

Recording Options

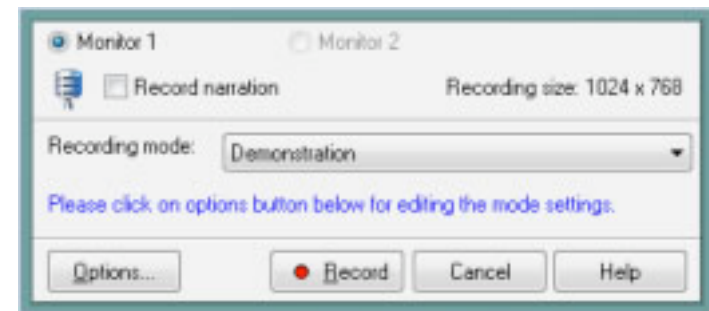
Each recording size – application, custom size and full screen has similar options. The first concerns narration.

- **Recording Narration**

Audio is covered in more detail later on in this course, but if you just can't wait, you can record your narration live as you do the activity.

Live narration can make your project seem more natural and relaxed.

To do this, click the checkbox next to 'record narration'.



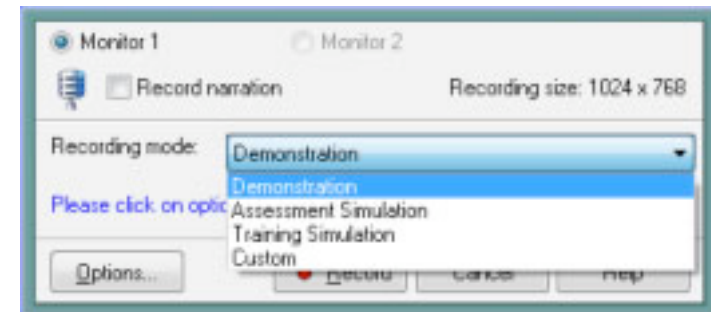
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Before you click 'Record' make sure you have had a look at the further options, as you don't know how to stop recording yet!

- **Recording Mode**

There are four recording modes – 'demonstration', 'assessment simulation', 'training simulation', and 'custom' – before you begin recording, it's worth knowing what you want to produce!

To choose a recording mode, click the drop-down arrow next to recording mode and select the option you wish.



Demonstration

Demonstration does exactly what it says – it will record the steps you take as you demonstrate the activity. Captivate will automatically add highlight boxes and captions to any mouse interactions you do in the recording process.

Assessment Simulation

‘Assessment Simulation’ mode will record your steps as you demonstrate, but replace any action you take with an interaction that you user needs to do – for example, if you click an icon in the demonstration, it will expect you’re user to click the icon. If your user gets this incorrect, then a failure caption is displayed. If they get it correct, then a correct caption is displayed. In an assessment simulation, no hints are given.

Training Simulation

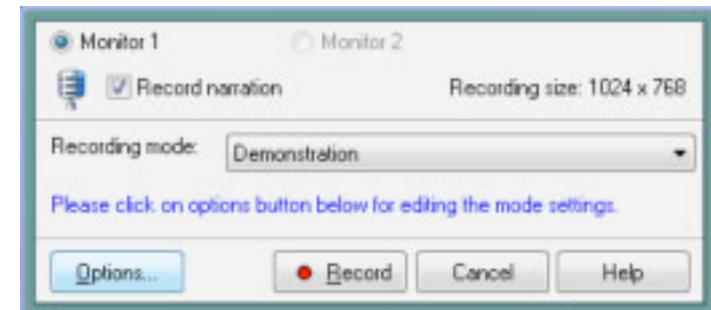
‘Training Simulation’ mode is almost exactly the same as ‘Assessment Simulation’ mode, however in training mode if a user gets a step incorrect, then they are given a ‘hint’.

Custom

'Custom' lets you to customize the kind of simulation you record. For further details about this, see 'Common Options'.

- **Common Options**

For all three sizes of movie, there are common 'Options' to alter. Click the 'Options...' button, and the 'Recording Options' dialog box will open.

