

Mediasite and closed captioning

Multimedia webcasts provide students and employees an invaluable learning tool as they watch and replay presentations, lectures or training materials on their own terms, anytime anywhere.

Closed captioning enhances the multimedia experience, making content accessible to viewers with hearing disabilities. It also provides improved access for viewers with English as a second language (ESL), enhances the playback experience for users with other learning disabilities and aides individuals watching in noisy environments. Plus, the ability to search closed captions with key words or phrases makes all learners more efficient as they quickly pinpoint important information they need in presentations.

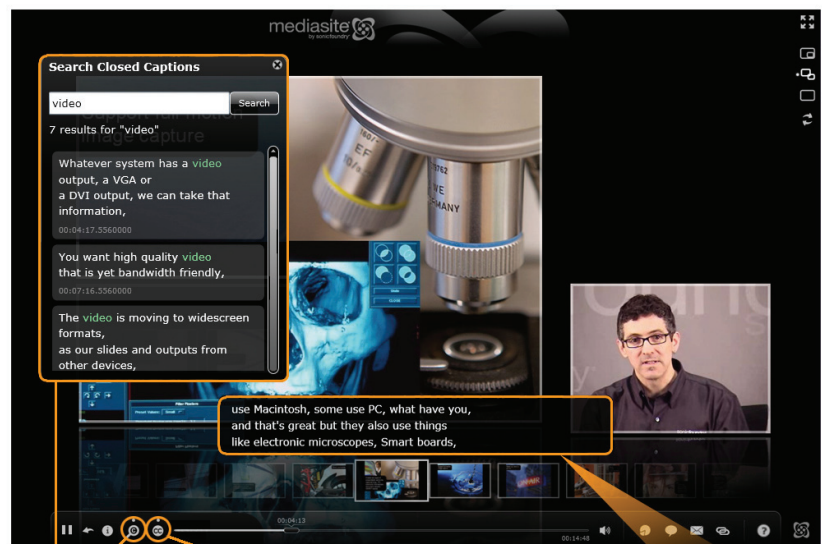
Several federal and state mandates now require that media be made accessible to all users regardless of their disabilities. Mediasite streamlines the captioning process so your organization can meet these requirements and provide your learners a richer, more meaningful online experience.

Mediasite provides two ways to easily add closed captions to any recorded content: automated and standard captioning.

Automated closed captioning

Use Mediasite to set caption requirements for individual presentations, entire folders of presentations or collections of presentations published across multiple folders. Mediasite automates the complete captioning workflow:

- Automatically uploads your recorded media files to your captioning service provider.
- Automatically associates returned closed captions to their corresponding presentations.
- Immediately displays closed captions in the Mediasite Player for your viewers.



Standard closed captioning

You can also use Mediasite to download your presentation media files locally. This provides the flexibility to generate your own closed captions in-house or manually send files to your preferred captioning provider. Either way, once your captions are ready, simply upload the files to the corresponding presentations, and Mediasite immediately displays them in the Mediasite Player.

System requirements

Automated closed captioning

- Mediasite EX Server 5.1 or later for captioning via Automatic Sync Technologies; 5.4.2 or later for captioning via other providers
- Captioning agreement with third-party captioning provider

Standard closed captioning

- Mediasite EX Server 4.0 or later
- Third-party captioning software or service
- Closed caption files in SAMI format