

The effectiveness of Al-based support for engagement during video-based learning

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Why Video-based Learning (VBL)?











Problems with VBL



- Passive learning
- Low engagement
 - Lack of feedback
 - Lack of interaction with teachers/students

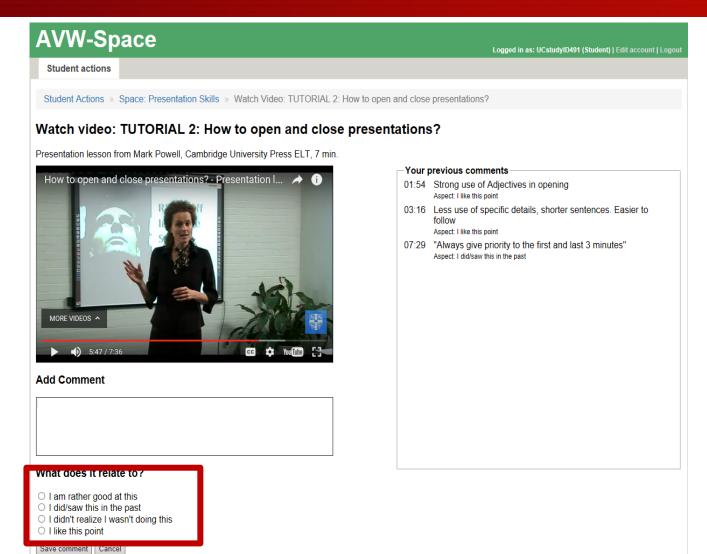
How to Scaffold VBL?



- Strategies
 - Classroom discussion
 - Interactive activities (quizzes, problems)
- Require additional effort from teachers
- Our approach:
 - Interactive note taking
 - Al-based personalised support

AVW-Space: Private Space





Social Space



AVW-Space

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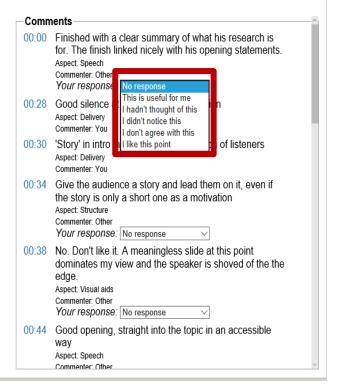
Student actions

Student Actions » Space Instance: Presentation Skills

» Review video comments: EXAMPLE 1 - Abraham Heifets: How can we make better medicines? Computer tools for chemistry

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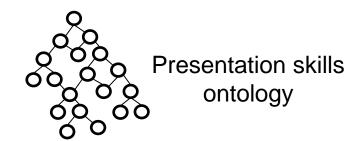




Experimental Studies



- YouTube Videos on presentation skills: 4 tutorials and 4 examples
- Micro-scaffolds: Aspects and Ratings
- 20+ studies: 2,000+ students
 - 2 with postgraduate students; 7 in ENGR101



Phase 1: Personal Space (video watching and note taking)

Phase 2: Social Space (comment browsing and rating

Survey 1:

- Demographic data
- Conceptual knowledge

Survey 2:

- Conceptual knowledge
- Usability (TAM)
- Cognitive load (NASA-TLX)

Classification: In-Confidence

Survey 3:

- Conceptual knowledge
- Usability (TAM)
- Cognitive load (NASA-TLX)

Findings from Early Studies



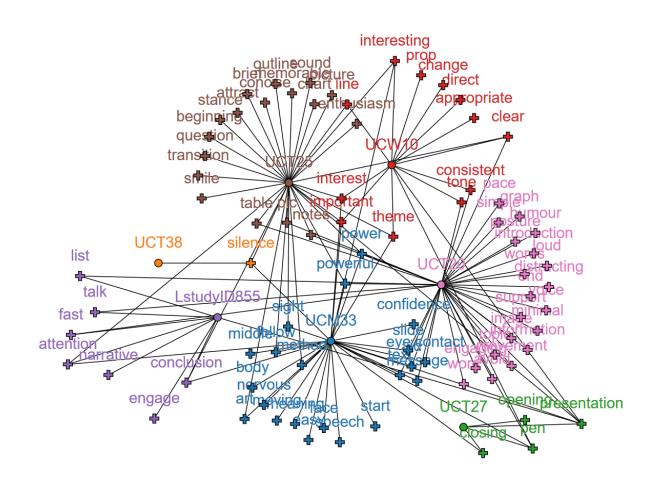
Writing comments and rating comments led to increased conceptual knowledge

Micro-scaffolds have positive effect on learning

Writing comments is demanding (where to look, what to write?)

