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SUMMARY

To create short 2-minute instructional videos at no cost to us to promote use of the LibKey Suite which makes finding and accessing full-text articles easier.

Methods

Tested screen recording software available for free online and available through UNM's subscription.

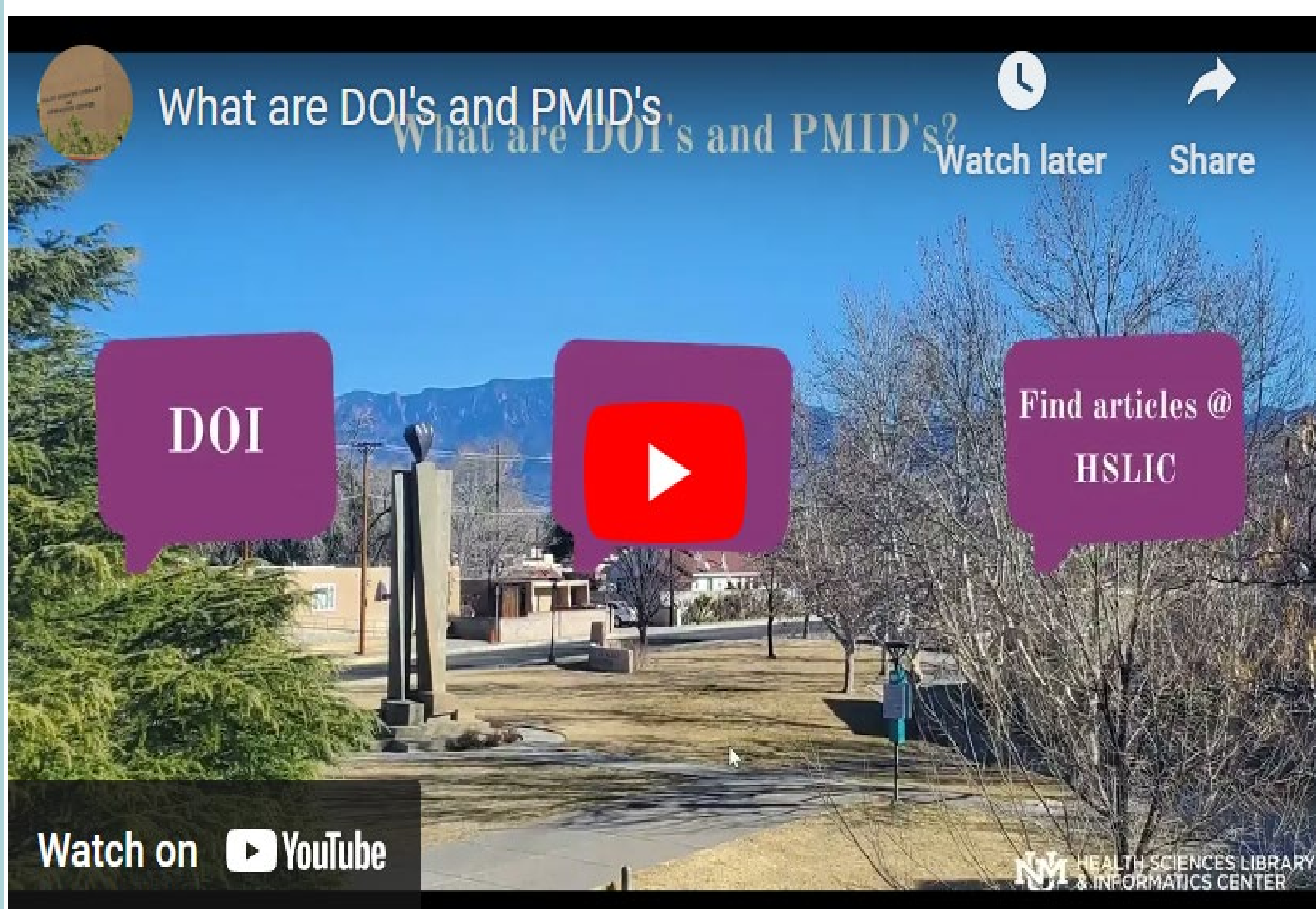
Challenges

- Re-recording to correct small problems
- All free software tested has advanced features available for a subscription; this was frustrating because we could only record or edit to a point
- In our experience, there were some glitches that resulted when exported to another program

