

DISCOVERING ACROBAT.COM

Traci Antonovich and Jane Bregman pull the pieces apart



Traci's Comments:

Overall, this was a fun and informative assignment. It was a real pleasure working with my partner, Jane. We began with email correspondence to select a time to hold our virtual meeting. When it came time to meet, I called Jane on the phone and we both signed in to Acrobat and joined each other in the meeting room. She informed me that she didn't have audio & mic capabilities, so we continued chatting while we performed our CS Review tasks and explored the pods in the meeting room.

We worked together navigating CS Review and made comments on each other's Lab2 exercise accordingly. I'm very fond of CS Review, especially for the purpose of what we will be doing throughout this semester. I love it that we can pinpoint areas of a document and provide comments...very cool! While we were in Adobe Connect, we explored various pods with the exception of video and screen sharing. We introduced ourselves to the Chat pod, the Shared Notes pod, and the ever-so-fun Whiteboard pod. We both got the hang of each function right away and continued to experiment. Our virtual meeting (over the phone and online) led us to an entertaining phone conversation where we talked about several of our interests. All in all, it was a productive meeting that lasted about 1.5 hours... everything worked! I give it two thumbs up!

Jane's Comments:

Traci and I had a very positive experience on Acrobat.com. She took the lead in this assignment by sending me a message with available times to meet online and started the buzz doc.

We began the session with our files that we initially uploaded and reloaded while we experimented with how the review process worked. Traci was a guinea pig during the normal class broadcast so she seemed to feel more comfortable immediately with the environment. I found this to be very helpful in our exploration of the features. It enabled us to discover faster.

I like the ability to save files online and share them with others. I currently do this with dropbox, where I share with multiple people in as many folders as I like. The editing feature though is a real nice plus in CS Review and worth exploring more with folks who do not have any Adobe programs. I will try this for re-editing my InDesign 2 book that I am preparing to republish. I expect as we move through the semester with our team projects that we will find this tool quite useful in staying connected with our partners. I look forward to becoming more familiar with it.

I too enjoyed meeting Traci both online and on the phone.

Team Project 1 with Judy Dengler and Sammi Contreras

Saturday 02/04/2012 10:00am to 11:00am

This was a great project! It was really fun and very helpful in understanding how these Acrobat tools all work. The Acrobat.com upload and share process was very smooth and easy. The ConnectNow process was fun as well with the only problem being the microphone use. With the microphone the audio skipped in and out making it hard to know everything each other was saying. It worked much better after we moved to phone use instead. We used our Webcam's to view each other during the web conference, this made it much more personal and enjoyable. We used the chat room to get started and then as a back-up while we tried to get the audio working better. We took turns with sharing our screen. We both used the "Desktop" option and watched each other while we went through the CS Live Review process from InDesign. -Sammi

Yes, this was very helpful and I enjoy working with Sammi. She is a FanTastic! leader!!! The only thing I'd like to improve would be the audio. I'm not certain if it's the settings or possibly my limited memory? computer that is. -Judy

This exercise was the perfect way to jump in and learn our way around these tools. I will be much more comfortable to use these tools going forward. -Sammi

We've worked on it for an hour and it went well. Although, practice will help, as with anything. -Judy

Lab 2 Narrative


By *Kay Desselle*  and *Rebecca Dwan* 


What worked?

 I was able to send an invitation to a meeting. Rebecca was able to view my desktop. We examined the pods and tried them out.

 We did the Chat and Shared Notes pods.

What didn't work?

 We did not have webcam or the microphone for the meeting. On the CS Review, I made a comment and it left a frame on her advertisement; which changed how it looked.

 Could not find the Whiteboard pod. When Kay made a comment on a block of type in my PDF, it left a prominent white text frame around my block of type that, to me, distracts from the design. Would like to know how to hide or reveal those boxes displaying the comment locations.

What was it like working with your partner?

 It was very nice. It was a very steep learning curve for both of us, but we accomplished every task.

 Great, we are on the same page, so to speak. And she has complementary skills.

How long did it take to do this exercise?

