



## Authoring Tool Version 5 upgrades

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The Authoring Tool improves over time due to the upgrades requested by you, our community of users.

Thank you to the Learning Pool customers who requested the enhancements we've built. Your ideas are helping to develop the Authoring Tool so everyone's benefiting from your feedback.

### AT5.4 launched 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Update Area	Description
Publishing	The authoring tool publishing formats has been extended to include a new SCO format (Accessible SCO). In addition we have modified the SCO export to support other standard LMS's which are more limited that the Moodle platform.
Assessment Questions	We have modified the User Input template so that you can track question responses in the course module
Quiz Results Template	We have added a new template that displays the results of User Input questions. This also allows you to customise the feedback to the learner dependent on the number of answers they get correct
Flash Resize support	We have added support in the authoring tool to resize flash files in the tool so that they display at the most appropriate size on the page.
Help file	The tool now allows you to reference a help file for the course module.
Output design options extended	We have added a facility to include all files that are contained in the include_files folder.
Accessible Format	Our tool allows the author to automatically create an accessible version of a course module to adhere to the AAA standards. Once this design feature is turned on it allows authors to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide alternative versions for each page of the course module</li><li>• Provide text transcripts for rich media content (flash and multimedia)</li><li>• Preview the course module in the accessible format</li><li>• Accessibility diagnostic tool</li></ul>
Advanced course options	We have add a facility for authors to customise the overall templates used when creating a course module including modification of alternative text for buttons used in the course module, font colours used for the project and accessible template descriptions
Improved Assessment Diagnostics	The Instructional diagnostic tool has been extended to provide diagnostic information for the new assessment features of the tool
Publishing assessment SCORMing options	When publishing in Single or Multi SCO formats which have assessments addition SCORMing features and diagnostics have been added.

## ATV5.3 launched 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009

### New template

1. New **Embedded content template** so you can now include streamed content from LPTV, YouTube and VideoJug etc in your e-learning.

### Template enhancements

1. **Extra page length** added to reduce unnecessary scrolling on the following templates – **hot text, clickable graphic, multiple choice question** and **select from list**.
2. Optional **Forward button only available when page is complete** button giving the author the option of not allowing the student to progress until they have completed this page. Added to the following templates – **multiple choice question, select from list, drag and drop** and **single column drag and drop**.
3. Ability for the student to **view their questions and answers on page completion**. Added to the **single column drag and drop** template for use with a matching question.
4. Optional **colour background** added to the **open input feedback** template to allow text to be emphasised by different background colours
5. Optional **Show printable Version message** functionality added to the **open input** template giving the author the option of allowing learners to print the page or not.

### Project Main Page enhancements

1. Ability for the author to **edit the directional copy** on the front page of a course.
2. Ability for the author to **attach a help document** to a course.
3. Ability for the author to **add a Print button** to a course.

### Tools enhancement

1. Enhanced **Text Find and Replace** that now allows authors to see the word being changed and the option to skip. Added to Menu options: Text Find & Replace

### Glossary enhancement

1. Addition of new **cut and paste glossary items** functionality to allow authors to copy glossary records between courses. Authors can copy from one course and paste into a new course; the paste functionality will only add new records to the target Glossary. Added to User Defined Glossary template

### Project Preview change

1. **Repositioning of the grey bar** for project preview mode to the top of the page rather than the bottom.

### Publishing enhancements

1. Optional **Ensure sections completed in sequence** functionality added so the author can control a student's progress through a course. This is available for **HTML output** and **Single combined SCO output**.
2. Optional **Bookmark pages within sections** functionality added to record where the student exited the course, allowing them to come directly back to this page in a section. This available for **Single combined SCO** and **Individual Section SCO output**.



## ATV5.2 launched 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008

### Additional features:

1. Increased efficiency on project preview for speedier displays
2. Network improvements for situations where all work has to be held on a network
3. Enhanced open input template. Printable version message can be marked invisible.
4. Email to Link added to the links on formatted text
5. Ability to add a demo file to the HTML output so authors can demonstrate the HTML code locally with a closer representation to how the project would appear in a LMS
6. Allow branding image resize for improved versatility with overall look and feel

## ATV5.1 launched 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008

Original Live Release with the standard basic version 5 functionality.

### Top 10 new features

1. **Multi Document Interface**  
Like MS Word you can now work on a number of documents at once, allowing you to cut and paste between courses.
2. **Most Recent Used List**  
A handy display of the last 5 projects you worked on. Great for shortcut loading and/ or quick reference.
3. **Glossary**  
Create a Glossary in your courses in a number of formats. Link to an external glossary (eg in your DLE or intranet) or to an internal glossary that you've created inside the course.
4. **Redesigned templates**  
Templates are now displayed in tabs for immediate access to all inputs. No more incessant scrolling up and down pages. The functionality is now pop-up menu led to save time and make authoring easier.
5. **More multiple choice**  
The pre-set default values help you get started and the options can be as high as 10 if you need them.
6. **Simpler editing**  
New combined text & graphics and graphics & text inputs to one template allow you to preview and edit more easily.
7. **Accessibility**  
Choose whether to create a text only version for accessibility when you publish the course.
8. **SCORM compliant**  
The output is fully compliant for SCORM 1.2. Choose whether to output as a single SCO with all sections included or as multiple objects as before.
9. **Audio**
10. **Cut and Paste**  
You can now cut and paste individual pages and complete sections within a course or between a number of different courses.

## Eleven New Templates

1. Introduction and summary templates  
Allow authors to input a lot of text information on screen at the same time.
2. Text with graphic template  
Now with the option of positioning the graphic on the left or right of the screen. This revision will improve usability and provide more flexibility; authors can view either positioning easily and quickly before deciding.
3. Hot text  
Create a 'click and reveal' screen based on text. Up to 10 hot text entries can be built into any one screen.
4. Clickable graphic  
Gives the option to 'click and reveal' based on a graphic. Improved options management plus up to 10 fields available.
5. Open Input Template  
Gather learner's opinion at various points through the course. Significantly improved to give more flexibility, including better indexes and presentation of information, as well as editable headings.
6. Index functionality  
Compare and contrast learner's input with course defined correct answers using the index functionality from the open input template.
7. Multiple choice question with feedback  
Test the learner's knowledge and provide short feedback. Now with increased number of options for greater flexibility.
8. Select from list with feedback  
Provide another question type where learners have to select all the right answers. This template has been significantly expanded to allow greater flexibility and usability.
9. Drag and drop  
Ask learners to put the correct response in the correct place. This template has been rewritten and is now much more robust and easy to use.
10. Single column drag and drop  
Brand new template; asks learners to put various options in the correct sequence.
11. Flash  
Brand new template; include all types of multimedia assets including video as well as including simulation elements. Gives fantastic flexibility, allowing authors to include many types of external content.