

SUCCESS STORY

Distance Learning for Universities

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Paris Ovest
Nanterre La Défense

France's largest university brings flexibility to students by posting their lectures online.

SIMPLER PRODUCTION

4,054 hours of video produced in **1** year.



LARGER AUDIENCE

22,105 videos viewed for over **10,463** hours.



OPTIMISED WEBCASTING

2,232 videos published on the University's various channels.



THE CONTEXT

In the 90s, the Paris X University created the Audio Encyclopedia, a database comprised of hundreds of recorded audio courses. Students were given access to high quality resources in order to study remotely.

Times have changed and video is replacing audio in students habits. The University's COMETE (Optimized Center of Mediatization and Education Technology) department's mission is to offer content that meets both learners' and teachers' expectations.

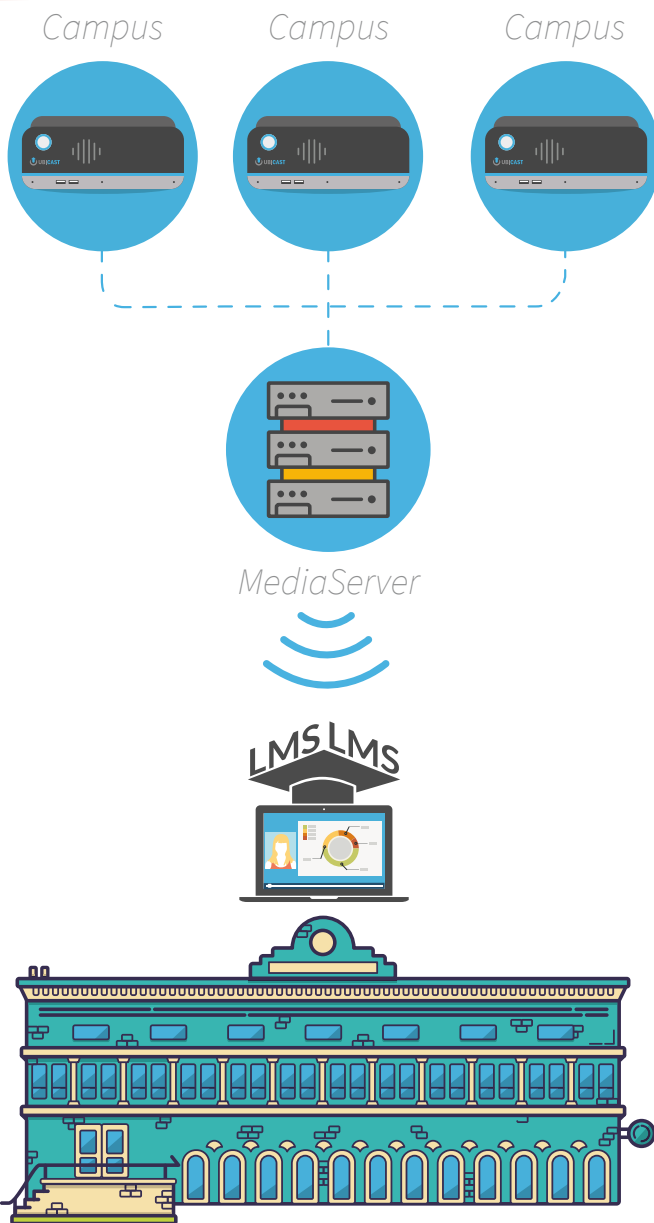
For example, a full distance learning program was put into place for students in special situations, such as incarceration or long term hospitalisation.

The University had already equipped 4 classrooms with a broadcast-grade video recording solution, but it requires too much manual work to operate and doesn't produce Rich Media, interactive content.

THE STAKES: DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY DISTANCE LEARNING

The solution had to:

- 1 Be scalable to many recordings and large audiences.
- 2 Remain manageable for a restraint staff.
- 3 Comply with the existing Moodle platform on which recordings would be published.



THE SOLUTION

In 2012, the Paris X University deployed a UbiCast Campus solution to record and stream its courses to students, completely replacing the previous system. Several rooms were outfitted with fixed recorders and a few mobile Studios cover unequipped rooms.

All the recorders are managed by the audiovisual team through a web interface (Campus Manager) delivered by UbiCast and available on all devices.

Recordings are published to an on-premises MediaServer, integrated with Moodle using a dedicated “building block” co-developed by UbiCast and the university’s engineers. Teachers only have to access to their own videos, which they can remotely edit and finally students can view their courses on any device.

Thanks to this new system, the University is fully serving its purposes, being:

- Ensuring equal opportunities for students working alongside their studies.
- Allowing foreign students to review lessons at their own pace.
- Providing flexible learning for students in special situations, with the ability to adapt to their personal constraints.

« UbiCast has created a very easy to use solution, the result is both attractive and useful for our students. In addition, the company is very responsive and constantly improves its products by taking our feedback into account. »

Jean-François Le Van, Head of the COMeTE Team.