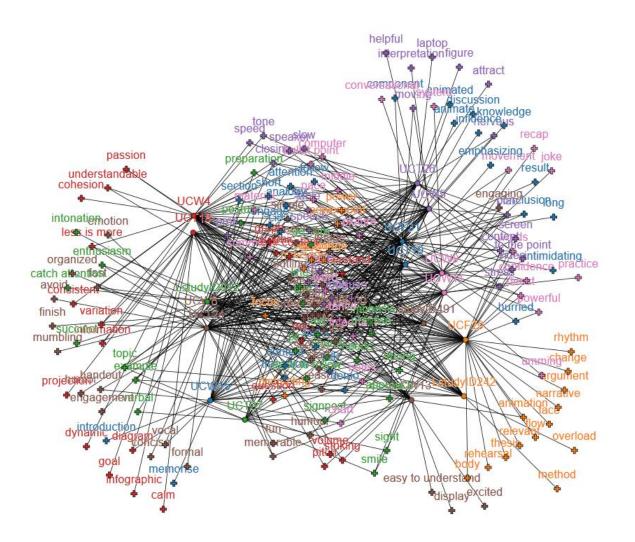
Habitual Video Watchers





Self-Regulated Learners







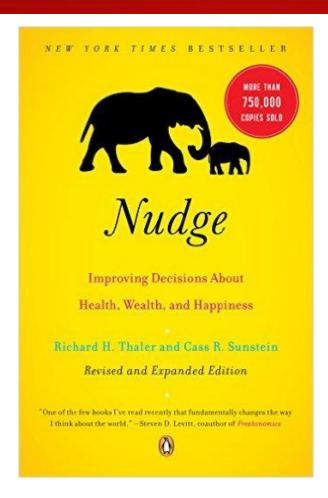




Nudges and Choice Architecture



- Libertarian paternalism
- Do not restrict freedom to choose
- But nudge towards good decisions





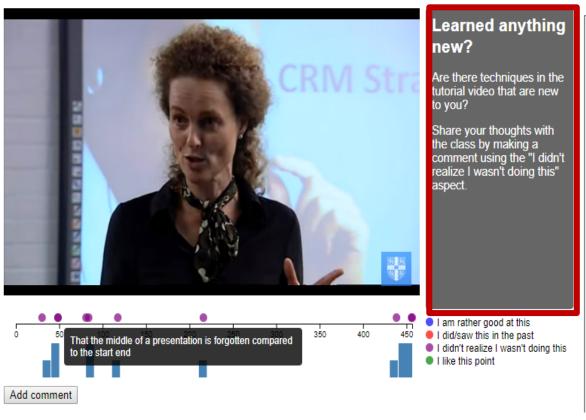
Reminder Nudges (RN)

- No comment reminder
- No comment reference point
- Aspect underutilized
- Diverse aspects



Watch video: TUTORIAL 2: How to open and close presentations?

Presentation lesson from Mark Powell, Cambridge University Press ELT, 7 min.



-Your previous comments

00:00

Good info about how to start and make the content clear to the audience

Aspect: I like this point

02:58

Really helpfull

Aspect: I like this point



Effects of reminder nudges

- More comments
- Higher learning
- Less passive watching of videos
- More even use of aspects

ICAP Framework



Overt behaviours can reveal students' level of engagement

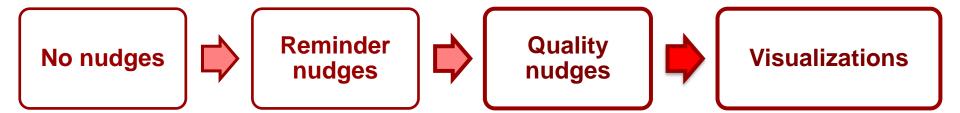
- Passive (Receiving)
- Active (Manipulating)
- Constructive (Generating)
- Interactive (Dialoguing)

I > C > A > P

Chi, M. T., & Wylie, R. (2014). The ICAP framework: Linking cognitive engagement to active learning outcomes. *Educational Psychologist*, 49(4), 219-243.

