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Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro and PDF: Happy Together!

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In case you haven't heard there is a new version of Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro. "Connect" is a cornerstone of Adobe's K-12 and higher education solutions for web conferencing, online collaboration, and e-learning. Previously, in a meeting room Share pod you were able to upload and deliver SWF, JPEG, MP3, FLV, and PPT content. Support for PPTX (Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 and later) was spotty and if you wanted to share other types of files – say a Word document or a PDF file – you had to share your desktop.

Good news! The current version of "Connect" supports both PPTX and PDF in a Share pod. Since you can convert pretty much any file type to PDF, you can now upload and share it live or make it available on-demand in a meeting room. When you share a PDF you can flip though multiple pages, zoom in/out, move around within a magnified document, rotate, and even initiate a Whiteboard session using the file as a backdrop.

Every navigation option you choose within the shared PDF will be synchronized on attendees' screens. What's even better is that you can "unsynch" the file and attendees can interact with it independently on their computers. They even have the option to download the PDF locally to their computer. One last thing - the PDF files you share will not only maintain visual fidelity, but also preserve any web hyperlinks that were added.

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