

Shared Lectures with Integrated Student Activities:

An International Course Offering using Tutored
Video Instruction



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Outline

- Course offering between University of Washington (Seattle) and Beihang University (Beijing)
- Tutored Video Instruction
- Classroom Interaction
- Supporting Technology
- Results



Goal: Offer UW Course at Beihang University

- Motivation
 - Allow course offerings that are not currently available
 - UW/MSR/Beihang partnership
- Sending a UW professor to China was not possible
- Timing issues make synchronous delivery difficult



Tutored Video Instruction

- Base course on facilitated use of recorded materials
- Video materials recorded from a live class
- TVI site facilitator guides discussion around materials
- Gibbons, Science 1977



TVI Offering of UW Course in Beihang

- Capture of UW course offered Fall 2006
- Beihang course uses UW lectures and other materials
 - Same text and assignments
- UW Instructor visited in September and November
- Local facilitators support the course



Classroom Presenter

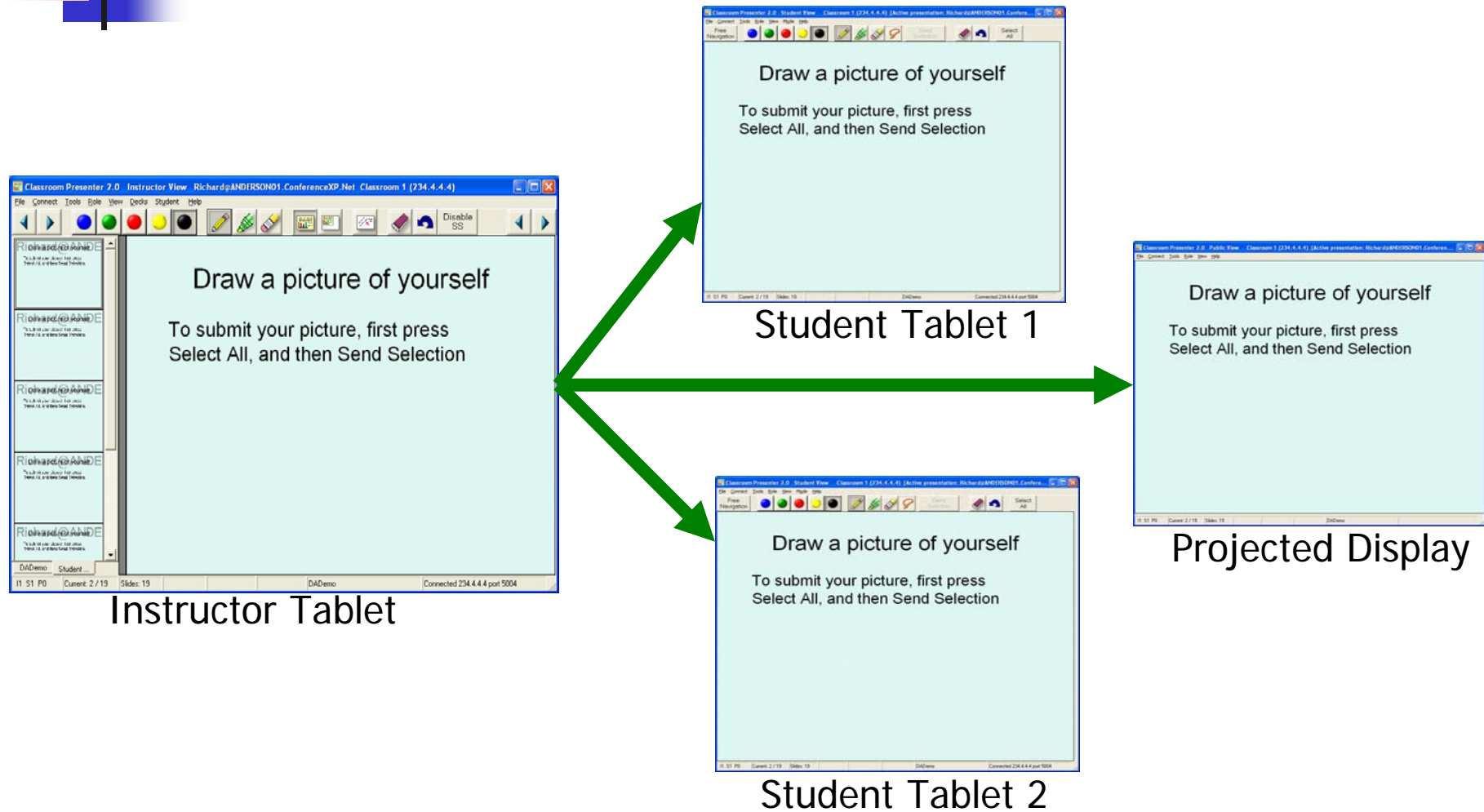
- Tablet PC Based Classroom Interaction System
- Students contribute to class using digital ink on instructors slide
- Instructor views student submissions, and selectively shows them to the class
- Activities embedded into slide based lecture



