

Adobe Connect Overview for Music and Arts Technology

Objectives

At the conclusion of this workshop, you will be able to

- Request Accounts
- Manage class interactions with Connect
- Present course material within Connect
- Configure Connect for video, audio, polling and document sharing

Adobe Connect

- Formerly called Breeze Meeting
- Delivers rich web experiences for distance learning, professional development, and collaboration
- Deployed using Adobe Flash Player, which is already installed on 99% of all browsers

http://www.adobe.com/products/player_census/flashplayer/

Adobe Connect

- Faculty and staff can
 - deliver instructional experiences
 - collaborate with peers
 - host online meetings

Adobe Connect Abilities

- Sharing of PowerPoint presentations
- Sharing of computer screens
- Sharing a white board
- Controlling student computer screens
- Audio communication
- Video communication
- Synchronous chats
- Conducting quick 'polls'
- Recording Connect meetings

Technical Requirements

- Required:
 - Web browser
 - High-speed Internet connection
 - Flash plug-in
- Optional:
 - Microphone headset
 - Webcam
 - 1024x768 screen resolution (suggested)

Use Cases

- Hold 'virtual' office hours
- Provide online lectures for distributed courses
 - Synchronous
 - Asynchronous
- Create online group meetings
 - Small group work
 - Department meetings

Considerations for Music Courses

- Latency
- Configuring the “Stereo Mix” Capability for computers
 - Vista <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5qa-HODWbc>
 - XP <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiW4lj5ZUNc>
 - For Mac <http://www.cycling74.com/products/soundflower>
 - More Mac
<http://www.apple.com/pro/techniques/aggregateaudio/>

Getting an Account

- Knowledge Base
- <http://www.indiana.edu/~breeze/>

Optimizing Performance

- Optimize Room Bandwidth
- My Connection Speed

Best Practices for Managing Interactions

- Allow one student at a time to be a Presenter
 - Prevents inadvertent manipulation of meeting room settings
- Appoint a student moderator for each class
 - Have moderator monitor chat activity for questions/comments
- Prepare multiple layouts ahead of time
- Preload all PowerPoint Presentations and Web links
- Record sessions
- Minimize bandwidth whenever possible
 - Do you need video all the time?
 - Will audio alone suffice?

A Peek at Adobe Connect...