



Adobe Connect Mobile

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Agenda

- What devices is it available for?
- How do you get the App?
- What functions are supported?
- What functions are not supported?

What devices are supported?

- Android (v2.1)
- Blackberry (v1.7.5)
- IOS (v2.1)



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This tool is actually pretty unique and has evolved over the last 7 years. I have been working with Adobe Connect for quite awhile now and one of the things that I have noticed is that they do tend to listen to their customers. So when their customers ask for new features, they address those feature requests with each new release they have.

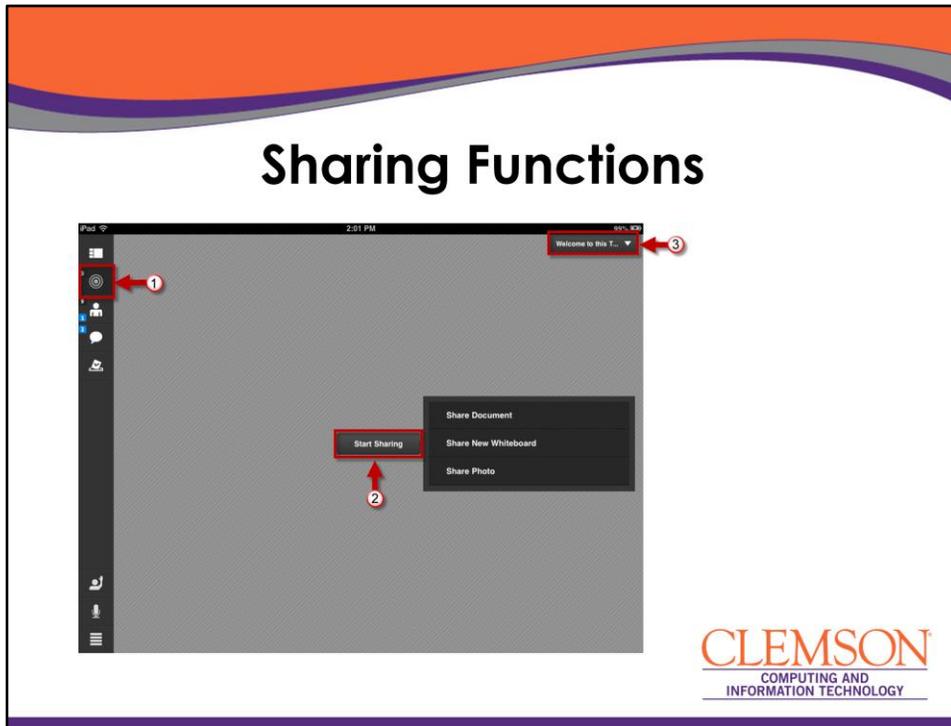
How do you get the App?

- CCIT's [Adobe Connect Resource](#) page
- CCIT's [Taking Tech Talks Mobile](#) page



So let's start by talking about some of the features that are available. I want to show you from our website where you can download that app. Is anyone currently using the Adobe Connect Mobile app to attend classes or participate in a meeting? There are two places on the CCIT website where you can find the app. The main place is our Adobe Connect Resource page. If you go to www.clemson.edu/ccit in the top right corner you will find a search box. If you type, "Adobe Connect", the first link that comes up in the search should be the Adobe Connect Resource page. If you click on "How do I use Adobe Connect?" on the side menu, you will see three buttons. One for the Apple Store, one for the Google Play Store and one for Blackberry World. One thing I did want to make you aware of is the Blackberry version of the App has not been updated in awhile, so some of the features I am showing you today may not be supported on the latest Blackberry phones and devices. It's a free App there is no charge at this time.