 The actual exercise took only about 20 minutes; however, the preparation time took about 30-45 minutes.

 The exercise comprising doing the Acrobat.com meeting, prior to this session, was not timed but I think it took about 40 minutes. We kept searching for the correct way to view CS Live within InDesign, and other factors such as looking for the Whiteboard pod, etc. For this exercise we have spent about 15 minutes.

*Note: This narrative was accomplished using Buzzword in a collaborative meeting.

Adobe InDesign 3

Cyndi Reese

TEAM 4

2/8/12

Lab2narrative

Flynn Mary flynn.ny@gmail.com Helina Chin hkchin@gmail.com Felling Mark marconi@sonic.net

Collaborative document to narrate the team exercise.

Mary Flynn maryelf@att.net

Narrative:

I have arrived at the shared workspace today. Are we all here? I am here...

I am back!

I just uploaded my pdf as well.

OK My narrative:\

After many attempts to connect, we set a meeting time last week and only Mark and I were there--Helina was trying to find internet but was unsuccessful. A moot point since only two at a time can meet. So Mark and I met in the Adobe connect meeting space.

And it looks like Mark and Helina met after I left the room.

I have uploaded my PDF for Lab 2: Choose Me!

I have looked at and like both Mark's and Helina's PDF ads. Helina, now I must see your Love on the Wildside book! You have piqued my curiosity and it is insatiable! We did a CS Live thing with Helina's ad. We commented and replied to commenting, I made a comment on Helina's nose. Not about her nose! ON her nose--the picture, that is. We had fun, with a 3-way conference call that Helina managed. I have to do my upload of my ad from campus as CS4 does not have CS Live. So I hope I can find it!

Helina Chin hkchin@gmail.com

Narrative:

Adobe has a pretty good 'ecosystem' going on here with CS Live and Acrobat.com. The shared workspace and Adobe Connect rooms are useful...if you can use them. With our special team of 3, versus 2, and student budgets, Connect couldn't accomodate 3 people. Instead, we did a 3 person phone conference to get around it. 3 person call on iPhones was pretty cool. While in a call with one person, just push the +Call button and dial up the other person and merge.

Still the features work very well. Mark and I were able to meet on Adobe Connect we used the whiteboard feature that allowed live drawing on the board. That was a cool feature. We did a real-time upload of Lab2 to Acrobat.com and played around with the features in CS Review. Mary had quite a time and I'm sure she will have elaborated in her narrative. All in all, very cool features and has a better interface than Google Docs.

Notes:

Made it to the meeting after driving around town to find some reliable internet and used some of the features on Adobe connect. Sorry to have missed you Mary!

Working on student ads and things are looking good.

Uploaded Lab2helna.pdf for review/critique

Able to upload document for CS Review and got some good commenting action going.

Link to book:

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/2270252/9f2c5a919df7314ce6399bc9cd2e513153539cef>

Mark Felling marconi@sonic.net

Narrative:

1/26/12 First invitations sent to team from [Adobe Acrobat.com](http://adobe.com).

Meeting Room URL: <http://connectnow.acrobat.com/marconi125>

1/26/12 Lab2narrative colorized Buzzword document posted for collaboration.

1/27/12 First meeting 10 to 11AM ConnectNow + phone contact today Mark+Helina

1/30/12 Second meeting 7:00PM ConnectNow. Nobody replied to invitation

1/31/12 Third meeting 1PM ConnectNow. Mary and Mark connect! + phone contact trouble shoot: 3s a crowd.

Tried to have Host ConnectNow meeting and Mark Host ConnectNow meeting and failed. Connected with Helina at 1:40PM and oriented to shared workspace on Acrobat.com. + phone contact to discuss assignment:

Team 4 Workspace: <https://acrobat.com/#w=akztkK4KgwUnzpWc9Y5PDw>

2/7/12 Fourth meeting 1PM Acrobat.com. > Shared Workspace> Team 4 + three-way iPhone conference call. All members present in shared "Team 4" workspace.

