

Creating Content Using Explain Everything

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- These slides demonstrate basic methods for creating lecture videos using the [Explain Everything](#) software.
- They are for use by **UCD** staff in the event of campus closure due to a potential [COVID-19](#) epidemic.



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Demos

- Video of web interface usage.
- Youtube link to same video.
- Live demo of tablet app.