Use Case: Humanize the Online Learning Experience

As online education becomes more deeply entrenched, one of our university partners wanted to restructure their online environment to put the instructor back at the center of learning. To accomplish this goal, they are utilizing Retrieve’s Virtual Teaching System (VTS). Our VTS replaces passive discussion boards with live-video capabilities that humanize both the student and instructor, and engage students in modern ways. For one university, students engage with video-based content, which can be accessed from their mobile devices, to truly meet students where they are and provide access to transformative education. In our platform, students demonstrate competency through built-in screen capture technology where they perform tasks or functions to meet stated learning objectives. When demonstration of tasks is not necessary, assessments can include video-based presentations that move assessments beyond the traditional essay.

Retrieve’s platform automatically translates and transcodes all content (text, video, attachments, chats, and announcements) into 14 languages. One of our university partners has a large international student population, this feature aids students in their English language acquisition and provides a backup translation feature. Language departments also use these tools for teaching students new languages; for example, all of the content in a History course can be translated into Spanish, so students have more opportunities to practice reading, listening, and writing in their target language. Our integrated student portfolio, where students maintain access to course content and assessments even after a course has ended, means that students can track their language acquisition over time, with videos demonstrating their speaking ability from an introductory up through an advanced course.