"Team 4 Cloud Service Tasks"

- We Uploaded and shared Lab2ads.
- We Tried very hard to have a virtual meeting with all 3 team members. Not successful.
- We did a **CS live review** generated by Helina from InDesign (see screen shot below)

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Add Content

Export as PDF

Add Comment

Helina Chin

Self proclaimed Executive Mischievous Consultant. at your service. Add me to your team and we'll celebrate our achievements with mini golf!

Hope to go on into the world as an illustrator/designer. How you see my past work? "Love on the Wildside," an illustrated collection of stories about dining? Take a look, I'm sure you'll want to be friends! :)

Attributes:

- Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign
- Fabulous Fine Art skills
- Can lift 100 lbs over her head
- Good eye for color, and likes to help out.
- Bakes awesome BlackBottom Cupcakes
- Shares food!

very nice
Mark Felling
Today, 1:38 PM

I can reply to your comment! But not make my own comment... Nic e work Helina!
Mary Flynn
Today, 1:40 PM

Mary keep trying
Mark Felling
Today, 1:39 PM

I am trying!
Mary Flynn
Today, 1:40 PM

Helina Chin
Author viewing

Mark Felling
Co-author viewing

Mary Flynn
Co-author commenting

New Workspace 1

Naomi Griffith and Jenny Harris

Lab2Narrative

Team narrative



Our ConnectNow experience was one of great intrigue. At first I started the meeting and when I went to share my screen it didn't work. I had multiple panes open up, a second me entered the room and it would cycle one mouse click and movement over and over again. I stopped sharing right away and tried it again after Jenny shared her screen. It worked and we were even able to take over each other's programs and computers. It was interesting on how we could use each other programs on each others screen sharing and create something together and just see how we could go and change something in someone else's InDesign program when working together in separate locations. 1

We didn't have a microphone or webcams so we stuck with chatting and the phone. It went well and we were able to communicate really well.

I liked the idea of the whole web conference and that we can connect with people around the world and have business meeting or just a say hi how are you doing. It is also a great way to share a file with someone and show them what you are doing either for them or as a consulting basis.

2012 January 28, 9:58 a.m.

Naomi called me. She had emailed me a URI and clicked on it to open it and join her meeting room. We started chatting right away and I was surprised how easy this was.



I shared my screen with her did a little changing on the screen made a box and asked for feedback. She took over the screen and look over the design. She said the design needed to have a red box to look a little better. We pretended Cyndi Reese was our client. "That was easy."

I took over as host and Naomi being the participant. Naomi had a fatal error, but recovered right away. She came back in the room and we shared documents. We ended up working with the Acrobat.com for one and a half hours.

It was really fun. I continued to look over the program and realized it was pretty easy to use. 2

I couldn't insert an image because I was the Co-author, I think.

1 Ok this is great. I thought it was going to be hard.
Jenny Harris Feb 4, 2012 9:50 AM

2 I like the bold font

Naomi Griffith Feb 4, 2012 9:59 AM

Tamah Hulett's Acrobat.com narrative will be in Green

We've tried the virtual meeting and it was rough. We couldn't get the sound and webcast to work well. We tried changing various settings and ended up calling each other on the phone. We went through the process of sharing our Lab 2 pdfs through CS Live and utilized CS Review. We had a few glitches with that and had to restart a couple of times because comments weren't showing up on both of our screens. We started another virtual meeting and experimented with the pods and realized we had different tool bars and options within the pods. I had the "Pods" tab and Marci didn't. When we were in Shared Notes, she could add text/paste things in and I could see what she added, but when I added stuff she wasn't able to see it. I didn't have a save button like she did. I would assume that the Pods would only be accessed by the host, but not the issues we saw with the Shared Notes.

Buzzword worked fine, but it seems like it would be useful if it worked more like Shared Notes where we could simultaneously add stuff (though Shared Notes didn't actually work correctly). It seemed like every thing we tried ran in to issues at some point or another. I'm sure our being newbies and the learning curve played into the struggles we encountered, but I don't think that is the whole story. My husband uses Google Docs at his tech job and seems to be really happy with it. I wonder how the two compare - Google Docs vs. Acrobat.com. I added a post on Cate with some more of my thoughts about the process, but I'll just add here that it seems like there are a lot of things that are great ideas, but they haven't quite worked out how they are all supposed to work together. I look forward to checking it all out when they do get it figured out.

