



## Adobe Acrobat Connect Professional & Adobe Presenter

### Upcoming Training

- Feb. 7 - [Essentials Online: WebCT Vista](#)
- March 7 - [Grade Book Online: WebCT Vista](#)
- Feb. 7 - [Photoshop Online](#)
- March 14 - [Creating Enhanced Podcasts](#)
- Feb. 15 - [Adobe Connect](#)
- Feb. 19 - [Advanced Dreamweaver](#)
- Feb. 26 - [Adobe Presenter](#)

### Vista User's Group Meeting Dates, Spring 2007

- Thursday, February 22, 2007, 9-10:30am, STEW 202
- Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 2-3:30pm, STEW 204
- Thursday, April 26, 2007, 10-11:30am, STEW 307

Coffee and snacks will be served.

### This Month's Links

- [Purdue, the largest user of collaboration software](#)
- [Adobe Connect Product Site](#)
- [What's New in Adobe Connect 6](#)
- [Teaching & Learning with Technology Conference](#)

With the merger of Adobe and Macromedia, Macromedia Breeze is now Adobe Connect Professional and Macromedia Breeze Presenter is now Adobe Presenter; hereafter, we will refer to them as Adobe Connect and Adobe Presenter. These two software tools provide opportunities for dynamic online teaching and learning. These products are free for Purdue faculty and staff to use!

**Adobe Connect** can be used for real-time teaching and learning enriched with interactive presentations and discussion capabilities. It combines existing learning content with real-time interactivity between instructors and students for engaging collaborative teaching and learning experiences. Instructors can use PowerPoint slides, live and recorded video, Flash animations, live screen-sharing, audio, and two-way text chat to deliver more effective presentations. Adobe Connect is easy to use and only requires an inexpensive web camera and headset.

**Adobe Presenter** is fully integrated with Microsoft PowerPoint and allows instructors or students to easily create narrated PowerPoint presentations. It's easy to incorporate video, animations and even software simulations. Adobe Presenter also allows instructors to create Flash-based learning objects, including narration and assessments, using PowerPoint. Adobe Presentations can include scorable quizzes and assessments that can be imported into WebCT Vista and integrated with the Vista gradebook.



### What's New in Adobe Connect

New versions of the Adobe Connect Add-in and Adobe Presenter are available. You can download the most recent versions at <https://breeze.itap.purdue.edu>.

Some other enhancements include:

- Step-by-Step Connection Diagnostics
- Fault Tolerant Meeting Client
- Improved VoIP
- Intel-based Mac Support
- Enhanced Presenter Audio Quality
- Numerous Usability Enhancements

## Adobe Connect Best Practices

- **Set your connection speed**
  - Set the meeting room bandwidth to **DSL/Cable**, even if you are on a LAN, by going to the *Meeting* menu and selecting **Optimize Room Bandwidth**.
  - Have your students choose their connection speed by going to the *Meeting* menu and selecting **My Connection Speed** and choosing either **Modem** or **DSL/Cable**.
- **Manage your microphone and camera**
  - Turn off your microphone when not speaking.
  - Use a still camera shot to save bandwidth.
- **Be prepared**
  - Make sure to log in early to prepare the meeting for your students.
  - Load PowerPoint presentations into the meeting ahead of time.
  - Pre-record software demonstrations for playback during the meeting.
  - Provide a back up meeting URL to participants in case of technical problems.
  - Use change enhanced participant rights to enable the camera and voice pod "on demand" for students.

Thanks to the Department of Building Construction Management for letting us share their best practices.



### 5 things to know about BoilerCast

1. BoilerCast is now powered by iTunes U, which means that students can now subscribe to your lectures and access them all from within the iTunes interface.
2. Update your bookmarks - BoilerCast file access has a new URL! Point your browser to [www.purdue.edu/apps/BoilerCast](http://www.purdue.edu/apps/BoilerCast)
3. Students don't need an iPod to listen to podcasts! All they need is a computer with iTunes installed.
4. BoilerCast recording and uploading is automated in [72 locations](#). Instructors teaching in other classrooms can use BoilerCast but must manage their own content.
5. BoilerCast is not just for recording audio. You can BoilerCast audio, video, images, and PDF files.

### Vista Corner

#### Add the My Grades Tool

We have been receiving questions from students who could not find their grades in Vista. Make sure you remember to add the "My Grades" tool to your Vista courses.

To add the My Grades tool:

1. Log in to your Vista Course.
2. Click on the *Build* tab then the *Basic* tab.
3. Click on **My Grades** next to *Add to Course* Toolbar. If you do not see the My Grades tool, click to open the *More Tools* menu.

#### Get a Fresh Start - Remove Unused Courses!

If you find that you no longer need or desire access to a course, you may request the WebCT Vista Section be deleted by sending a request to [itap@purdue.edu](mailto:itap@purdue.edu) with the Subject line: Request – WebCT Vista Section Deletion.

Include your First and Last Name and the Name of the WebCT Vista Section. Please provide the entire section name as it appears within your WebCT Vista Course list. This will help us locate the correct section for deletion. Also include whether you have already downloaded a copy of the grade book for this course.

**Note:** Please download a copy of your grade book prior to sending the request.

### Drop us a line!

We welcome your ideas and feedback - send them to [tlt-consulting@purdue.edu](mailto:tlt-consulting@purdue.edu).

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