

# ADOBE CAPTIVATE 3

## GETTING STARTED GUIDE



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Adobe® Captivate™ 3 Getting Started Guide for Windows®

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# GETTING STARTED

If you haven't installed your new software, begin by reading some information on installation and other preliminaries. Before you begin working with your software, take a few moments to read an overview of Adobe Help and of the many resources available to users. You have access to plug-ins, templates, user communities, seminars, tutorials, RSS feeds, and much more.

## INSTALLATION

### Requirements

To review complete system requirements and recommendations for your Adobe® Captivate™ software, see the Read Me file on the installation DVD. This file is also copied to the application folder during product installation. Open the file to read important information about the following topics:

- System Requirements
- Installation (including uninstalling the software)
- Activation and registration
- Font installation
- Troubleshooting
- Customer Support
- Legal notices

### Install the software

- 1 Close any other Adobe applications open on your computer.
- 2 Insert the installation disc into your DVD drive, and follow the on-screen instructions.

**Note:** For more information, see the Read Me file on the installation DVD.

## Activate the software

If you have a single-user retail license for your Adobe software, you will be asked to activate your software; this is a simple, anonymous process that you must complete within 30 days of starting the software.

For more information on product activation, see the Read Me file on your installation DVD, or visit the Adobe website at [www.adobe.com/go/activation](http://www.adobe.com/go/activation).

- 1 If the Activation dialog box isn't already open, choose Help > Activate.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions.

*Note: If you want to install the software on a different computer, you must first deactivate it on your computer. Choose Help > Deactivate.*

## Register

Register your product to receive notifications of updates, and other services.

To register, follow the on-screen instructions in the Registration dialog box, which appears after you install and activate the software.

If you postpone registration, you can register at any time by choosing Help > Registration.

## ADOBE HELP

### Adobe Help resources

Documentation for your Adobe software is available in a variety of formats.

### In-product and web Help

In-product Help provides access to all documentation and instructional content available at the time the software ships. It is available through the Help menu in your Adobe software.

Web Help includes all the content from in-product Help, plus updates and links to additional instructional content available on the web. Find web Help for your product in the Adobe Help Resource Center, at [www.adobe.com/go/documentation](http://www.adobe.com/go/documentation).

## PDF documentation

The in-product Help is also available as a PDF that is optimized for printing.

All PDF documentation is available through the Adobe Help Resource Center, at [www.adobe.com/go/documentation](http://www.adobe.com/go/documentation).

To see the PDF documentation included with your software, look in the Documentation folder on the installation or content DVD.

## Printed documentation

A printed Getting Started Guide is included with the software.

## Using Help in the product

In-product Help is available through the Help menu.

## Customer support

Visit the Adobe Support website, at [www.adobe.com/support](http://www.adobe.com/support), to find troubleshooting information for your product and to learn about free and paid technical support options. Follow the Training link for access to Adobe Press books, a variety of training resources, Adobe software certification programs, and more.

## Downloads

Visit [www.adobe.com/go/downloads](http://www.adobe.com/go/downloads) to find free updates, tryouts, and other useful software. In addition, the Adobe Store (at [www.adobe.com/go/store](http://www.adobe.com/go/store)) provides access to thousands of plug-ins from third-party developers, helping you to automate tasks, customize workflows, create specialized professional effects, and more.

## Adobe Labs

Adobe Labs gives you the opportunity to experience and evaluate new and emerging technologies and products from Adobe.

At Adobe Labs, you have access to resources such as these:

- Prerelease software and technologies
- Code samples and best practices to accelerate your learning
- Early versions of product and technical documentation
- Forums, wiki-based content, and other collaborative resources to help you interact with like-minded developers

Adobe Labs fosters a collaborative software development process. In this environment, customers quickly become productive with new products and technologies. Adobe Labs is also a forum for early feedback, which the Adobe development teams use to create software that meets the needs and expectations of the community.

Visit Adobe Labs at [www.adobe.com/go/labs](http://www.adobe.com/go/labs).

### **Adobe Design Center**

Adobe design center offers articles, inspiration, and instruction from industry experts, top designers, and Adobe publishing partners. New content is added monthly.

