

WHAT IS A PLUGFEST?

Learning About Plugfest

The Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory (ADL Co-Lab) sponsors Plugfests to bring together adopters of the Sharable Content Object Reference Model (SCORM®) and other standards-based ADL technologies. Plugfests are events that bring together e-learning stakeholders in government, academia and industry to share lessons learned in becoming SCORM conformant, demonstrate the interoperability and reusability of their ADL products and tools, and to suggest ways and opportunities to refine and update the SCORM suite of documents.

Representatives from learning software developers and content providers from various sectors of government, industry and academia attend and participate in Plugfest.

Plugfests provide participants with a forum for sharing their experiences in converting instructional products to conform to e-learning specifications, such as those represented by SCORM.

“ADL, via the SCORM it has fashioned, has recognized the potential benefit of developing training as relatively small, reusable units of content. By doing so, ADL/SCORM has provided interoperability standards that promise substantial development efficiencies and delivery capabilities. For us, the ADL/SCORM Initiative has enabled capabilities that we apply today, as well as identifying potential to be proven and optimized tomorrow to meet the demands of the global training market.”

Trey Cooper
Sr. Manager, Training & Support Systems,
Instructional Systems
The Boeing Company

Obtaining More Information

For more information about the ADL Plugfests, visit ADLNet.gov.



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Plugfest Participants



The goals and objectives of each Plugfest are different, depending on the status of Sharable Content Object Reference Model (SCORM®) and feedback received from the ADL Community.

Each Plugfest builds on developments from previous Plugfests and the results of user testing and implementation of ADL products and specifications. Plugfest participants help to extend ADL progress by conducting the following activities:

- Testing distributed learning content, tools and systems for interoperability and conformance to SCORM specifications
- Demonstrating learning products to the e-learning community
- Keeping abreast of the latest ADL developments
- Working in collaboration with the ADL Community in evolving ADL specifications and guidelines
- Establishing and maintaining working relationships with e-learning stakeholders.

Participating in Plugfest



E-learning content developers, Learning Management System (LMS) and Learning Content Management System (LCMS) providers, learning tools providers, instructional systems designers and other training professionals and organizations interested in learning about and participating in ADL's advancement of e-learning technologies, specifications and guidelines actively participate in Plugfest events.