Sharing Functions

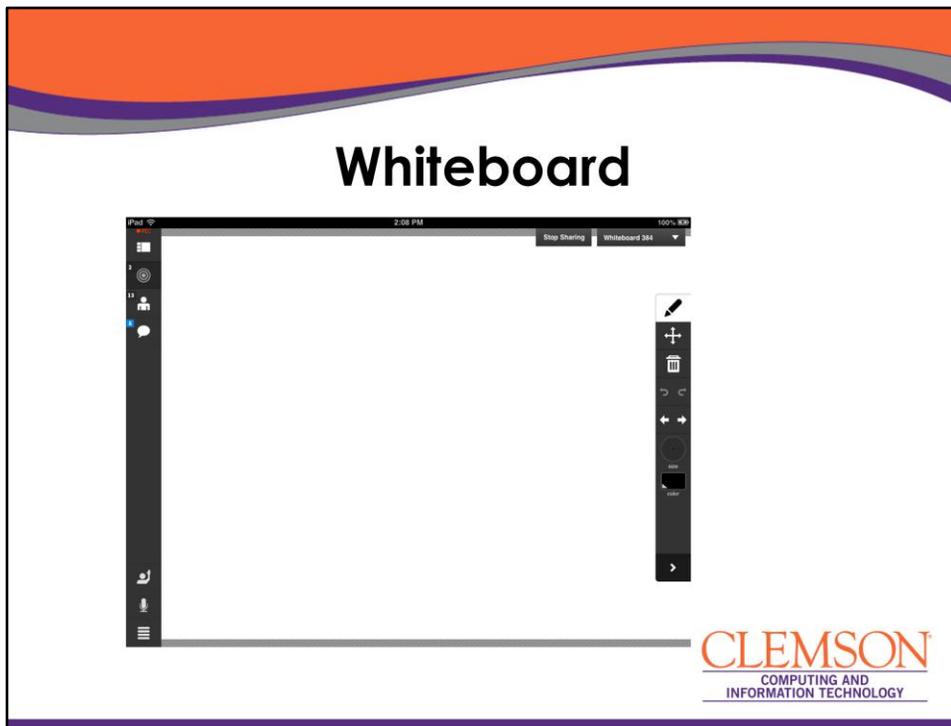


One of the things that I have noticed is that with smaller devices like phones you can open items that you have uploaded into your Content Collection in Adobe Connect, but you can't necessarily share those items from the phone itself. So you have to actually move those files from your phone to your computer and upload them into Adobe Connect first.

So what I would like to do is share some screenshots with you from my iPad. As you can see you can share documents from your iPad or your mobile device. This is really cool it has come quite a long ways since the first version. In the first version you had to have the content uploaded into the meeting space. You couldn't share anything from your mobile device. As you can see now though you have 3 options:

- Share document
- Share New Whiteboard
- Share photo

The bullet looking icon takes you to a specific share pod. Then you can switch between share pods by clicking on the drop down menu in the top right corner. To start sharing something different in the selected share pod, click Start Sharing and select the item to Share.



I know some of the questions that we get a lot for online classes, say a math class, and the faculty member is working with the student and they want to actually want to work through a problem. What you can do is bring up the whiteboard which has a pen icon in the toolbar. You can tap on that and then actually use your finger to work through some math problems. Then if you needed a new page, there is a right arrow button that you can use to add a new page. You could draw a graph if you are talking about the standard bell curve. So there are a lot of possibilities with this. You can even start a recording from the app now. This is not ideal. There are other apps that are designed to actually allow you to ink and record on your iPad like Educreations and then you can move the file off and upload it to a server to be viewed by your students.

Faculty have been asking for this feature for awhile. We submitted a request for it and they added the feature.

You have a selection option and a trash can so that you can select and delete items from the whiteboard.

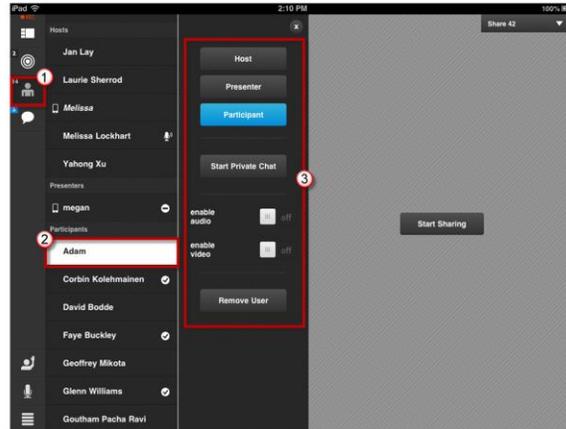
You also have the undo and redo option

The left and right arrows allow you to go to the previous and next pages

There is a size wheel to allow you to increase the size of the ink on the whiteboard

And a Color option where you can change the ink color.