30+ Studies





Gamification

Recommendations

Explanations

Summary – ENGR101



| Year | Intervention | n | Passive | Active | Constructive |
|------|---|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
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Comment Quality Scheme







AFFIRMATIVE,
NEGATIVE, OFF-TOPIC

Comments which are irrelevant, merely affirmative, or negative with no explanation

Category 2



REPEATING

comments which only repeat the video content.

Category 3



CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL

Comments which mention points that are implicitly covered in the video or show critical thinking on the content of the video.

Category 4



SELF-REFLECTIVE

Comments in which the learner reflects on their behaviour and previous experience or knowledge on giving presentations

Category 5



SELF-REGULATING

Comments where the learner decides what they would do to improve themselves in future.

Comment Quality Scheme - Examples





"Agree"



"listen to the speaker"



"Presentations can be boring and long whereas stories are more enjoyable and can have clear direction if formulated properly"



"My past speeches have had very interesting beginnings"



"I will definitely be trying to smile more throughout my next presentation."

Automating quality assessment with ML



Feature extraction

- LIWC: linguistic and psychological features
- Domain-specific ratio
- Aspects (reflective)
 /non-reflective)

ML Classifier

- Cost matrix
- Random forest classifier

Quality Nudges (QN)



- Elaborate more
- Think more critically
- Good critical comment
- Final reflection
- First / Frequent reflective comment (tutorial videos)
- First / Frequent high-quality comment (example videos)

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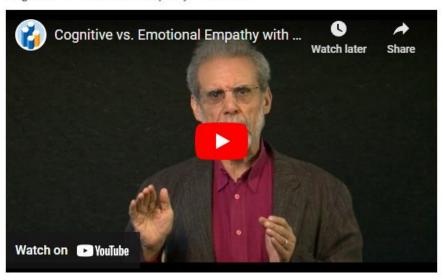
Visualizations



Student Actions » Space: ADDU 2nd Sem 2024 - Empathy » Watch Video: Cognitive vs. Emotional Empathy

Watch video: Cognitive vs. Emotional Empathy

Cognitive vs. Emotional Empathy - 1:31 mins



Add comment

Your previous comments

00:00 Empathy as a predictor of job performance - that is very interesting. When I think about it, it seems logical. If someone is empathetic, they will be better at communicatio, and

Aspect: I like this point

00:27 There are two kinds of empathy - both are

communication is the foundation.

important

Aspect: I realise that this impacts my team

Visualizations



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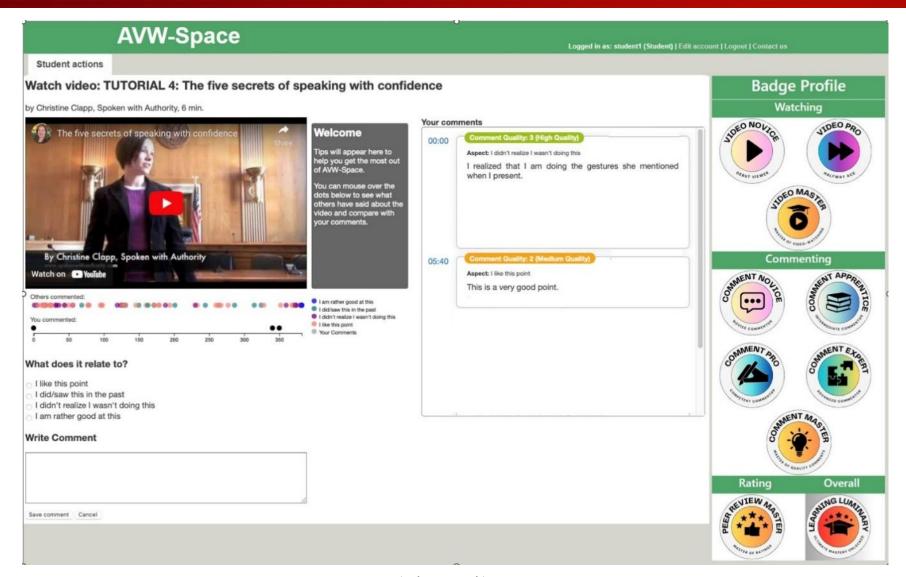
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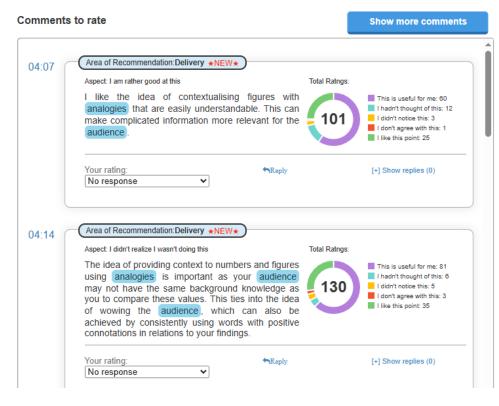
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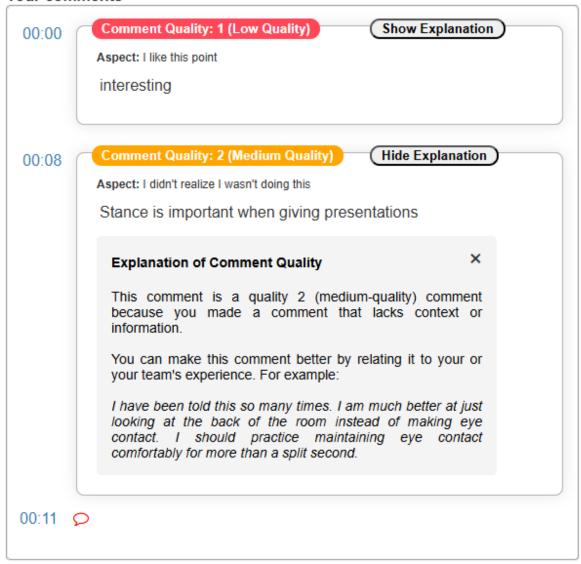
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Explanations