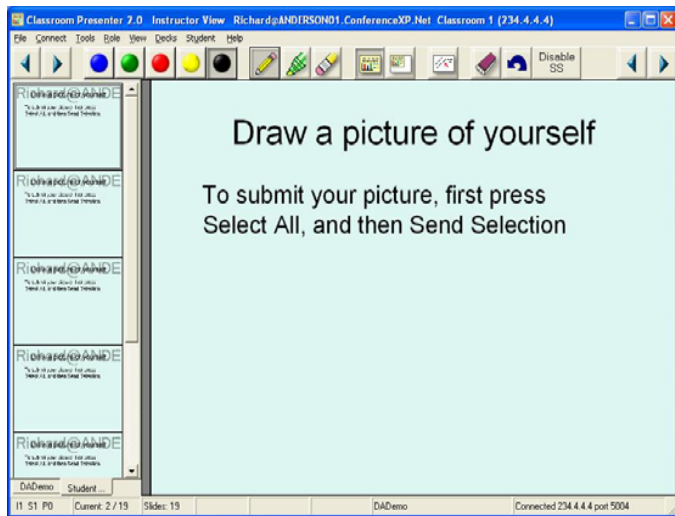
Pedagogical Goals

- Encourage students to contribute in multiple ways
- Promote engagement in the class
 - Interest
 - Alertness
- Demonstrate that all students have important opinions
- Peer interaction
- Feedback – classroom assessment
- Collection of ideas
 - Collective brainstorm
- Student generation of examples
- Discovery of a pedagogical point
- Gain understanding of an example
- Show misconceptions

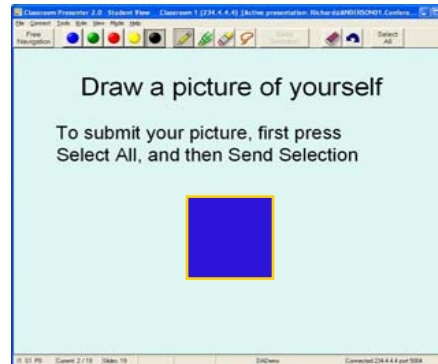
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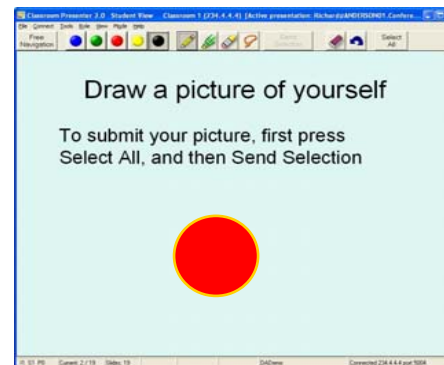
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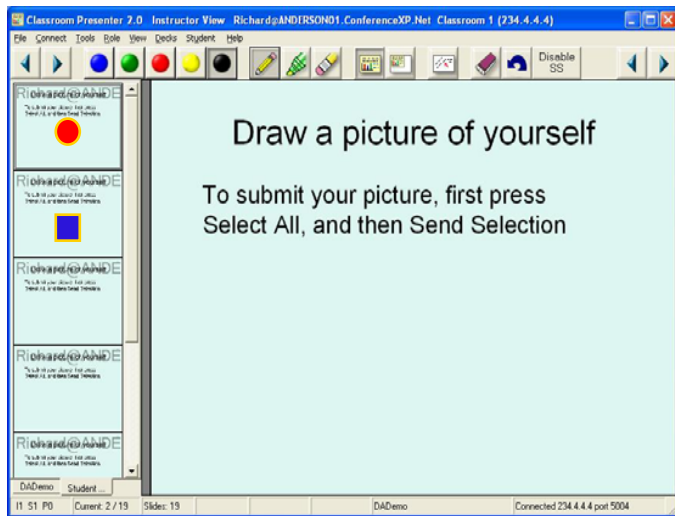