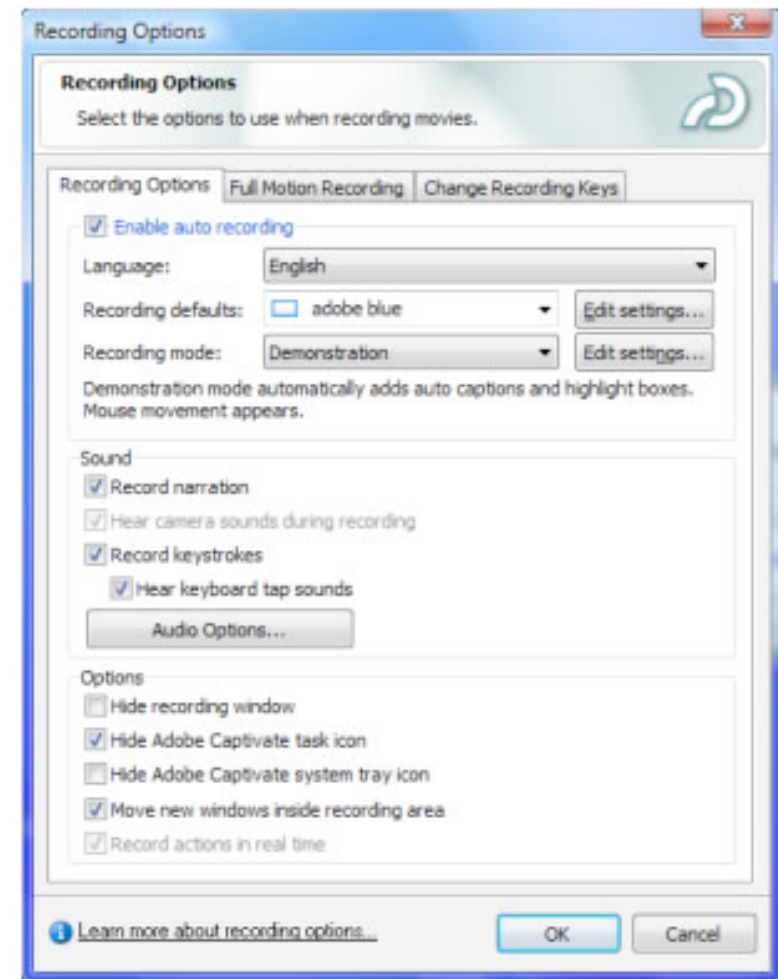


Here you can adjust the colour of highlights and text boxes, the options for sound and the general options for recording.

It is possible to record narration as you record the demonstration – this is covered in more detail in the ‘Recording Audio’ section.

TIP – *it may seem like a great idea to record the audio at the same time as the on-screen activity, in practice this can be very difficult. If you want to your presentation to be quite relaxed, then recording the audio in real time is a great idea. If you want your audio to be quite professional and scripted, then recording the audio after the on-screen activity is probably best.*

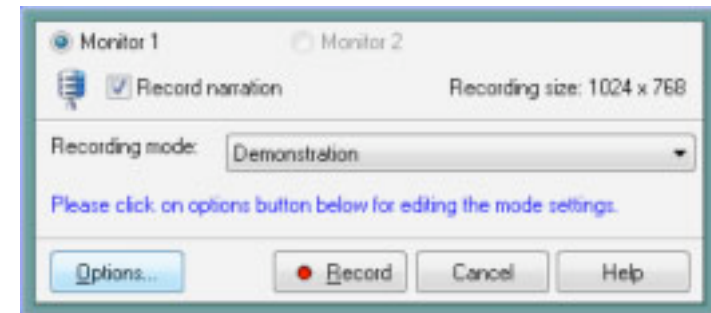
TIP – *it is best to check the box next to ‘Hide Adobe Captivate 2 task icon’, as this makes the simulation as close to a ‘normal’ computer screen layout as possible.*



