Introducing Adobe Connect 9.1

WHAT'S NEW IN ADOBE CONNECT 9.1


- Audio Conferencing Changes
- Improved Meeting Experience
- Changes to Recordings
- System Requirements

Audio Conferencing Changes

Managing Audio Profiles

Adobe Connect 9.1 simplifies the management of audio profiles and using the audio integration with the meetings. Hosts can change audio profiles from within the meeting preferences section on the fly. They can associate an audio profile if there was none associated earlier or even change between multiple profiles.

Manage audio profiles link in the preferences provides a quick access for creating or editing the audio profiles.

The default option for audio conference setting in the new meeting creation workflow is now changed to require users to include an audio profile if they have one to prevent them from missing out on associating an audio profile with their meetings.

New Audio Conference Start interface for Hosts

All the options to select audio modes are conveniently available under Audio Conference preferences. This allows hosts to select the conference options once and use them in all future meetings, if so desired.
Auto Start Audio Conference:

Hosts can also choose to auto start the audio conference at the start of the meeting or be prompted to start the audio conference every time they start the meeting.

Control Dial in / Dial out:

Hosts can easily choose which audio participation options are made available to the participants. This ensures that only the relevant options for the meeting are presented to the participants.

Intelligent Universal Voice

Universal voice (UV) service, which is used to bridge users on VoIP with users on Phones, is now dynamic in nature and would start only when it is required. This will reduce the usage of the Toll Free audio conferencing number and hence, lead to potential audio cost savings for hosts. Universal Voice will be used only if at least one of the following features is being used:

- Using audio broadcast option – This allows users on VoIP to interact with users on audio bridge
- Meeting recording

The usual delay in starting the UV service will apply every single time it starts.
Please note: Either of the above two services must be used for UV to stay connected. If not, we would disconnect the service which can be re-started when required. The above is applicable to only those accounts which use Universal Voice.

For more information on setting up the audio bridge between VoIP and Phone, see Audio Conference Options.

Improved Meeting Experience

Active Speaker indication

Participants can now easily identify who is speaking even if the current speaker is way below in the participant list.

Easier Selection of Microphone and Web Camera

Easily select your desired Microphone and camera devices, if you have more than one option available. Once selected, this option will be set as default for Connect on that machine until it is changed again. If the default device is still available, that will be the one used when you start your web cam or microphone.

Wide Screen Mode for Web Cam Video

Option for Host to set the default view of camera to 16:9 aspect ratio. For cameras feeds which do not support this, pillar boxing will be done to maintain uniformity. This is true for all camera feeds from a Mac platform.

Changes to Recordings
Passcode Protected Public Recordings

Users can now set passcode to their public recordings before sharing them and add a layer of security for their recordings. If set so, users would need to provide the valid passcode at the time of accessing the recording in order to view them.

Passcode protected recordings will be indicated with the following icon

System Requirements


Windows

- 1.4GHz Intel® Pentium® 4 or faster processor (or equivalent) for Microsoft® Windows® XP, Windows 7 or Windows 8; 2GHz Pentium 4 or faster processor (or equivalent) for Windows Vista®
- Windows 8 (32-bit/64-bit), Windows 7 (32-bit/64-bit), Windows Vista, Windows XP
- 512MB of RAM (1GB recommended) for Windows XP, Windows 7 or Windows 8; 1GB of RAM (2GB recommended) for Windows Vista
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 8, 9, 10; Mozilla Firefox; Google Chrome
- Adobe® Flash® Player 10.3+ (11.2+ recommended)

Mac OS

- 1.83GHz Intel Core™ Duo or faster processor
- 512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)
- Mac OS X 10.6, 10.7.4, 10.8
- No Adobe Connect Add-in support for Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard). Users on Leopard can attend meetings in the browser.
- Mozilla Firefox; Apple Safari; Google Chrome
- Adobe Flash Player 10.3+ (11.2+ recommended)

Linux

- Ubuntu 11.04, 12.04; Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6; OpenSuSE 11.3
- No Add-in support for Linux. Users on Linux can attend meetings in the browser.
- Mozilla Firefox
- Adobe Flash Player 10.3+ (11.2+ recommended)

Adobe Connect Add-in

This update requires a new Adobe Connect Add-in (henceforth referred to as simply “Add-in”) for functionality specific to meeting hosts and presenters on Windows and Mac. You will be asked to install the new Add-in when:

- You try to start/join a 9.1 meeting for the first time and
- You have an older version of the Connect Add-in installed

OR

- You invoke screen sharing, application sharing, or share PowerPoint (PPTX format) files and
- You do not have the Connect 9.1 Add-in installed OR Do not have the latest version of the Connect Add-in installed

The new Add-in is based on a later version of Flash Player (than the prior Adobe Connect Add-in) and provides better performance.

Minimum Adobe Flash Player version 11.2 for attending meeting

Adobe Connect 9.1 leverages advancements in Adobe Flash Player technology for improved audio, video and interactivity. The minimum version required to attend meetings is 11.2, but is recommended to always use the latest version of flash player which can be downloaded from http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/