

## Transcript of Video Learning Object: Don Schramm

Don Schramm with Engineering Professional Development at the University of Wisconsin. I do a variety of programs at a distance, using both WisLine Web and other asynchronous distance learning tools.

WisLine Web, for me, meets all of the needs that I have, in both preparing and presenting PowerPoint slides, regular 35 millimeter slides. Also using the Whiteboard as a flip chart, and being able to write actively on the flip chart.

The other things that I've just begun to explore using are the active Web site capability of WisLine Web, being able to link into a Web site live and demonstrating software. Another important tool that we're just beginning to explore with WisLine Web, and I think is going to be important also, is archiving and playback – being able to prepare things in advance, for students, in case they aren't able to participate in the live teleconference, and then just having a record after the fact.

As with any new medium, it takes some time for the students to get used to something new but once they've adjusted to it, once they've learned how to use it, and especially, once they've made their own presentation, using WisLine Web, they also find it a very easy tool to use.

The support that Instructional Communications provides to those of us who use WisLine Web is very, very important, and excellent from all standpoints, from preparation, presentation and follow-up afterwards.

WisLine Web provides us with the opportunity to provide our students with an incredible array of options. We use WisLine Web for a variety of distance learning opportunities. The most obvious is in preparing courses that are just offered on WisLine Web. That's our Master's program, the course in international engineering strategies, and that's providing a course synchronously, anywhere in the world.

Some of the more innovative ways that we've found to use WisLine Web are bring speakers in, from overseas, or from outside Madison, to live workshops that we're doing here in Madison.

And again, with the help that ICS provides, in bringing speakers up to speed, they can use their materials to make their presentation using WisLine Web, without ever having to come to Madison.

We feel that WisLine Web as a synchronous teleconferencing medium is incredibly effective.