Instructional Strategies

One important key to good instruction and information retention is making the content interesting to the students. This will help to motivate them to be active participants in the course. A quick preinstructional activity will help to accomplish this. As you know that your audience is in the class to learn about capturing video from a computer to create presentations, show them a fun example. Take a program that all of the participants are aware of and probably have no problem using and show them how simple it is to make a short instructional video from it. In this case, show them how to record a session of Solitaire with commentary. This will help keep the audience's attention, tell them directly what they will be learning (how to record a program on the computer) and revisit the prerequisite skills that they should have to take the class.

The course needs to present the information on how to start the Jing program, create a Jing account, test their microphones, record a short presentation and then save the file to their computer. Examples of this process will be developed as a handout that will be given to the class in sections for each stage of the process.

Within the course there will be hands-on practices of each of the necessary steps that are taught. Each student should have a computer available to them directly, or pairs could alternate using a single computer.

A pretest will be administered at the start of the course to determine the level of student knowledge on the subject of screen capture programs. During the course there will be two practice tests used as checkpoints to ensure that the students are retaining the information being taught and are not falling behind. Finally, a posttest will be administered to check for the knowledge they should have at the end of the course.

A checklist of necessary tasks will be given to the students at the start of the course, allowing them to quickly see how far they have progressed and to be used as a memory aid for the skills they have already learned. The final posttest will test on the items listed in this checklist.