



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, installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers, to offer instant access and broader reach than Microsoft Office Live Meeting Professional. Internal and external users have everything they need—no downloads required—to instantly join online meetings, regardless of software platform or browser. It offers licensed, hosted, and managed services deployment options; a variety of flexible features; sophisticated security features; and adjustable controls. In addition, Adobe Connect 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	Microsoft Office Live Meeting
Consistent experience across platforms		
<p>Unrestricted feature availability. Adobe Connect users get a consistent experience across platforms; however with Microsoft Office Live Meeting, users of operating systems other than Microsoft® Windows® will be missing many of the core features they've come to expect with web conferencing solutions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer audio • Webcam and Microsoft RoundTable video • Audio status viewing for attendees • Menu pane docking • Keyboard navigation and shortcuts • Single-application sharing • Use of desktop sharing and frame sharing on Windows operating systems† • Instant desktop sharing • Saving of Shared Notes using the Save icon • High-fidelity PowerPoint slide rendering and animation • Control of synchronized playback for multimedia content • Handout uploading and deleting‡ • Breakout room setup and management§ • Personal recordings • Localized user interface (only English is available) 	●	○

Adobe Advantages*	Adobe Connect	Microsoft Office Live Meeting
Improved reach with superior ease of access		
Universally installed client. Adobe Flash Player is already installed on virtually all Internet-connected computers, which means no waiting for attendees to get set up. With Live Meeting, users must download up to 16.4MB of software, depending on the components chosen, making it practically impossible for users in locked-down IT environments to attend.	●	○
Consistent experience across operating systems. While Adobe Connect delivers a consistent rich media experience across platforms, full functionality for Live Meeting is available only to users on the Windows based client, restricting users of operating systems other than Windows to an inferior, feature-limited web-based client.	●	○
Customizable, easy-to-remember URLs. Users can create personalized URLs for meetings, content, curriculums, courses, events, and seminars.	●	○
Simple deployment. The firewall-friendly solution does not require additional setup of complex and costly network components for external connectivity.	●	▶
Richer, more engaging experiences		
Multiple meeting windows. Users can create multiple meeting windows to facilitate numerous chat sessions, whiteboards, file sharing, and other activities, optimizing the meeting experience.	●	○
Superior ease of use. Users have easy access to all available features with a clean, easy-to-navigate design.	●	○
In-meeting PDF file support. Users can present and collaborate on PDF files, with synchronized navigation and whiteboard overlay.	●	○
Sophisticated security and controls		
Enhanced security and regulatory compliance. All data can remain behind an organization's firewall, meeting regulatory requirements.	●	○
Permission-based catalog folder access. Administrators can limit access through a set of highly configurable controls.	●	○
Archival and retention of communications. Administrators can mandate the recording of all meeting sessions and the generation of chat scripts.	●	○
Training group management. 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.	●	▶
Hosted, on-premise, and managed services options. Organizations can choose the deployment method that best meets their business needs, including a managed services option that allows IT overhead to be outsourced while still providing full customization of security, a dedicated infrastructure, complete control, and ease of integration.	●	▶
Delegated administration and policy settings. Administrators can control system access and delegate administrative tasks with a sophisticated set of permissions.	●	▶

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Extensibility beyond web conferencing		
Large-scale webcasting capabilities. Up to 80,000 users can participate with Adobe Connect Webcast.	●	○
Customized in-meeting apps. Users can take advantage of customized applications in online meetings and extend the rich media experience to fit their needs, leveraging an extensive set of integration partners and the Flex, ActionScript® 3, and Flash technology developer communities.	●	○
On-demand presentation functionality. Users can create, edit, customize, and play back content on demand.	●	○
Prebuilt integrations with Learning Management Systems (LMS). Adobe Connect enables easier integration with LMS via prebuilt integrations for SumTotal, Blackboard, and Plateau, or use of the Adobe Connect integrated LMS.	●	○
Curriculum viewer. Users can view training curriculums and better understand course agendas.	●	○
Incorporation of Adobe PDF documents as training. Adobe PDF documents can be defined as courses, allowing them to be included in training assignments and to feed training completion requirements.	●	○
Sophisticated tracking tools. Training managers can monitor individual learner progress in virtual and on-demand courses through sophisticated tracking tools to accurately assess individual and class progress, quickly identify strengths and weaknesses in the class, and adjust classroom material accordingly.	●	○
Searchable content library. Users can easily find and access the files and recordings they need by applying filters and searching by title, author, type, and more.	●	○
Indexed recordings. 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.	●	▶
Ability to edit meeting recordings. Users can edit archived meetings or virtual classroom sessions without an additional editing tool.	●	▶

* Adobe Connect 8, Adobe Presenter 7, and Adobe Connect Webcast features are compared with those of Live Meeting Professional 2007.

† These features are available on Oracle Solaris™ or Apple Mac OS.

‡ The web-based client supports downloading of handouts.

§ Breakout rooms are supported, but setup and management must be done using a Windows based client.

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