You can find hundreds of tutorials for design products, and learn tips and techniques through videos, HTML tutorials, and sample book chapters.

New ideas are the heart of Think Tank, Dialog Box, and Gallery:

Think Tank articles consider how today's designers engage with technology and what their experiences mean for design, design tools, and society.

In Dialog Box, experts share new ideas in motion graphics and digital design.

The Gallery showcases how artists communicate design in motion.

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## Adobe Developer Center

Adobe Developer Center provides samples, tutorials, articles, and community resources for developers who build rich Internet applications, websites, mobile content, and other projects using Adobe products. The Developer Center also contains resources for developers who develop plug-ins for Adobe products.

In addition to sample code and tutorials, you'll find RSS feeds, online seminars, SDKs, scripting guides, and other technical resources.

Visit Adobe Developer Center at [www.adobe.com/go/developer](http://www.adobe.com/go/developer).

## User communities

User communities feature forums, blogs, and other avenues for users to share technologies, tools, and information.

Users can ask questions and find out how others are getting the most out of their software. User-to-user forums are available in English, French, German, and Japanese; blogs are posted in a wide range of languages.

To participate in forums or blogs, visit [www.adobe.com/communities](http://www.adobe.com/communities).

## WHAT'S NEW

### Top new features of Adobe Captivate 3

Adobe® Captivate™ 3 software enables anyone to rapidly create powerful and engaging simulations, scenario-based training and assessments without programming or multimedia skills. Based on the industry-leading Adobe Flash® platform, Adobe Captivate 3 automatically generates interactive, Flash Player compatible content for easy online distribution and access. Using Adobe Captivate software's simple point-and-click user interface and automated features, learning professionals, educators, and business and enterprise users can easily record onscreen actions, add eLearning interactions, create complex branching scenarios with feedback options, and include rich media.

**Multimode recording** Save time and generate robust software simulations with multiple learning modes in a single recording session, including a demonstration of the procedure, a simulation for practicing the steps, and an assessment.

**Randomized quizzing and question pools** Improve learner assessments by randomly drawing questions from a set of question pools. Shuffle the answer options for multiple-choice questions, so that the answers are displayed in a different order each time. Share question pools among multiple Adobe Captivate projects.

**Rollover slidelets** Provide additional just-in-time information on Adobe Captivate 3 slides by displaying media-rich content including images, text, audio, and video in a slidelet (a mini-slide within a slide) when the learner moves the mouse over a specified area on the slide.

**XML export and import** Simplify the localization process of projects; export captions to a text or XML Localization Interchange File Format (XLIFF) file. Import the translated text file into a copy of the original project file.

**Automated rerecording** Quickly update content and automatically rerecord entire procedures in most web applications after the user interface is modified or localized (Internet Explorer® 6).

**Animation effects** Create learning content with support for animated slide transitions and PowerPoint® animations. Import PowerPoint (PPT) files and retain many animation effects by converting PowerPoint slides to SWF files.

**Audio recording with preview** Synchronize audio easily with slides and timed objects. Record narration while previewing slides in real time by going through them one by one or as a complete project.

**New question types** Increase learning effectiveness with specialized question types, such as sequencing and hotspots, and matching dropdown lists.

**Rich media support** Record audio from system or through line-in, in addition to microphone.

**Full motion recording** Record full motion movies in SWF format that show detailed motion such as drawing/painting features and drag/drop operations.

**Streamlined workflow and usability enhancements** Work faster with a wide variety of streamlined workflows and usability enhancements:

- Find and replace
- Enhanced screen recording for capturing screen activity
- Real-time recording mode
- Improved learning management system (LMS) integration
- Reusing quiz slides
- Reducing SWF file size
- Branching view enhancements, such as slide grouping and zooming
- New choices for adding captions and buttons

**Microsoft® Windows Vista™ and Microsoft Office 2007 support** Install Adobe Captivate 3 on Windows Vista and import PowerPoint (PPT) files from Office 2007, or create handouts or step-by-step procedures with the Microsoft Word export option.