



# Adobe® Connect™

The complete solution for web conferencing with instant access, engaging online experiences, and multiple deployment options

With Adobe Connect 8 software, you can provide rich, interactive, and collaborative online experiences by sharing a wide range of content that is immediately accessible to all participants, with the option of tailoring the interface and layout. Adobe Connect leverages Adobe Flash® Player software, installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers, to offer instant access and broader reach than IBM® Lotus Sametime. Internal and external users have everything they need—no downloads required—to instantly join online meetings, regardless of software platform or browser. Adobe Connect offers licensed, hosted, and managed services deployment options; a variety of flexible features; sophisticated security features; and adjustable controls. In addition, it enhances the extensibility of training workflows for improved productivity, a friendlier work environment, and more engaged participants.

Rating: Strong ● Weak ▶ Feature currently not available ○

Adobe Advantages*	Adobe Connect	IBM Lotus Sametime Advanced
<b>Improved reach with superior ease of access</b>		
<b>Universally installed client.</b> Adobe Flash Player is already installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers, which means no waiting for attendees to get set up. IBM Lotus Sametime requires a download for presenters and attendees, making it practically impossible for users in locked-down IT environments to attend.	●	○
<b>Customizable, easy-to-remember URLs.</b> Users can create personalized URLs for meetings, content, curriculums, courses, events, and seminars.	●	○
<b>Platform support.</b> Adobe Connect supports virtually all major operating systems—Mac OS, Windows®, Linux®, and Solaris™—as well as mobile operating systems with Flash Player or Adobe AIR® support, offering a consistent rich experience to all users.	●	▶
<b>Richer, more engaging experiences</b>		
<b>Persistent content in always-available meeting rooms.</b> Users can save all configurations and content automatically in multiple persistent meeting rooms, dramatically reducing preparation time for recurring events.	●	○
<b>Breakout rooms.</b> Users can meet in subgroups for sharing, discussion, and collaboration.	●	○
<b>In-meeting PDF file support.</b> Users can present and collaborate on PDF files, with synchronized navigation and whiteboard overlay.	●	○
<b>Multiple meeting windows.</b> Users can create multiple meeting windows to facilitate numerous chat sessions, whiteboards, file sharing, and other activities, optimizing the meeting experience.	●	○
<b>Integrated slide notes in on-demand presentations.</b> Users can import, edit, and export slide notes as a script in the Record Audio dialog box to optimize participant comprehension.	●	○
<b>Custom meeting room layouts.</b> Presenters can choose and arrange the content needed for the specific event or meeting to keep participants engaged.	●	▶
<b>Meeting notes window.</b> Meeting notes are separate from the chat window for easy reference in a meeting.	●	▶

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<b>Sophisticated security and controls</b>		
<b>Delegated administration and policy settings.</b> Administrators can control system access and delegate administrative tasks with a sophisticated set of permissions.	●	○
<b>Training group management.</b> Training managers can manage their own groups for enrollment and tracking purposes. Meeting hosts can deny meeting access to specific users or groups to enforce communications boundaries.	●	○
<b>Meeting and virtual classroom management controls.</b> Users have complete control of participant settings and preferences, including meetings and assets, sharing of assets, and running of reports to assess the effectiveness of meetings. With the optional Adobe Connect Desktop AIR client, they can more easily set up and manage meetings and invite participants to meetings right from their desktops.	●	▶
<b>Extensibility beyond web conferencing</b>		
<b>Large-scale webcasting capabilities.</b> Up to 80,000 users can participate with Adobe Connect Webcast.	●	○
<b>Creation of virtual classrooms, live training courses, and curriculums.</b> Tightly integrated learning and training functionality speeds up the creation of engaging, multimedia learning modules that deliver learner-tracking details, publish to PDF, and randomize question ordering.	●	○
<b>Training catalog with learner self-enrollment.</b> Learners can browse and self-enroll in the courses, curriculums, and virtual classes offered by the training department.	●	○
<b>Virtual and on-demand participant testing, grading, and tracking.</b> Training managers can create and present tests to participants, grade and review tests, and save results.	●	○
<b>Incorporation of Adobe PDF documents as training.</b> Adobe PDF documents can be defined as courses, allowing them to be included in training assignments and to feed training completion requirements.	●	○
<b>PowerPoint wizards for content authoring.</b> Users can quickly develop content within Microsoft PowerPoint by adding audio narration for slides, incorporating video or animations, creating quizzes and surveys, and outputting to SWF.	●	○
<b>Prebuilt integrations with Learning Management Systems (LMS).</b> Adobe Connect enables easier integration with LMS via prebuilt integrations for SumTotal, Blackboard, and Plateau or use of the Adobe Connect integrated LMS.	●	○
<b>Indexed recordings.</b> Users can index recordings for easy reference and playback online and offline, making it easy to resume previously viewed recordings and to complete courses faster.	●	○
<b>Ability to edit meeting recordings.</b> Users can edit archived meetings or virtual classroom sessions without the assistance of a third-party editing tool.	●	○
<b>Automated event registration, reporting, and recording.</b> With IBM Lotus Sametime, reporting is limited to standard reports, and recording cannot be set up before a meeting begins.	●	▶

\* Adobe Connect 8, Adobe Presenter 7, and Adobe Connect Webcast features are compared with those of of IBM Lotus Sametime Advanced 8.5.

## For more information

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