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**Design on video**

This seminar will look at work in the field of Design Studies to capture design on camera. It will focus on videos of professional software developers given a standard task to complete using a whiteboard within an allotted time. I will look briefly at the work of the researchers in producing standard and therefore comparable videos. I will then focus on the work of the participants, who conduct the tasks with various references to their ordinary work (which they make to justify their actions, to make sense of the task, to talk about what they are not doing, and so on). I will show how these endogenous forms of generalisation are often erased during the analysis of design tasks, and will argue that they can be a useful resource for researchers in generalising about design.