Lectopia
Perceptions from RMIT students
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Lectopia is an automated lecture recording system which has been installed in various locations across all RMIT campuses. The following responses were provided by first-year psychology students, regarding how they use the Lectopia recordings to augment their learning.

"To collaborate the notes that I personally take during the lecture with anything that I might have missed whilst writing. Lectopia is extremely helpful in my understanding different concepts and theories. Every subject should have Lectopia"

"I used the podcast of a lecture a couple of weeks back when I couldn't go to the lecture - it was good in terms of being able to get the info from the lecture. Definitely not the same as being at the lecture because I don't find looking at a computer screen very stimulating - I guess I just prefer social interaction with others in the lecture, and you can chat to each other afterwards about what you got out of it.
When studying for the exam it's good to have the podcasts in case there's something you want to clarify from the lecture especially if you've written some random note during the lecture which later on, cannot be deciphered!"

"Personally I find it a really useful resource. I download the high-quality WMV files instead of attending the lectures. The major benefit of the podcasts over lectures for me is that I can stop and have a break or go back if I miss something. Considering I have trouble paying attention for more than 5 minutes at a time this is a real plus. Last semester it was really good for exam revision too.
The audio level/quality does vary a little, but overall it is pretty good. Actually, I think the audio is better than last semester."

"I haven't used the podcasts before. I attend the lectures weekly and value the social interaction in classes and afterwards with friends, about lecture content. I have never needed to use the podcasts. I print off the lectures and then add relevant notes and that seems to work for me.
I think they're good for when people can't make lectures and I would probably use it if that ever happened. They're also helpful for those who wish to revisit the lectures before the exam period."

"The podcasts are definitely useful! It's a lot easier to sit down and watch a podcast because at home there aren't the distractions that are in a lecture. It's also good to be able to go back to bits you may have initially misunderstood. It's also good to know that if you miss the lecture, due to it being so early in the morning, you can always watch the podcast. Not being able to discuss the lecture directly after isn't a problem for me; that's why the tutes are handy."