Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro Free Trial

What is Adobe Connect Pro?

Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro is a Flash based software that allows you to have real-time multi-point meetings and class sessions that participants can access through a web browser.

Setting up a Trial Account

1. Go to http://tinyurl.com/adelphiconnectpro
   Click on Start free trial >

2. Click on Sign up Now to set up a free temporary account.

3. It will redirect you to the Adobe Connect Pro free trial page. Click on Create an Adobe Account.

4. You will then be required to fill in a form.

   Note: For the E-mail (login) field, the e-mail address you enter is the e-mail address that will be associated with your Adobe Connect Pro Login. An account activation code will be sent to this e-mail account to complete the verification process for your new trial account.

5. Similarly, enter all the other required fields in the form, and check off the license agreement and click on Submit at the bottom of the page.

6. You will then see a Thank You page with a note saying that your account has been set up and an activation code has been sent to the e-mail address that you just registered your account with.

7. Open the e-mail that you will receive from acrobatconnectpro_trials.

8. Then in the email, there will be information about your account: Username, Password and when the account expires. Click on the Account URL to launch your trial page.
Setting up a Virtual Classroom

1. Now, sign in with your Adobe Connect Pro Login, which is the email address associated with your account, and your Password.

2. You will be then directed to your homepage with details on upcoming virtual classroom sessions, meetings etc.

3. Select Virtual Classroom from the Create New options.

4. Enter the required details on the Virtual Classroom Information page. Also set the start time and the duration of the meeting.

5. Set the Access to Anyone who has the URL. This way you can just copy and paste the URL on your Moodle Course Site or Email. Note: Information for Name and Language are required fields.

6. Set the Audio Conference Settings to not include audio conference with the meeting.

7. You may ignore the Enroll Learners page, and click on Next again.

8. The Set Up Notification page allows you to send an email alert to your students about the date, time and topic of the meeting. But remember, placing the URL on your Moodle Course Page would allow access to the students in your course.

9. You can also optionally send an E-mail message about the virtual classroom session. Click on Finish.

10. You will see a summary of your virtual classroom with the details that you added earlier. Click on Enter Virtual Classroom to access the virtual classroom.

11. A loading screen will show up with a green progress bar.

12. You will be prompted to install an Adobe Connect Add-In. Click on Install, and click on Yes to install the Add-In.
Virtual Classroom Screen

The virtual classroom opens up to the Lobby setting by default, click on Classroom to change the configuration of your pods.

**Note:** The screen demonstrated above is the Classroom Configuration.

Also, set what you want to share with your class:

- **Computer Screen:** Shares your computer screen in real time with the participants.
- **Documents:** Share files from your documents folder.
- **Courses:** Share pre-set courses and course files.
- **Whiteboards:** Select a blank screen that can be manipulated according to your needs, like a blank canvas.

**Camera and Voice:** Lets you broadcast Audio and or Video to your class.

**Attendee List:** Shows whose online.

**Chat:** Send and receive instant messages from participants.

**Notes:** Make notes about the session.

**Share screen:** This area lets you choose what you want to share with your class: Power Points, pictures or create something from scratch like a blank canvas.

**If you are conducting a private session, the Host must click on Accept in order for the Guests to join the room.**

**The Raise Hand Tool** distinguishes any participants who want to participate or contribute something to class.

**The Talk Button** allows the teacher to speak to the class.

Switch between the Classroom and Lobby settings.
Tools Explained

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Status Icons Explained

Click the ![Talk](image13) icon in order to talk without needing to hold down the Talk button. If you choose to press ![Talk](image13) you must continue to hold down on the key in order for others to hear what you are saying. You can also press ![Talk](image13) for more options:

- ![Agree](image14) Click on this in order to agree with a comment mentioned.
- ![Disagree](image15) Click this in order to disagree with a comment mentioned.
- ![Step Away](image16) Click on this to indicate that you are away from the computer.
- ![Speak Louder](image17) Click on this to indicate to the speaker to speak louder.
- ![Speak Softer](image18) Click on this to indicate to the speaker to speak lower.
- ![Speed Up](image19) Click on this to indicate to the host or presenter to speed up their actions.
- ![Slow Down](image20) Click on this to indicate to the host or presenter to slow down their actions.
- ![Laughter](image21) Click on this to indicate to others that you were amused by a comment.
- ![Applause](image22) Click on this to give praise to the speaker, presenter, or professor.
- ![Clear My Status](image23) Click on this to clear any previous status that you may have enabled.
The Pods Explained

The Pods are the different windows that are on the screen: Whiteboard, Attendee List, Chat, Notes etc.

**Attendee List (x)**

This pod tells you how many participants are online at that moment, and their status, which can be selected by both the participants and by the host of a meeting and are represented by various icons.

For instance, here Leo is raising his hand to ask a question, and Dora agrees to something discussed in the meeting, which appears as a green check mark.

You can also change the roles of participants from the Attendee List Pod. They are set to Participant by default but you can change their roles according to the needs.

For instance, if a student is presenting something to the class, change the role to that of a Presenter so that they can share their PowerPoint documents, photos etc. If set to a Host, then they will have the same privileges as the teacher.

