Conference systems: Adobe Connect Pro, ReadyTalk, EVO, ...

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Conference systems

- Adobe Connect Pro

- ReadyTalk

- EVO

- WebEx
  - Similar to ACP but more expensive

- Access Grid
  - Limited support
  - No recording

- H323
  - Only audio-video
  - No recording

Technology and license

- EVO
  - Java: Windows, Mac, Linux
  - Phone bridges
  - No direct cost

- ReadyTalk
  - Flash (and Java): Windows, Mac, Linux
  - Phone only voice – toll free in USA
  - Available through ES-NET

- Adobe Connect Pro
  - Flash: Windows, Mac, Linux (limited Flash support)
  - One way phone bridges (phone to AC) – 3rd party phone service
  - Educational license paid by OSG
    - Adobe Acrobat Connect Pro, Adobe Connect Enterprise

Presentation

- EVO
  - Video
  - Screen sharing
  - Text chat

- ReadyTalk
  - Pre-post meeting tools
  - Screen sharing
  - Presentation stream
  - Public-private text chat

- Adobe Connect
  - Video
  - Screen sharing
  - Document playback (MS office, PDF)
  - Advanced text chat (public, private, moderated, triage)

Recording

- EVO
  - Proprietary format, event based
  - Bookmarks (personal)
  - Cropping

- ReadyTalk
  - Possible, not tested

- Adobe connect
  - Proprietary format, event based
  - Hosted
  - Event tree
  - Export as video (FLV - Flash)

Future meetings in OSG

- Previous audio system from ES-NET will terminate at the end of September: no more 510-665-5437

- Most of the phone meetings in OSG will switch to ReadyTalk
  - 866-740-1260 (toll free USA-CA)
  - 303-248-0285
  - Access code depending on the presenter
  - Conference starts once the presenter joins

- Site coordination: 866-740-1260, code 8349885#
  - Bridged into Adobe Connect meetings
  - To avoid echo if you connect to both, please mute your phone or silence your computer (or use a headset)

- Other systems still available (freeconferencecall.com)