Adobe® Connect™ for Rapid Training: LMS Comparison

Transfer knowledge easily and rapidly

Award-winning Adobe Connect and Adobe Presenter software allow you to rapidly create, manage, and deploy effective live and on-demand training. Together with Adobe Presenter, Adobe Connect delivers core learning management features, while offering an easy-to-use, affordable solution—enabling effective, highly interactive, and complete eLearning experiences. Adobe Connect can run as a standalone Learning Management System (LMS), or it can be integrated with your existing LMS environment. Adobe Connect enables you to integrate new or existing AICC-compliant custom content and, unlike other virtual classroom solutions, only requires Adobe Flash® Player technology, already installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers, promoting maximum participation across platforms and browsers.

Rating: Strong ●   Weak ◗   Feature currently not available ○

Adobe Advantages*	Adobe Connect & Presenter	Traditional LMS
Content creation and deployment		
Rapid eLearning development. Users can leverage Microsoft PowerPoint, adding synchronized narration, animation, navigation, interactivity, and in-context search.	●	○
Assessments and surveys. Diagnostic text and audio feedback include response-based branching, data tracking for powerful learning assessments, informal knowledge retention exercises, and surveys.	●	◗
Easy content publication. Publishing directly from PowerPoint eliminates cumbersome import processes, such as FTP.	●	○
Incorporation of high-impact media. Nontechnical business users can easily include audio, video, simulations, and animations in learning content.	●	○
Integrated media streaming. Adobe Connect supports multiple video streaming and dynamically adapts to bandwidth.	●	○
Download-free viewing. Adobe Connect requires only an Internet connection and Flash Player, which is already installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers across multiple platforms.	●	○
Content management		
Integrated content repository. Organizations can manage PowerPoint and Adobe Captivate® content and automatically generate content metadata.	●	○
Ability to search inside content. Search in Adobe Connect extends beyond metadata, enabling searching within the content itself and searching about the content: title, description, author, type, and so on.	●	○
Reusable learning objects. Users can easily create, store, and reuse content in multiple curriculums.	●	●
Support for a wide range of content formats. Adobe Connect offers tight integration with PowerPoint, Authorware®, Adobe Captivate, Flash, and HTML.	●	◗
Flexible recordings. While recordings can be edited online, the original is always maintained and retrievable.	●	○
Access controls. Administrators can set up groups and permissions to manage publishing and access rights for all content and create prerequisites to control access.	●	●

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Virtual classroom		
Integrated virtual classroom. Adobe Connect provides seamless integration with an enterprise-class live classroom and collaboration environment.	●	○
Virtual classroom training delivery and tracking. Instructors can deliver training via virtual classes, with the ability to track learners and course credit for courses presented within the virtual classroom.	●	○
Room layout templates. Reusable room layouts can be customized and extended for specific learning and collaboration activities.	●	○
Synchronized and individual interactivity. Instructors can synchronize all video, simulations, and animations together into a single presentation or allow individual learners to have full independent control.	●	○
Fast access to indexed recordings. Learners can search and jump directly to any text in a recording.	●	○
Fully interactive recording. Recordings are no longer passive experiences; users can interact and receive feedback from interactions and simulations.	●	○
Integrated polls and live quizzes. Poll and survey responses can be tabulated in real time, with the option to broadcast results to all participants. Presentation quizzes enable instructors to assess individuals or collect data.	●	○
Easy access to live sessions. Participants don't need to download and manage any third-party players, Java™ applets, or ActiveX controls. Virtual classrooms and recordings use Flash Player, already installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers across all platforms.	●	○
Breakout rooms. Learners can be separated into breakout rooms for smaller group interactions. Any content created in these rooms can be saved and brought back into the main room.	●	○
Instant VoIP controls. Instructors can hover the cursor over and click on a user to enable or disable VoIP access. Learners have their own VoIP menu, where they can control volume and speaking mode.	●	○
Compliance alignment and control. Organizations can configure compliance and control settings to selectively disable pods, restrict share settings, log chats, and force recordings.	●	○
Learning management		
Prescriptive curriculum. Curriculums can be structured to include prerequisites, completion or mastery requirements, and test-out options.	●	●
Completion, score, and interaction reports. Reporting options include reports and data for course completion, lesson score, and responses to individual interactions.	●	●
Completion certification IDs. Adobe Connect generates unique completion identifiers for certification.	●	●
Group enrollment and notification. Organizations can create groups to manage enrollment and notifications.	●	●
Custom reports. An extensible reporting system provides customized formatting, fields, and labels. Roster reports of all enrolled learners allow administrators to view learner status and progress.	●	●
Competency management and skills gap analysis. Organizations can assess individual and organizational competencies and determine interventions to address gaps.	○	●
Facilities and staff management. Adobe Connect provides the ability to track instructor evaluations, availability, and utilization as well as to manage classroom facilities, books, tapes, and training collateral.	○	●
Advanced content management. Content management features include a curriculum viewer and training catalogs with learner self-enrollment for hosting and managing on-demand content and tracking usage and viewing.	●	●
Short implementation time and high affordability. Content creators can create and deploy their first course in hours.	●	○

* Adobe Connect 8 and Adobe Presenter 7 features are compared with those of traditional Learning Management Systems.

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