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What does Echo360 record?

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How are the recorded lectures delivered?

The files are stored on a media streaming server and are available in four formats (Rich Media, Vodcast, Enhanced Podcast and Podcast). They can be delivered to students in a number of ways, including via RSS feeds and Blackboard.

Why should I consider recording my lectures?

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What else could the system be used for?

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How can I start recording my lectures using Echo360?

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Who do I contact for further information or to purchase Echo360?

Please contact the ICT E-learning Services team via the ICT Service Desk (service.desk@imperial.ac.uk). We will liaise with your Learning Technologist (where available) to discuss your requirements.

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