



Blackboard Collaborate™ Plan

21st Century students learn differently, and 21st Century educators need the tools to reach them. Blackboard Collaborate is leading the way with support for the entire online instructional cycle—what happens BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER your real-time, session.

Why reinvent the wheel?

Now you can ensure the success of your live, online sessions every time with Blackboard Collaborate™ Plan. It enables you to organize, script, and package content and activities BEFORE your Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing session. Unlike other products designed for self-paced viewing, Plan is designed specifically for use in a multi-user, instructor-led, real-time, eLearning environment. Not a technical expert or experienced online instructor? Each session plan created with Plan guides you through the live session, automating the routine tasks, so you can focus on delivering material and facilitating interaction.

What does Plan do?

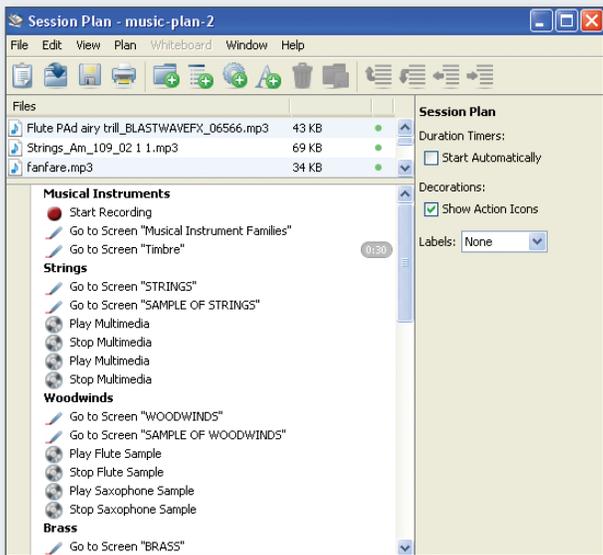
It's a standalone desktop application that enables you to prepare content and identify activities for Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing sessions ahead of time. Then once you are in your live session, you trigger each action, like starting the recording, advancing to the next slide, creating breakout rooms, loading and presenting a quiz, or playing a multimedia file, with a single click.



The addition of Plan provides a steroid-like enhancement to an already powerful Internet presentation delivery system. It preordains the order of appearance for a vast array of presentation elements like well-orchestrated ducks in a row. It also creates a sure-fire performance template that allows neophytes to present with confidence.

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Why is Plan the clear choice for educators?

- ▶ Organize and package content, activities, and outlines for a live session in a single file
- ▶ Automate routine tasks of running a session
- ▶ Trigger each action in live session with a single click
- ▶ Focus on delivering material and interacting with participants
- ▶ Expand the use of real-time interaction to all instructors, regardless of technical aptitude
- ▶ Leverage institutional expertise and limited teaching resources
- ▶ Ensure consistent delivery by multiple presenters across multiple sessions
- ▶ Store plans in LMS/CMS systems, on local networks, or CD-ROM

For instructors

Create reusable learning objects and outlines that automate many of the routine tasks of running sessions, so you can deliver content and interact with students with ease.

For course designers

Ensure that your content will be delivered consistently across multiple sessions and by multiple presenters, even those who are not technically savvy.

For administrators

Package best-in-class content and methodologies for real-time delivery by a wider group of instructors to promote and facilitate the use of live eLearning and collaboration across your organization.

For technologists

Preserve investments already made with existing collaboration options—LMS/CMS, videoconferencing, teleconferencing, and TV—for a connected learning enterprise.



The Blackboard Collaborate Platform

Plan is a key component of the Blackboard Collaborate Platform. Also included is Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing for real-time interaction and collaboration and Blackboard Collaborate™ Publish for creating reusable learning content from interactive session recordings. Now you can plan, present, record, and publish—all with Blackboard Collaborate!

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