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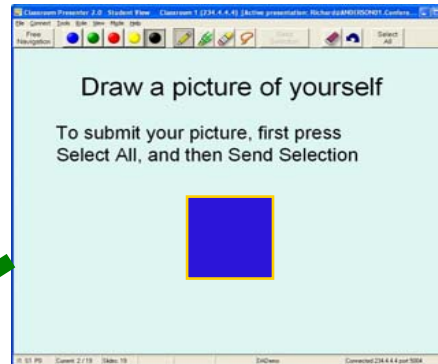


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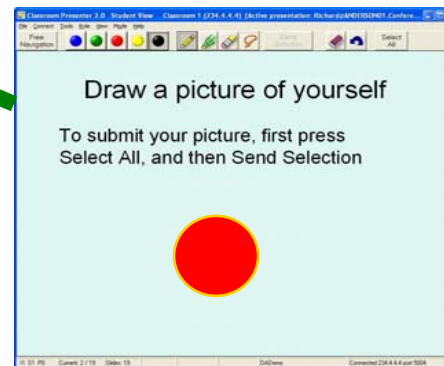
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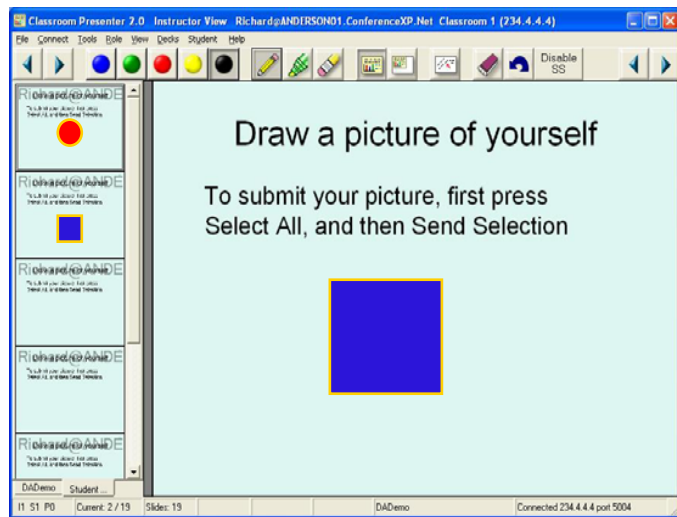


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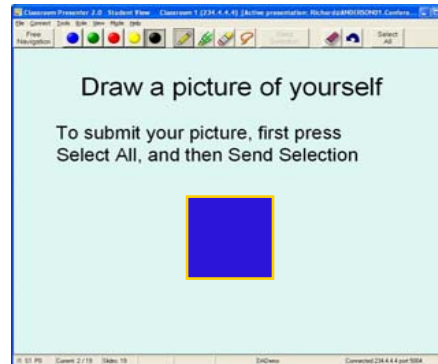


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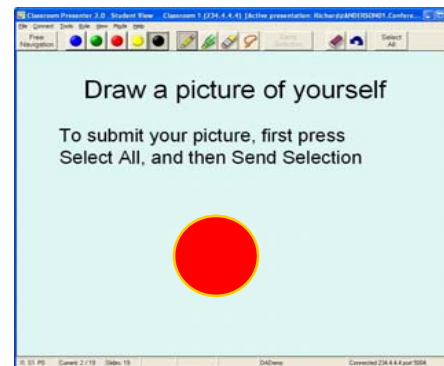
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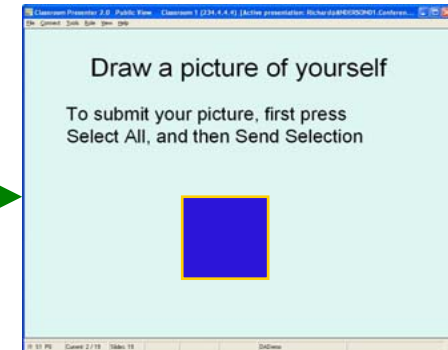
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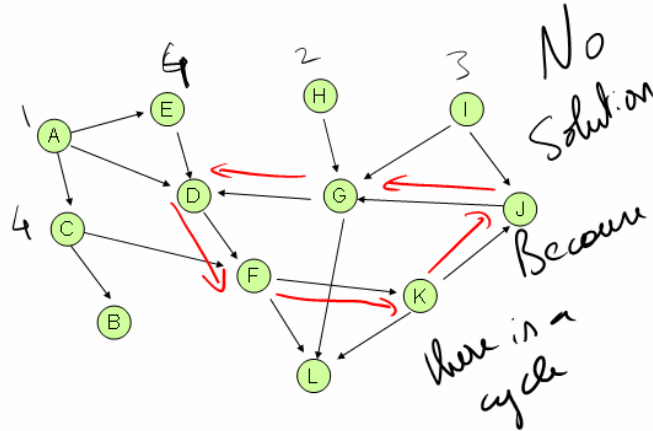
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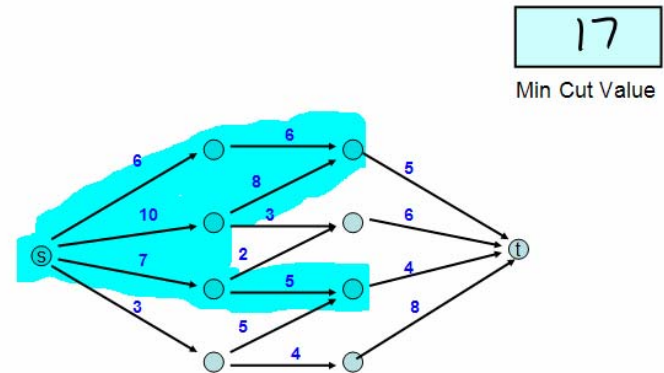
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Submission Examples

