

Add Audio to your Blackboard Course:

When planning to use Audio and Video segments, remember that these are LARGE files which means - use sparingly. Large files take a long time to download - a student using a 14k modem will be helpless trying to listen to one of these files through a website (consider local delivery through a CD). They also take up a lot of space on a server (your n:/ drive, condor or Blackboard servers included). Archive your audio/video files, when not needed for a course, on a zip drive or on your hard drive. Particularly, when possible, make a link to an audio/video file that is housed somewhere else. This also helps avoid the copyright issue as you are not changing the file in any way.

- [Library of Congress](#) American Memory Digital Library includes audio, video and graphic images
- Civil War Band Music - Each piece is available in MP3, WAV and RealAudio stream Test out each format to see which sounds better for your purposes. Also check sizes of the files. (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwmhtml/cwmconcert.html#0010>)
- [Samplenet.co.uk](#) - United Kingdom Contains a file for Free downloads of MP3s. Including these two audiofiles of Planetearth Guitarrons: [F2](#) (41k) and [C2](#) (41k) which have been downloaded from samplenet <http://samplenet.co.uk> and linked to this document.

Try to save this Bach piece: [Brandenburg Concerto](#)

Save (copy) an audio or video file the same way you save a graphic file:

- Right Click on the hotlink and use the function: Save File As (Save Link As)
- Save it locally (a: drive or your c: drive).
- Identify which drive and folder you will save it in.

Once the file is saved you can...

- Include it into an existing website and make a link to that page from your Blackboard site
or
- Create a webpage locally and upload the entire page it into your Blackboard site.

Creating an Audio file of your voice:

You can create a simple audio file of your voice using the software provided on your desktop. To do this you will need a microphone that can plug into your computer. Use the Sound Recorder utility provided by Windows 95, 98 and 2000. This program can be found in the Programs - Accessories menu.

View examples of audio recorded in this manner at

<http://www.depaul.edu/~jbryan/fauna>

Note that these are large files!

Name	Size	Type
baja.jpg	50 KB	JPEG Image
baja1.wav	637 KB	Winamp media file
baja2.wav	821 KB	Winamp media file
cactus.jpg	73 KB	JPEG Image
index.html	4 KB	HTML Document
starfish.jpg	71 KB	JPEG Image
whales.jpg	31 KB	JPEG Image