What is BoB and how do I use it?

BoB (Box of Broadcasts) National is an innovative shared online off-air TV and radio recording service for UK higher and further education institutions.

BoB enables all staff and students to choose and record any broadcast programme from 65+ TV and radio channels. The recorded programmes are then kept indefinitely (no expiry) and added to a growing media archive (currently at over 1 million programmes).

The user-friendly system allows you to record and catch-up on missed programmes on and off-campus, schedule recordings in advance, edit programmes into clips, create playlists, embed clips into VLEs, share what they are watching with others, search a growing archive of material, plus more.

Key features include:

- BBC TV and radio content dating from 2007 (1,000,000+ programmes)
- over 10 foreign language channels, including French, German and Italian
- Apple iOS and Android compatibility – watch BoB on handheld devices
- searchable transcripts
- links to social media – share what you’re watching online
- a one-click citation reference, allowing you to cite programmes in your work

How do I get started?

- Go to https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand and click Sign In.
- In the Where are you from? box type in Aberdeen and select University of Aberdeen.
- Enter your University login details at the Shibboleth authentication screen e.g.
Your University username:  s01pd1  
Your password:  your uni password

- View BoB including your own MyBOB area and Guide.

Channel List

The currently captured channels are

Help and Support

Learning on Screen provide a help page on using BoB at: https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/help.php/faq and a video tutorial page at: http://bufvc.ac.uk/tvandradio/bob/bob-video-tutorials.

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