Marci Jenkin's Acrobat.com narrative will be in Purple

Now we're in Acrobat.com and will see if this Buzzword Doc. can be saved and opened up in Adobe Connet Now.

It was very confusing to use all the pods in the Virtual Meeting room as a participant. Tamah had control of them all and her screen apparently saw different things than my screen. I was not sure if that was because I was using a 17" screen or because she was the hostess. I was disappointed that we could not make the Buzzword document in the Virtual Meeting room. I also had difficulty finding the Buzzword - so I had to go back to my email invite and open it up through there, as I missed seeing the document in My Workspace. There are some good collaborative tools here once one learns to use them. While Cyndi gave us a training that I thought at the time to be sufficient - I've now realized that I need more training to make a smooth workflow in Acrobat.com, Connect Now, and CS Review. It seems that each program is a separate program as is the Acrobat PDF review. But, that the intent is that one can go back and forth between the programs once the navigation between them is learned, without having to sign back in, but, it would be great if they were still more user friendly, and appeared to be one program and not several separate programs.

InDesign 3 - Cyndi Reese

Lab 2 Narrative

Team Members: **Kathie Kameoka** and **Marilyn Kelly**

Kathie: Working on Lab 2 with my partner Marilyn Kelly was quite the experience and very successful. We were able to talk about the lab assignment and watch the webcast together which was great for me since I have a slow internet connection at home. We were able to get to know one another and soon found out that we have a lot in common. It only took us about an hour to actually do the second half of the lab that involves the narrative part.

Marilyn: I totally agree that working together added to the success of Lab 2. It was fortunate that Kathie and I have similar learning styles since we felt comfortable stopping the CS Live webcast when we needed to understand the concepts presented. What Kathie and I discovered is that you need to experiment with the various aspects of the assignment without fear of failure. The first part of our tea work, a virtual Acrobat meeting through Buzzword, felt strange but it didn't take us long to get the hang of it.

Kathie: As for what did not work, we soon realized that we needed to see the webcast in order to get any further with the lab and to not be afraid of the unknown. I feel that working together was a real plus as we were able to figure out how the CS Review program through *InDesign* worked versus how it works using *Acrobat.com*. I feel that this was a great learning experience and I understand the concepts of week 2 much better now.

Marilyn: Personally, I found that the third part of Lab 2 when using CS Live was more challenging especially in figuring out the differences between the CS Review process through *InDesign* as compared to using it through *Acrobat.com*. Following our sessions in working together, Kathie and my learning was solidified through the exchanges we did virtually about Part 1 of Lab 2 through *Acrobat.com* and as we worked side by side. All in all, this lab assignment was interesting and helpful in expanding our knowledge of the integration of various Adobe programs.

Our Buzzword Document

Lab 2 Buzzword Document

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by Cynthia Ketelsen, Team Leader
and Joan O'Brien, Team Member

Experience	Cindy's Comments	Joan's Comments
Upload Lab2.pdf through Acrobat.com	Why can't we use .pfd's CS Review? Seems like a natural...	Cindy had to tell me to turn my document into a jpg to make it work.
Acrobat.com Web Conference	Web Conference was fine... screen share is a bit confusing... Why can't we adjust the screen size?	Challenging to learn new techniques and where things are
CS Live Commenting	Difficult to find Organizer again especially if you don't want to close files... opening in new window helps.	Worked very well--we were able to comment back and forth
Buzzword Document	This was the easiest <u>of</u> all to use.	Agreed, buzzword was easy compared to everything else

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It would be good to go over this in class after we have had this experience with the review process and have some things explained or be able to ask questions.

