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Education: Ensuring Safe Video Conference Distance Learning

With schools across the country ramping up e-learning to adopt distance education models, video conferencing resources like Zoom, Webex, GoToMeeting, and more are rapidly becoming a central part of each schools' toolset for communication and interactive classroom instruction. While video conference-based learning has been increasingly used in colleges for years, it's a relatively new frontier for primary and secondary education.

Regardless of educational level, video conference-based learning creates new challenges for today's collaborative classrooms:

Schools must prevent abuse, liability, and risks during video classroom sessions.

Students must remain safe; inadvertent sharing of PII by professors and students should be avoided and remediated.

Abusive and controversial behavior must be flagged to ensure adherence to the institution's ethics and conduct policies.

Schools must continue to comply with FERPA, IDEA, and HIPAA, which all include provisions for safeguarding student personally identifiable information (PII).

Bring safety to your video conference classrooms

Theta Lake makes it easy for educators to preserve data privacy and mitigate the risks of inappropriate behavior in virtual classrooms.

Theta Lake is a purpose-built risk and compliance solution that provides automatic policy detection of acceptable use and regulatory compliance risks for video conferencing. It seamlessly integrates with videoconferencing platforms and detects risks across all the ways students can engage during a session, including voice, video, and chat content, as well as all shared or shown files and visual content.

Protect Student PII in Virtual Classrooms

Theta Lake detects disclosure or use of FERPA PII during classroom video conferencing

1 Pre-built policies for automatically detecting information like student SSN, birth date, email address, and phone numbers.

2 Custom policies can be configured to detect institution-specific student ID numbers, transcript formats, or other official educational records.

Proactively detect risks

Video conferencing features, such as content sharing, chat, and whiteboarding provide effective ways for teachers and students to collaborate during classroom sessions. However, these features can also open avenues for inappropriate behavior or inadvertent sharing of PII.

Theta Lake helps educators proactively identify risks to keep students safe and abide by FERPA and other privacy requirements. With more than 20 detections for acceptable use, privacy, and related risks along with redaction features and support for automated custom detections, Theta Lake gives schools the ability to proactively identify and act on risks. Schools can take quick action to resolve problematic conduct and preserve the high-quality instruction experience for all students while avoiding liability risks.

Automatically pre-screen recorded video instruction

Class recordings for student replays and other video course content have become the building blocks of distance learning models. With the increasing demand for more online content, educators need to ramp up production in an efficient and safe manner. However, academic pressures to quickly and consistently create dense learning modules can drain content development and review processes. Since time is of the essence, it is impractical to attempt to manually review video course content as it significantly delays distribution.

When you want to share video instruction files, Theta Lake makes it easy to ensure the recording doesn't include any PII or risky content before it is distributed to students. The solution runs a risk-detection analysis on the video and can automatically reject videos with too much risk while prioritizing videos that are safe for reviewers to distribute more quickly.

Theta Lake enables educators to focus time and effort on course development and instruction while providing stable and reliable risk mitigation benefits at the institutional level.

Seamless video conference integrations

Theta Lake provides an education-ready solution with extensive video conference integrations to compliantly preserve student PII and safeguard students from risky content during video-based instruction.

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