RESULTS



- Created 5 videos, shared on YouTube and added to a LibGuide
- Used a combination of free and subscribed software for best results



FREE ONLINE SOFTWARE

Apowersoft

Advantages:

- User friendly, can record screen capture video and audio
- Can easily download, convert to MP4, and upload to cloud

Disadvantages:

- Without subscription, must use another program to remove unwanted background like other tabs or programs open as entire screen is shared
- There is no way to edit audio, must re-record or use another program for editing if a mistake is made in speech
- Captions can't be added

Nebula Screen Recorder

Advantages:

- Audio and voice-over included; includes audio mixer to remove background noise
- Can upload videos for editing

Disadvantages:

- Learning curve, especially under a time crunch

Prezi

Advantages:

- Can easily build slides with transitions and maintain good organization and flow

Disadvantages:

- Must pay for added features. The main desired feature is voice-over recording

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Make sure you have the time and space needed to create and edit your work. For every minute, it took about an hour to create and edit a video.
- Don't be too picky, the video will never be perfect. Eventually you have to save and share it.

SUBSCRIBED SOFTWARE

Adobe Premiere (Pro & Rush)

Pro Advantages:

- Advanced video editing app via desktop or mobile
- Audio effects to limit and normalize background noise
- Ability to create captions

Rush Advantages:

- Desktop video editing app used for adjusting color and audio

Pro Disadvantages:

- Too many features and need training to learn how to use them

Rush Disadvantages:

- Can't create captions; can create video in Rush and then pull into Pro

Zoom

Advantages:

- Video conferencing platform that can be used to record screen
- Automated captions

Disadvantages:

- No editing features available, must use another program to remove unwanted backgrounds as entire screen is shared

PowerPoint

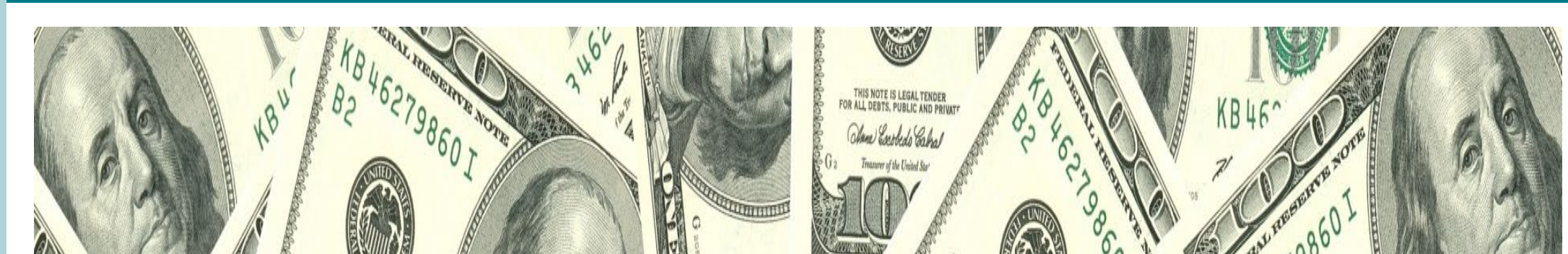
Advantages:

- Can create a presentation and then do a voiceover

Disadvantages:

- Must export file as a video; not obvious how to do this
- Doesn't work for demonstrating a website or online feature

OUR FINDINGS



Apowersoft
is the most user friendly
free screen recorder software
if there is no access to subscription
software.