I'm glad I played with all of this before the meeting started... if it was less confusing taking it all in. If you didn't get the chance to do this, it might be worth spending some time in the next few days. Working with you was just fine! I think this process leads to a lot of multi-tasking while one waiting for everyone's feedback.

I think Cindy will give us a lot of reasons to practice this in future Labs!

... and
Buzzword
comments

1 It is confusing
Joan O'Brien Feb 7, 2012 8:25 PM

2 I cannot see what you have written until you save it.
Cynthia Ketelsen Feb 7, 2012 8:27 PM

3 My dog is squeaking his toy wanting me to play.
Cynthia Ketelsen Feb 7, 2012 8:32 PM

Iris Peoples

Denee Robottaro

This exercise was challenging at first, but once we got it down, it was smooth sailing. I think that the CS Review is cool, in that you can get real time critiques right away and in close proximity to the document that you are designing. The pods we used were: chat, shared notes, and screen sharing. We talked on the phone during the meeting, and to my surprise, there wasn't even a delay. That is totally AWESOME!

This exercise was challenging but we were able to work through those challenges together. I think the hardest part is trying to work out a time to meet up in our busy schedules, with jobs and families. I am a hands on learner, so it did take a little time to figure things out, but I enjoyed the process. Working over the phone was easy and Iris was a very understanding and helpful partner. I also enjoyed CS Review and the ability to share notes and ideas.

Dian Ross & Jennifer Roberts

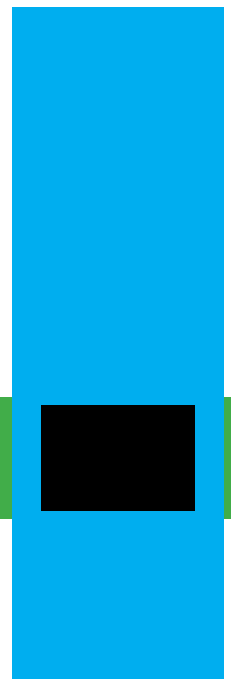
Dian

So I like Acrobat.com for chat and video, but found it hard to share anything. Had to keep going in and out of different windows to see the document. I think better step by step instructions with pictures would have helped the process of sharing and commenting on the files. Having multiple windows open was confusing.

Jen

I agree that Acrobat.com is great for chat and video, but I couldn't get my microphone to work. I can get the same results of this kind of type chat on gmail or Facebook and might be inclined to use that instead since I am more comfortable with those programs. Not having my mic work was a real bummer because I think it took us longer than it should have to communicate because we had to type everything. The collaborative part took about an hour and 15 minutes.

We had difficulty sharing our pdf documents to solicit comments from each other. Multiple window was very confusing. It was frustrating when I was sharing my screen and wasn't understanding something, so Dian tried to share hers to help me and it wouldn't let her. I also do not like that I cannot shrink down the Adobe Connect Now Meeting Window, that makes working on this Buzzword document and chatting in a meeting difficult. I also do not like that as a presenter I cannot see the same things my audience is seeing.



Lab 2 Buzzword Document

Carol's comments:

I was confused because I thought that we would be able to do everything from within the meeting room. I hadn't realized that they were separate modules. I'm not sure what I would use the meeting space for in the "real world". But, I can definitely see the use for CS Review.

I tried to create a CS Review from Acrobat.com & finally figured out that I had to create one through InDesign and not from Acrobat.com. With the online version you can only upload .jpg files (and some other types that I'm not familiar with).

This process was confusing, but I agree with Courtney that with time it will become easier!

Courtney's comments:

This process was a bit harder than I had originally anticipated! We had so many different programs running at once that all looked the same. Sharing a document from Acrobat.com and sharing one from the CS Review was where the confusion started. Then, I was able to make my microphone work but Carol's was not working so we resorted to using the phone. I am sure once we are both more comfortable with these programs the interaction will be much smoother and faster!

Together, this part of the Lab took two different tries. I think after the first night with not being able to get everything to work after about an hour, we decided on another day to meet again to write this. So overall, it took about 2 hours and we are still learning. But it was a good experience to work with a partner! Carol is very patient :-)