Managing your Meeting space

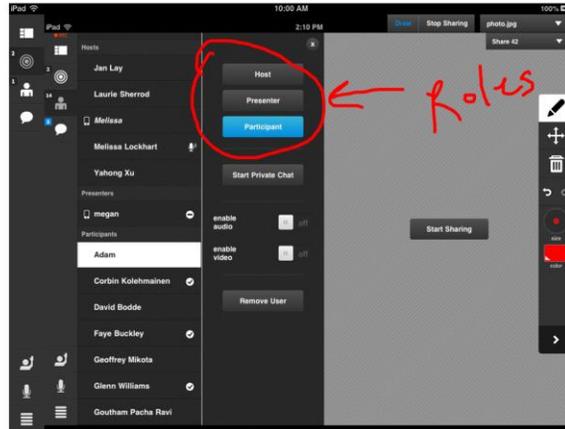


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As a host of the meeting you have a lot of different rights from the mobile app which is really nice. There has been several times where I have been at the beach or on vacation and I have been helping out with Mobile Mondays or Tech Talks and I have been thinking to myself great I have to carry my laptop with me, it's so heavy. Keep in mind that there is actually a lot more functionality to the iPad or tablet than there is on the phone. This is a screenshot from the tablet. With the app you can actually choose a person that is in the Attendee list, then :

- select whether to change their role or their permissions in the meeting space (like adding audio or video permissions)
- Start a private chat with them or
- I can remove them altogether from the meeting space

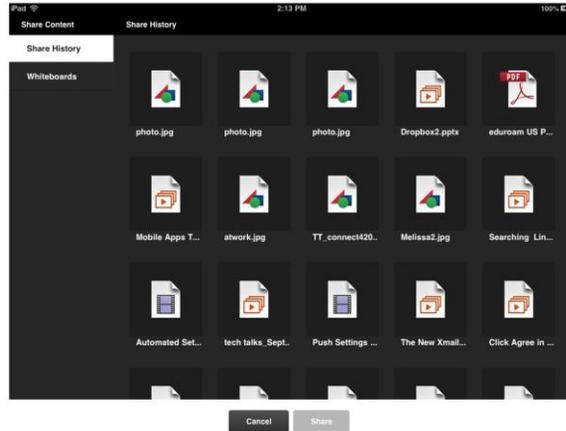
Share a Photo



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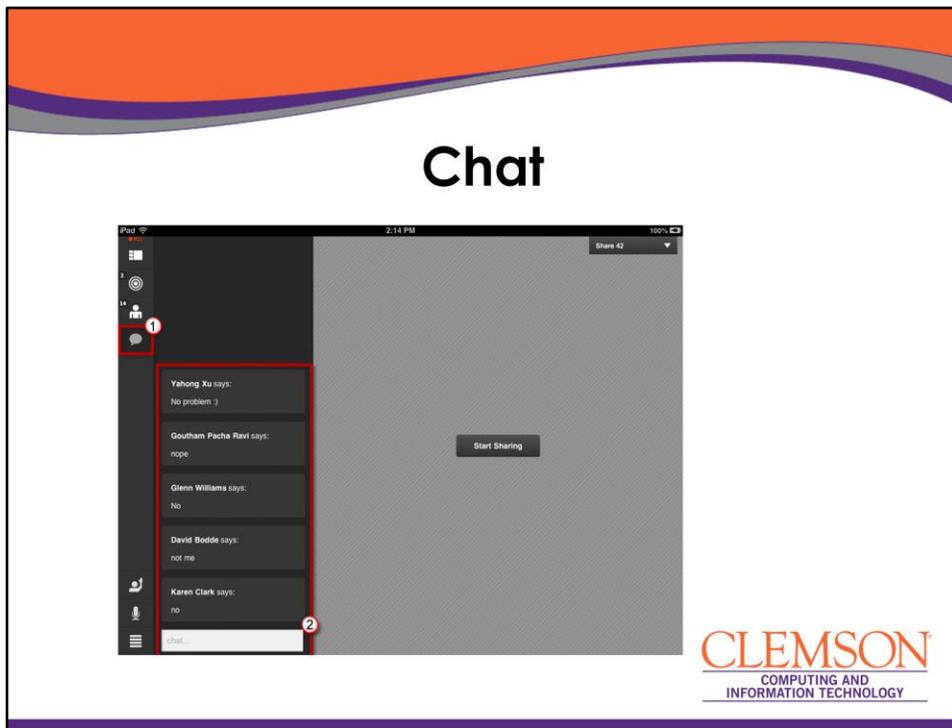
You can upload a picture and then ink over the top of it by using the drawing tools. I can use the selection tool on the Drawing toolbar to delete a part of the drawing. So if I selected the wrong part of it, I can delete it. The only one thing you can't share from the device itself is the device. So if you were wanting to share how to use an app on the device this functionality is not available. You can share a document, a whiteboard or a photo, or something that was shared previously in the meeting space.