Find a topological order for the following graph



Find a minimum value cut



Student Submission

Submission examples

Prove $3n^2 + 5n + 20$ is $O(n^2)$

Let $c =$

Let $n_0 =$

$(c-3)n^2 - 5n - 20 > 0$
对每个 c 求出满足
条件的 n_0 即可

Choose $c = 6, n_0 = 5$

$T(n)$ is $O(f(n))$ if there exist c, n_0 , such that for $n > n_0$,
 $T(n) < c f(n)$



What does it mean for an algorithm to be efficient?

在规定时间内
空间和时间复杂度都小





What we are trying to achieve

- Reproduce interactive classroom experience in a remote classroom
 - Moderate level of spoken interaction in UW course
- Promoting interaction through:
 - Design of UW lecture materials to encourage interaction
 - Supporting materials – directions on when to stop for questions
 - Classroom Presenter & TVI Methodology



Archive & Playback Overview

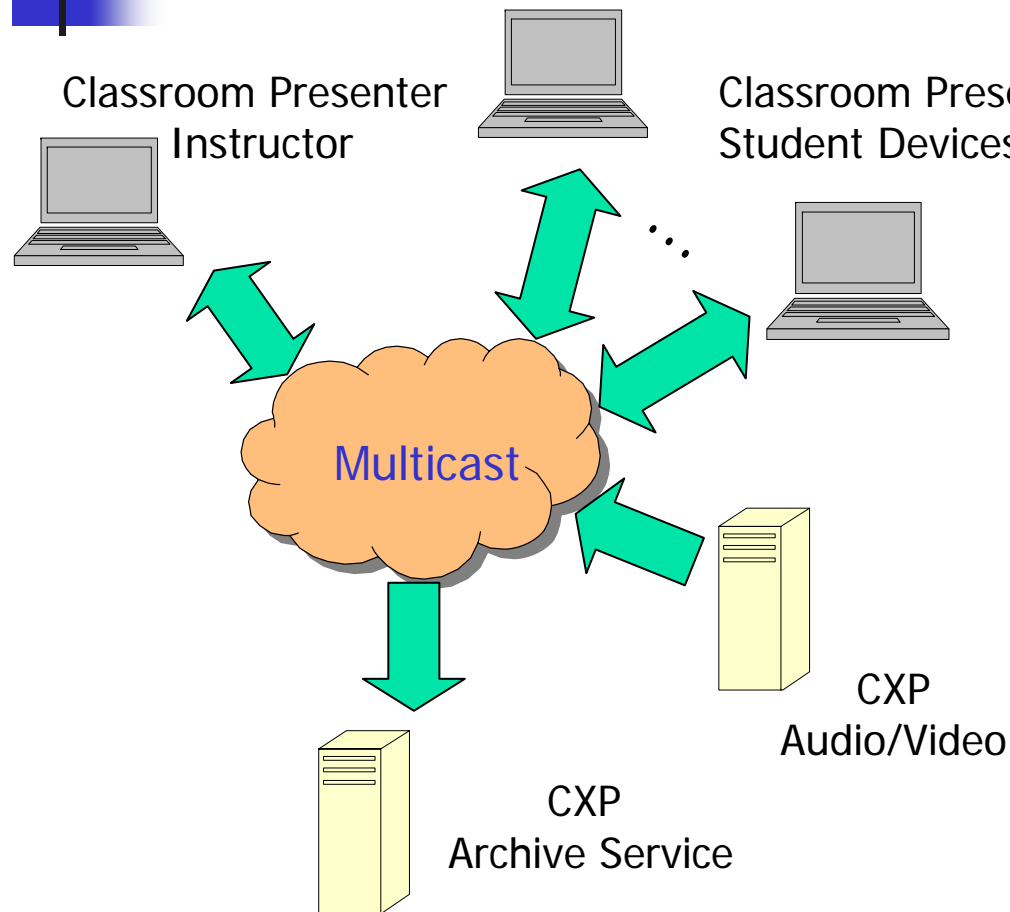
- Leveraging Distance Learning Infrastructure
- Recording: The UW classroom
 - ConferenceXP at the core of our archiving strategy
- Lecture preparation
 - Packaging is automated with CXP Archive Transcoder
- Playback: The Beihang classroom
 - Integrated AV/Presentation Playback using CXP WebViewer