Your comments



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Communication in Face-to-Face Meetings



Student Actions » Space: Face-to-face Communication in Software Development Meetings » Watch Video: TUTORIAL 3: Improve Your Listening Skills with Active Listening

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The act of using active listening techniques to become a better listener during meeting participation. 3 min.



Make a comment

Don't forget to make a comment on the techniques for Communication Skills mentioned in the video.

Others commented: You commented: 20 40 60 80 100 120 140

I am rather good at this I did/saw this in the past

- I didn't realize I wasn't doing this
 I like this point
- Your Comments

What does it relate to?

- O I did/saw this in the past
- O I didn't realize I wasn't doing this
- I am rather good at thisI like this point

Write Comment

Your previous comments

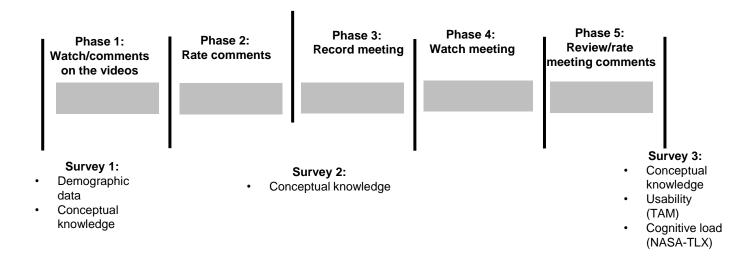
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| 01:45 | 5 |
| 02:11 | 5 |

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Experimental Design



- YouTube Videos on communication
 - 6 tutorials and 4 examples
- Micro-scaffolds:
 - Aspects and Ratings
- 3 studies in SENG202



Summary – SENG202



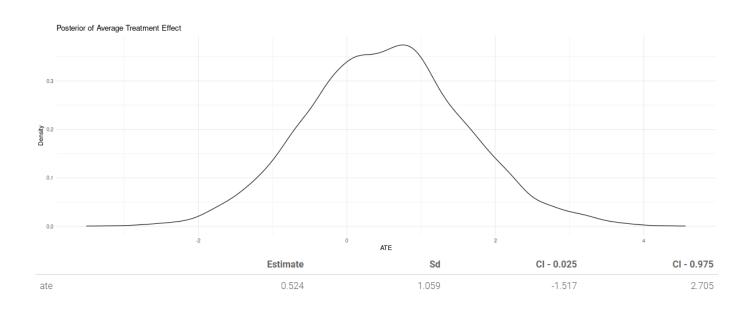
| | Study | n | Passive | Active | Constructive |
|------|-------------------------|----|---------|--------|--------------|
| 2020 | No nudges | 47 | 16 | 9 | 22 |
| 2021 | Nudges + Visualizations | 49 | 0 | 3 | 46 |
| 2022 | Nudges + Visualizations | 47 | 0 | 1 | 46 |

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Causal Modeling – Communication skills



Receiving nudges led to an increase of 0.52 in the knowledge score compared to what would have happened if students did not receive nudges.