Shared Documents/History



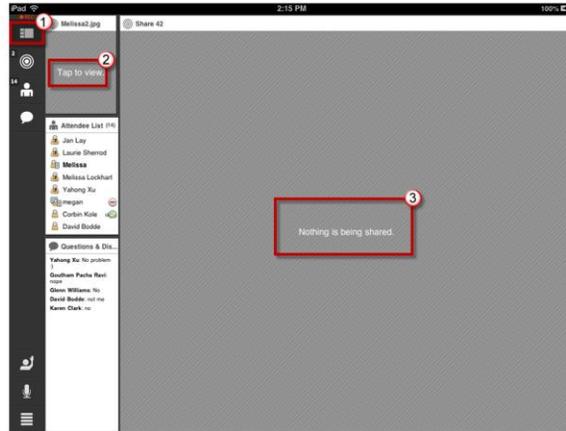
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On the left you can see that there is Share History, Share Content and Whiteboards. Select the item to share and click Share.



The next icon on the menu is the Chat icon. Then it shows the chat history. If there is more chat available than what you can see, then it becomes a scrollable window. The cool thing about this is that it tries to also keep you up to speed with what is being shared with the Share pod as well.

Layout View

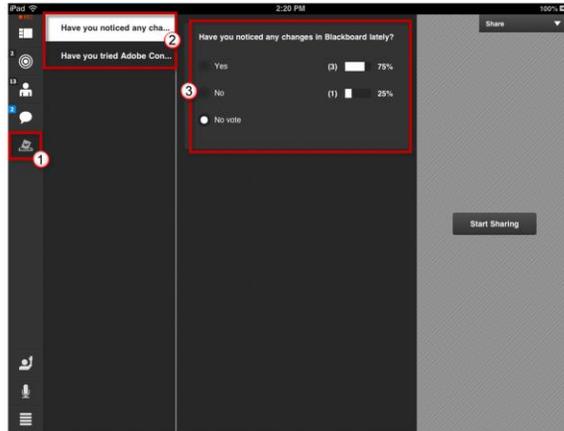


When you choose the top icon on the toolbar, it brings up the Layout View. You will notice that there are two boxes that are gray. One says, “Tap to View”. The other says, “Nothing is being shared.”

There are two share pods on this particular layout in Adobe Connect. If I tap on the share pod that says “Tap to View,” that would allow me to view what was going on in that Share pod. It’s a toggle though. So for example, say I had the clock in share pod 1 and in share pod 2 I had a screen shot being displayed. If I click on Share pod 1 the clock would be displayed. If I clicked on Share pod 2 the screenshot would be displayed. The contents of only 1 share pod at a time can be displayed.

The other thing is that sometimes you will find there is content like an FLV or SWF file. Some of these are videos and some are programmed objects. For example, the clock when loaded will say unsupported content.