Leveraging Infrastructure at UW

- Distance Learning since 1997
 - ConferenceXP deployed since 2002
 - Tradition of providing archived lectures
- UW ConferenceXP work focusing on archive preparation and playback
- Dedicated distance learning classroom

Recording: The UW Classroom



- All devices use Multicast Networking
- ConferenceXP Archive Service provides a simple way to collect all classroom activity



Lecture Packaging: CXP Archive Transcoder

- Extract audio/video streams from Archive Service Database as WMV
- Transcode WMV to preferred profile
- Basic AV editing: crop, join, audio mixing
- Classroom Presenter data transformations targeting CXP WebViewer
- End result is a self contained downloadable package




Lecture Playback: Webviewer

- Integrated synchronized playback including:
 - Audio/Video
 - Instructor slides and ink
 - Student submissions

CXP Webviewer Screenshot

CXP Web Viewer

File Help



Paused 21:20

Play

Table of Contents for Current Media

- 0:00:00.0 - 1. CSE 421 Algorithms
- 0:01:48.4 - 3. A closer look
- 0:04:35.9 - 4. Algorithm under specified
- 0:06:56.2 - 5. Proposal Algorithm finds the best possible solution
- 0:09:37.0 - 6. Proof
- 0:10:02.9 - 5. Proposal Algorithm finds the best possible solution
- 0:10:11.8 - 6. Proof
- 0:12:34.3 - 7. Best choices for one side are bad for the other
- 0:15:15.3 - 8. But there is a stable second choice
- 0:15:46.0 - 7. Best choices for one side are bad for the other
- 0:18:27.4 - 10. M-rank and W-rank of matching
- 0:20:17.1 - 7. Best choices for one side are bad for the other
- 0:21:34.1 - 11. Suppose there are n m's, and n w's
- 0:23:13.8 - 12. Random Preferences
- 0:25:09.3 - 13. Expected Ranks
- 0:30:06.3 - 14. Expected M rank

Best choices for one side are bad for the other

- Design a configuration for problem of size 4:
 - M proposal algorithm:
 - All m's get first choice, all w's get last choice
 - W proposal algorithm:
 - All w's get first choice, all m's get last choice

size n

$\frac{n^2}{2}$

m_1 :	w_1	w_3	w_4	w_2
m_2 :	w_2	w_4	w_3	w_1
m_3 :	w_3	w_1	w_2	w_4
m_4 :	w_4	w_2	w_1	w_3

w_1 : m_2 m_3 m_4 m_1

w_2 : m_1 m_4 m_3 m_2

w_3 : m_4 m_1 m_2 m_3

w_4 : m_3 m_2 m_1 m_4



What We Have Learned

- Classroom Interaction is Enhanced
 - Traditional instruction is one-way
 - Average 9 episodes of interaction per 2 hour session
- Successful TA Facilitation
 - Well prepared and highly engaged
 - TAs initiated most interaction
 - Effective at reproducing an interactive classroom
 - Variety of facilitation styles



Midterm Scores

Grade	Number of Students
< 30	2
30-39	7
40-49	13
50-59	18
60-70	7

Beihang
Average 48

Grade	Number of Students
< 30	2
30-39	1
40-49	5
50-59	17
60-70	10

UW
Average 54



What Did Not Work Well

- Some minor glitches with new version of Classroom Presenter
 - Possibly compounded by language difficulties
- Audience audio is a problem for replay
 - Student noise is distracting
- Difficulty manipulating multiple applications
 - A “facilitation interface” combining Presenter/Webviewer would be great!
- Lecture summary review by UW instructor is time consuming
- Colloquial/cultural references and jokes did not carry over well



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