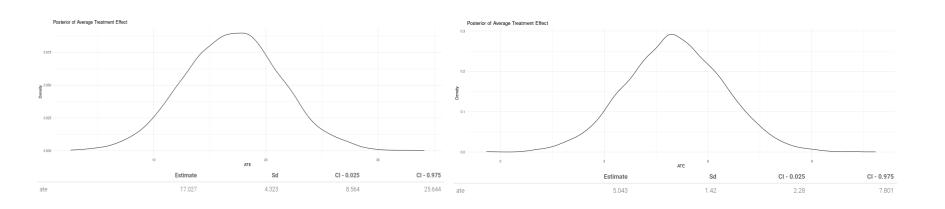


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Causal Modeling – Communication skills



Receiving nudges led to an increase of 17.03 comments and an increase of 5.04 of High-quality comments, compared to what would have happened if students did not receive nudges.



Examples comments on the team video



- Could have better followed an agenda meeting seems less purposeful
- For myself, if I was to have a meeting with someone and they had the same body language as I did in this meeting (at least in the first 10 minutes), I would get an impression that they are not interested, disengaged, or not paying attention
- I need to construct/deliver my ideas clearer

Feedback on the team video



- Very useful as an outsider's perspective allowed me to see things (good and bad) that I did in the meeting more clearly
- You're able to see your meetings from an outside perspective, which enables you to see things you might've missed in the moment such as team members not contributing as much or not paying attention
- I could communicate to the team what I believe needed to be worked on, and what we were doing well
- Understanding your team members views, feelings, and opinions, leading to better communication and teamwork

Current/Future Work



- Developing new spaces
- Extending AVW-Space to support direct collaboration between students
- Developing instruments for assessing soft skills
- Studies with software professionals

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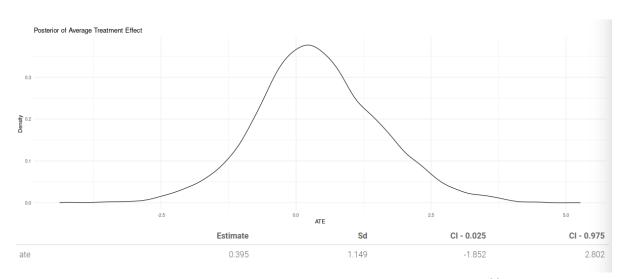
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Significance |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Participants | 47 | 49 | 47 | |
| Sessions | 5.55 (2.06) | 6.67 (3.83) | 9.00 (9.01) | F = 4.39, p < .05 |
| Days | 4.77 (1.67) | 5.49 (2.60) | 6.83 (3.05) | F = 8.19, p < .001 |
| Videos | 11.77 (3.54) | 44.33 (18.08) | 13.85 (3.95) | F = 132.35, p < .001 |
| Comments | 9.62 (13.21) | 29.55 (17.81) | 29.81 (18.54) | F = 22.76, p < .001 |
| Nudges | N/A | 44.33 (18.08) | 45.94 (18.28) | |
| HQ comments | 1.87 (2.58) | 9.10 (6.30) | 9.13 (6.25) | F = 28.89, p < .001 |
| Ratings | 104.47 (154.16) | 145.24 (280.88) | 58.77 (62.35) | no |

Causal Modeling – Presentation skills



| | 2017 (231) | 2020 (147) |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Pre-test | 13.51 (6.63) | 13.14 (5.09) |
| Post-test | 13.45 (6.47) | 13.55 (5.71) |

Receiving nudges led to an increase of 0.39 in the knowledge score compared to what would have happened if students did not receive nudges.



