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<p>Camtasia is actually very user-friendly. Admittedly, not all of its functions are obvious, but the software is popular enough to where (free) tutorials of its more advanced functions can be easily found on the web, especially youtube. It has all of the tools necessary to make videos that are rich with educational and entertainment value, with one of its best attributes being the ease with which raw footage and fully edited videos can be imported and exported respectively. It does, however, quit unexpectedly, though I'm not sure if this is an issue with the software or the computer itself. Again, I'm not sure if it's the computer or the software but sometimes the videos that are being edited will play on a delay, almost in slow motion though the audio stays the same. Overall, I've used iMovie and FinalCut before in addition to Camtasia. For the less experienced video editors Camtasia is probably the best introduction to the crucial basics of making modules that are rich in multimedia elements.</p>	<p>We have produced a document with the key information to be provided on the course website that lays out the three sample module topic study plans for students. This instructs students on viewing the videos, a response assignment/or assessment, readings, and preparing for in-class discussion and assessments.</p>