Click on the student who is presenting, and then click on the **Set User Role** at the both of the Attendee List pod.

You may also give the participants rights to show their video and have control of other pods:

1. Click on the name of the participant, then on the button to show advanced options.

2. Select **Change Enhanced Participant Rights...** from the dropdown menu.

3. The Enhanced Participant Rights window will allow you to select what rights or features you want the presenter to have.

4. If you want the participant to have Camera and Voice features enabled, check it off and
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Sharing Files on Adobe Connect Pro

You can share files with other participants during the course of a meeting, like pictures, Power Point Presentations etc.

1. Click on Documents from What do you want to share? page. ①

2. Now choose Select from My Computer… from the drop down menu. ②

3. It will open up a browse page to locate the file in your computer. Navigate to the particular folder where the file is located and click on Open to upload the file to the virtual classroom. ③

4. It would then upload the file and convert it to be compatible with Adobe Connect Pro. You may also click on Cancel if you accidentally chose the wrong file. ④

5. Please wait during the upload process and you will see a page that says Adobe Presenter and your slideshow will open in the sharing screen with the first slide. ⑤

6. You can now navigate between the slides by using the arrow buttons located at the bottom of the page. ⑥

7. The left arrow allows you to go to the previous slide and the right arrow allows you to move to the next slide. ⑦

8. If you want to jump between slides, then click on the Show/Hide Sidebar button. ⑧

9. It would then open up a console next to the slideshow with a complete list of all the slides. You can click on any slide number to navigate between them easily and access required slides randomly. ⑨
Chat

Interact with the participants via text based chat. You can communicate with other attendees while a meeting is in progress, using a Chat pod. If you have a question and do not want to disturb the meeting or if you do not have a microphone, you can send a chat message by typing in the chat box.

To send private messages to individual attendees in the room, click on the drop down menu next to “To:” and select the participant’s name from the list. It is set to Everyone by default.

Poll

Hosts can use the Poll pod to create questions, or polls, for participants and to view the results. Only hosts can control poll management and how polls appear to meeting participants. Hosts can also cast votes.

To create a Poll, follow the steps below:

1. In the menu bar, select Pods and click on Poll > New Poll Pod.

2. A new window will open up with two choices for the poll format: Multiple Choice or Multiple Answers.

3. Enter the Question and fill in the answers in the Answers box with each line representing the choices.

4. Once, the poll has been prepared, click on Open Poll to publish the poll to the attendees.

5. You will then see the results of how the attendees voted with percentages and the hits for each option. You may choose to show the results to the attendees by checking off Broadcast Results.

To close the poll, you may either minimize the pod or by clicking on Close Poll.
File Share

You can make files available to be downloaded, or allow students to upload files for you to download and view.

1. In the menu bar, select Pods and click on File Share > New file Share Pod.

2. In the File Share pod, click on Upload File.

3. Click on Select from My Computer...

4. Locate the file from the computer and click on Open to upload it to the classroom.

5. Now you the file is available for download for the participants in the room.

Note: Make sure that the File Share Pods is checked off in the enhanced participant rights settings.

Audio and Video Setup

To set up your microphone, follow the steps below:

1. Click on Meeting in the Menu Bar.

2. Then go to Manage My Settings > Audio Setup Wizard... to go through the initializing steps. Then Click on Next to proceed.

3. On the Test Sound Output section, click on Play to check that the audio is working properly. Once you have confirmed that the audio is fine, click on Next to continue.

4. On Select Microphone section, click on the drop down menu and select the default microphone then click on Next.

5. In order to test that your microphone is functioning properly, click on the Record button to record a short line (possibly the one suggested to you in the setup wizard). While you are recording, the recording bar will no longer be blank; instead it will appear like a green progress bar. Once you are done recording, click the stop button to stop recording. Then click the play button to play the recording.
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button to hear the playback of the recording and subsequently confirm that the audio is working properly. Then click on Next to continue.

6. Click on the Test Silence button to test for background noise. Make sure that you stay silent until the progress bar is filled up (the green bar will go all the way to the end). Click Next to complete the wizard.

7. Complete the Audio Setup Wizard by clicking on Finish. Now, you then may and speak if you would like.

8. To set up your camera, click on Meeting on the Menu Bar.

9. Then go to Manage My Settings > Select Camera.

10. Make sure the correct webcam is selected under camera. Then close out of it.

11. In order to begin broadcasting video, click on which is located on the bottom of the “Camera and Voice” pod.

Editing and Deleting Meetings

In order to change settings in a meeting or to delete past meetings, follow the steps below:

1. Click on the Meetings tab.

2. To delete a meeting, check off the box next to the meeting you want to delete. Then click on Delete.

3. In the Meetings page, you can update a meeting by clicking on the meeting you want to edit.

4. Once you click on one particular meeting, you will see the summary of the meeting that you had entered while it was created. Click on Edit Information.
5. Now you can now change the date, time, duration and all the other information that was required and entered during the creating of a particular meeting, by visiting each of the fields: **Edit information, Edit Participants, Invitations, etc.**

6. Click on **Save** at the bottom of the page to save the changes.