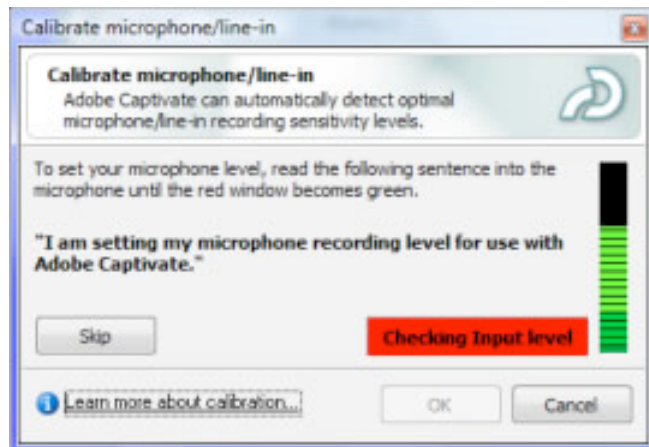
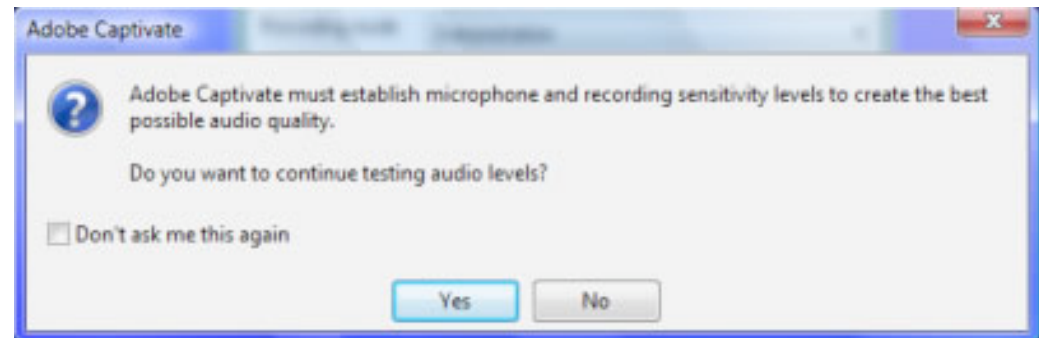
With your options selected, click ‘OK’ to return to the recording dialog box.

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To start recording, click the record button.



If you chose to record narration, you will be prompted to set the recording level of your microphone.



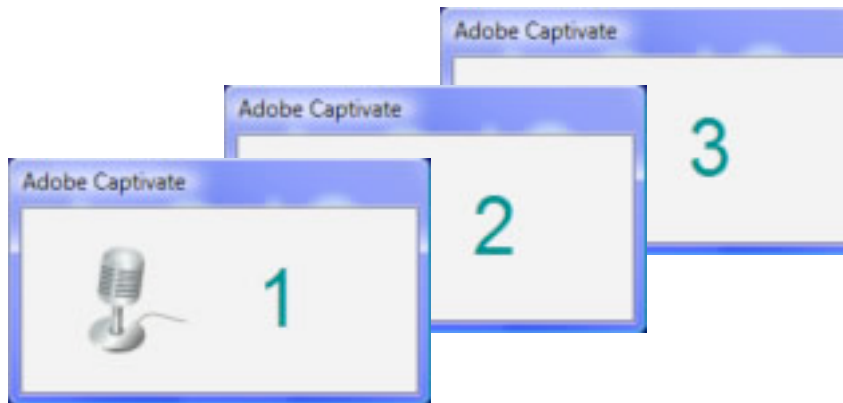
Make sure your microphone is switched on, click yes to do this and read out the sentence shown to you.

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Captivate will adjust the level of your microphone, and you are ready to start.

Click 'OK' to exit the audio dialog box and begin recording.

You will be 'counted in' to begin your



screen capture.

Recording will commence, and the Captivate 2 icon will appear near the clock in the system tray.



At each mouse click or keyboard interaction you will hear the sound of a camera informing you that a screen shot has been taken (you can turn these off in the recording options).

To capture a specific shot of the screen that doesn't involve a mouse click, press the 'Print Screen' key on the keyboard at any time.

To stop recording, press the 'End' key on the keyboard, or click the Captivate 2 icon near the clock in the system tray.

After a moment, you will be taken to the Edit mode of Captivate 2, with the screen activity you just captured present.