content, even though the content still resides in the other class's Media Library.

Can students record and upload media?

Instructional Technologies is interested in working individually with instructors who would like to have students create videos with Warpwire. Send us an email at sakaihelp@durhamtech.edu if you'd like to explore having your students create media with Warpwire.

Warpwire Resources

- [Warpwire Resources for Instructors](https://go.durhamtech.edu/warpwire) [https://go.durhamtech.edu/warpwire]
- [Tips for Creating Multimedia Content \(PDF\)](https://go.durhamtech.edu/multimedia-tips) [https://go.durhamtech.edu/multimedia-tips]
- [Warpwire's Support Guide](https://www.warpwire.com/support/getting-started/) [https://www.warpwire.com/support/getting-started/]

Additional Warpwire Training

Visit training.durhamtech.edu to register for additional Warpwire trainings:

- *Narrating PowerPoints and Sharing Them on Warpwire*
- *Screencasting with Warpwire*