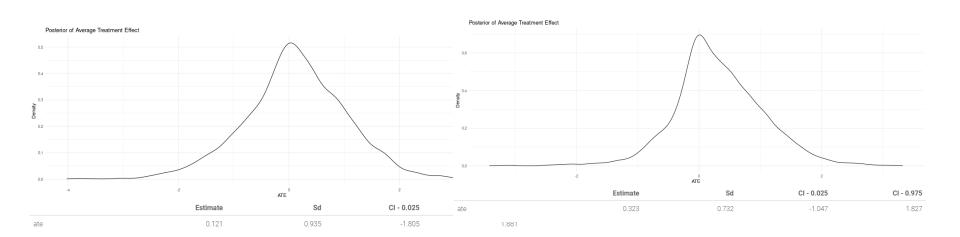
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Causal Modeling – Presentation skills



| | 2017 (303) | 2020 (296) |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Comments | 1.96 (3.97) | 5.66 (7.20) |
| High Quality | 0.72 (1.37) | 2.89 (4.14) |
| Low Quality | 1.25 (3.24) | 2.76 (3.98) |

Receiving nudges led to an increase of 0.12 of low-quality comments and an increase of 0.32 of High-quality comments, compared to what would have happened if students did not receive nudges.



Engagement with the team video



| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Participants | 47 | 49 | 47 |
| (total) | | | |
| Watched | 43 | 25 | 43 |
| Team comments | 5.05 (5.65) | 4.79 (2.49) | 5.54 (3.63) |





| | All (58) |
|---|------------------------------|
| Sessions | [2,33], 8.93 (4.81) |
| Days | [2,17], 7.41 (3.13) |
| Videos | [1,6], 5.74 (.98) |
| Comments | [2,28], 10.50 (5.46) |
| Nudges | [4.42], 23.47 (6.50) |
| Ratings | [0,100], 41.69 (37.64) |
| CK1 | [2,23], 8.47 (3.92), n = 58 |
| CK2 | [1,21], 9.26 (4.74), n = 57 |
| CK3 | [2,28], 10.96 (5.27), n = 51 |
| Comments on team video | [0,18], 4.83 (4.14) |
| Avg Specificity of Team Comments (n = 55) | [1, 4], 1.58 (0.65) |
| Ratings on team comments | [0,23], 9.40 (6.57) |



Comments on the Team Video

| Valence | #TeamComm | Quality | Specificity |
|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Positive | 265 | 2.72 (.45) | 1.42 (.62) |
| Negative | 33 | 2.97 (.17) | 2.06 (.83) |



Comments on the Team Video

| Subject | #Comments | Positive | Negative | Specificity | Quality |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Team | 223 (74.8%) | 202 (90.6%) | 21 (9.4%) | 1.48 (.66) | 2.75 (.44) |
| Peer | 64 (21.4%) | 57 (89.1%) | 7 (10.9%) | 1.41 (.58) | 2.72 (.45) |
| Self | 11 (3.7%) | 6 (54.6%) | 5 (45.4%) | 2.00 (1.10) | 2.91 (.30) |



Example Team Comments

- (Self) Here I interrupted one of my team mates to make sure everyone had recapped their week before we moved onto holiday plans. I think it was good to keep the meeting structure but i shut down the idea too harshly
- (Self) Probably the thing I'm most embarrassed about rewatching this (barring my appearance) is how much I fail to actively listen to the people around me, focussing more instead on typing away. I recognize that it can appear rude and apathetic of me
- (Team) Often we end up having more than one conversation happening at once, which divides our attention and means people may miss things that are important. This can be helpful as a method of getting more done, but we could be more intentional about it.
- (Team) I think that it is good that we are speaking one at a time. It allows everyone to get a chance to share their voice.

Perceptions of AVW-Space



Writing comments

- The videos were thought-provoking and had enough information that I could pick up on relatively quickly and write my thoughts about them.
- The ability to learn soft skills, which cannot usually be taught
- Watching cool videos!
- When all the circles are green and we close the tab

Reviewing/rating comments:

- It is useful as you can see other people's perspective on the videos shown
- I think this is very important to see what others took from the videos. Maybe I missed some key
 ideas and then I can see what others have written.
- This simulates a discussion-like environment with others and provokes deeper thoughts about the subject.

Reviewing/Rating Team Comments



- It make you reflect on your behaviour. You can learn something about yours and your teams actions.
- Very useful because it gave me an insight into how we are working as
 a team and individuals in the context of empathy that we normally
 wouldn't think about whilst having the meeting
- It is a good tool to see how others perceived you as a team member
- I didn't enjoy this due to personal anxiety/body image issues, and instead it caused me some amount of stress.

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