

								
Description	Adobe Connect Pro	Adobe Presenter	Jing	Camtasia Relay	Audacity	Sloan C Pillars	Pillars Comment	Comparison
Whiteboard	Yes	No	Possible	Possible	No	1- Learning effectiveness	Diagram learning examples.	Adobe Connect Pro uses a built-in whiteboard in real-time. Others need a third party app for asynchronous use.
Video clips	Yes	Yes	Possible	Possible	No	1- Learning effectiveness	Play animated or video demonstration of advanced concepts.	Flash-based clips run natively within Adobe products. Others can record video played on screen but playback video will be choppy.
Chat	Yes	No	No	No	No	1- Learning effectiveness	Immediate interaction, can increase social presence.	Only Adobe Connect Pro provides a chat feature.
Software demonstrations	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	1- Learning effectiveness	Demonstrate software procedures.	Connect Pro, Jing, and Relay are all capable of demonstrating software procedures.
Real-time interaction	Yes	No	No	No	No	1- Learning effectiveness	Real-time collaboration and feedback	Only Adobe Connect Pro allows real-time audio and video participation by students.
PowerPoint integration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2- Scale	Integration of tool used by 90% of faculty based on 2009 survey	PowerPoint integration is possible with all except Audacity since it is an audio-only solution.
Cost	10K with annual maintenance fee of 2K	Included with Connect	Free	5K with annual maintenance fee of 1K	Free	2- Scale	Affordable solution	All are affordable to maintain after initial purchase.
Licensing	35 Meeting Organizers	No authoring limits	No authoring limits	No authoring limits	No authoring limits	2- Scale	What if more professors/students want to use it?	Adobe Connect Pro charges for each meeting organizer which limits the number of faculty who can use it.
Authoring Platform	PC/Mac	PC	PC/Mac	PC/Mac	PC/Mac/Mobile	3- Access	Flexible authoring environment	Adobe Presenter presentations can only be authored with Microsoft Windows.
Playback Environment	PC/Mac	PC/Mac	PC/Mac/Mobile	PC/Mac/Mobile	PC/Mac/Mobile	3- Access	Flexible playback environment	Adobe Connect and Presenter recordings require Flash for playback which prevents use on common portable devices.
Create MP3/MP4 version	No	No	Possible	Yes	No	3- Access	May allow access for someone who can't watch due to disability, listen to audio without having to use larger video file.	Camtasia Relay provides many options for outputting presentations including an audio-only MP3 format and MP4 files. Audacity only outputs MP3.
Ease of use	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4- Faculty Satisfaction	Faculty can use with minimal training and support.	Jing and Camtasia Relay are easier for faculty to learn and use with minimal support.
Record one slide at a time	No	Yes	No	No	No	4- Faculty satisfaction	Can modify and republish one slide at a time.	Presenter allows author to record one slide at a time.
Option of not recording	Yes	No	No	No	No	4- Faculty satisfaction	Don't have to record session if not needed later.	Adobe Connect Pro sessions are not recorded by default. However this would not prevent a student from recording a class session.
Presentation can be edited	Possible	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4- Faculty satisfaction	Can trim endings, some allow other edits	Adobe Presenter provides the most editing options. Connect and Relay allow trimming. Jing recordings can only be modified by using Camtasia Studio.
Talking head	Yes	Yes	Possible	Possible	No	5- Student Satisfaction	May increase social or teacher presence.	Adobe ConnectPro and Presenter provide specific tools for including video. Jing and Relay could have video window as part of what is being captured on the screen.
Recording under five minutes	Yes	Yes	Max 5 minutes	Yes	Yes	5- Student Satisfaction	Presentation must be concise	May not want to use Adobe Connect Pro for session less than five minutes because of set up requirements. Only relay requires presentations to be less
Offline replay	Possible	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5- Student Satisfaction	Students can watch at times when they can't be online but need have time to study (commuting by bus or ferry)	Adobe Connect Pro would allow Flash file to be played offline which would limit it to computer playback. Jing and Relay would need to render file types such as MP4 for offline playback.
Unlimited replay	If recorded	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5- Student Satisfaction	Students can gain new understanding as they replay	Adobe Connect Pro author must remember to record presentation for students to be able to watch multiple times.
Adobe Connect	<a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatconnectpro/">http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobatconnectpro/</a>							
Adobe Presenter	<a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/presenter/">http://www.adobe.com/products/presenter/</a>							
Jing	<a href="http://jingproject.com/">http://jingproject.com/</a>							
Camtasia Relay	<a href="http://www.techsmith.com/camtasiarelay.asp">http://www.techsmith.com/camtasiarelay.asp</a>							
Audacity	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net/">http://audacity.sourceforge.net/</a>							