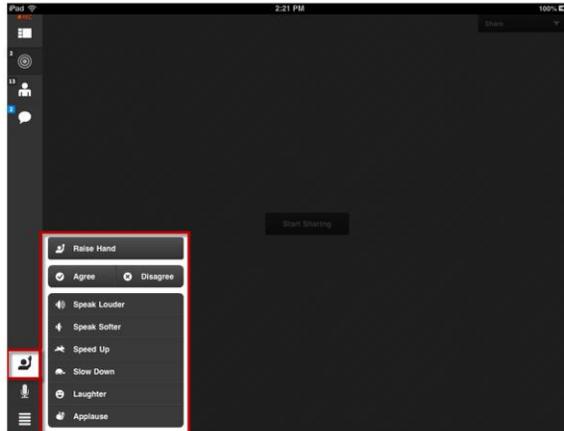
**Polling



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When using polls a new icon will be displayed on the left side of the screen to indicate that there is a poll. When you click on this, if there are multiple polls then you will be able to select which poll you would like to complete and then select your answers. You can only create or display polls from the Adobe Connect meeting space. This is not a feature that can be managed from the Adobe Connect Mobile App.

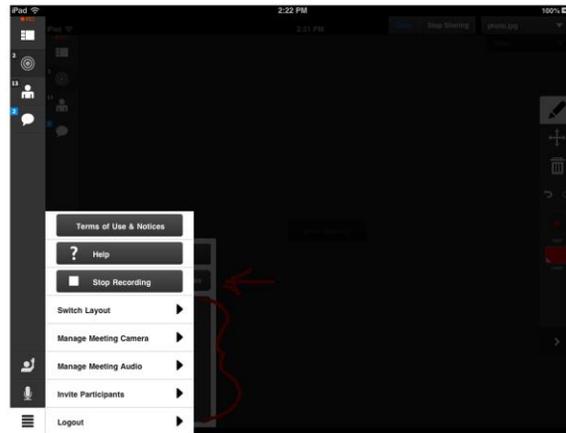
Status Indicator



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Everyone can change their status. This icon will be displayed next to the person's name in the Attendee list. If you raise your hand it will submit a request to the meeting host for you to be able to speak. If they accept this will grant you microphone rights. You can also indicate to the meeting host whether they are going to slow, not speaking loud enough, give them applause for a job well done, or indicate laughter if they said something funny.

Meeting Preferences

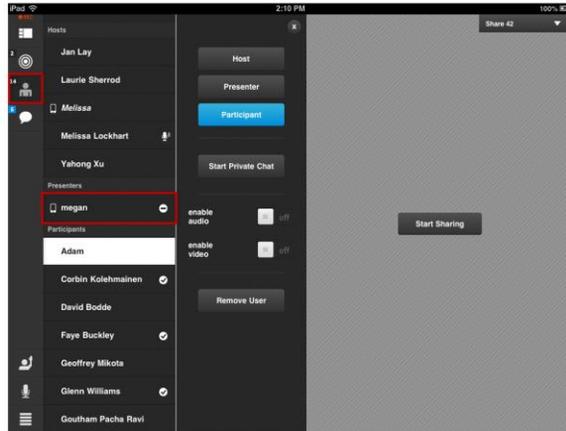


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The meeting preferences are located in the bottom left corner. From here you can:

- Start/Stop a meeting recording
- Change Layouts
- Manage the Meeting Camera
 - You can turn on the video pod and change which camera is being used on your mobile device, the front facing or rear facing.
- Manage Meeting Audio
 - You can enable microphones for all participants
- Invite Participants via email
- Logout or End the Meeting

Attendees



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In the Attendees list you will notice in the Presenters area a person named Megan. This is actually my Android device. When the device fell asleep it automatically marked my status as Stepped Away. As soon as I woke the device up, this status went away. If you were multitasking (checking your email while attending the meeting), the status indicator would change back to Stepped Away. The App is still running in the background. As soon as you tap on the App it changes your status.

Screen Sharing

- Not available from the App

Summary

- Most of what was demonstrated during this Tech Talk was controlled from an iPad.
- This gives you an idea of how much functionality this app truly has.
- On phone devices it is more difficult to control the meeting.
- Microphone issues from mobile devices. Use ear buds to prevent loud screaming.

Summary

- There are some differences between the phone version and the tablet version.
 - Icons are in different places
 - Cannot whiteboard from phone only tablet
- Unsupported File types on mobile devices
 - FLV and SWF
 - Flash files