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## **Adobe Captivate 2017: The Essentials**

“Skills and Drills” Learning

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## Confidence Checks

As you move through the lessons in this book, you will come across the little guy at the right. He indicates a Confidence Check. Throughout each module, you are guided through hands-on, step-by-step exercises. But at some point you'll have to fend for yourself. That is where Confidence Checks come in. Please be sure to complete each of the challenges because some exercises build on completed Confidence Checks.



## Book Requirements



This workbook teaches you how to use Adobe Captivate. However, the Adobe Captivate software is not included. The software can be downloaded directly from Adobe ([www.adobe.com/products/captivate.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/captivate.html)). You do not need to purchase Captivate to learn Captivate; the free trial version of the software can be downloaded via the link above. The only limitation on the trial is that it lasts for 30 days from the day you first run the software on your computer.

Besides a computer and Adobe Captivate 2017, here's what else you need to use this book:

**Microphone, Speakers, and/or a Headset:** During the module on Audio, which begins on page 139, you will learn how to import, record, and edit audio. You will need a microphone and speakers or a headset to complete those activities.

**eLearning Assets:** Captivate comes with several images (known as Characters) and Themes. To ensure you have all of the assets you need to complete the lessons in this book, download the eLearning assets from the following URLs:

Windows: [http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017\\_win\\_assets\\_installer](http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017_win_assets_installer)

Mac: [http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017\\_mac\\_assets\\_installer](http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017_mac_assets_installer)

**NeoSpeech:** You will learn how to convert written text into an audio file during activities beginning on page 157. To use the NeoSpeech Text-To-Speech feature, you will need to install the NeoSpeech software after installing Captivate. NeoSpeech comes free with Captivate but is not installed during the Captivate installation process. You can download NeoSpeech from the following URLs:

Windows: [http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017\\_win64\\_voices\\_installer](http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017_win64_voices_installer)

Mac: [http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017\\_mac\\_voices\\_installer](http://www.adobe.com/go/Cp2017_mac_voices_installer)

Some people have a hard time finding the eLearning Assets and NeoSpeech download links because they aren't shown in a drop-down menu. Look for this paragraph: "Adobe Captivate 2017 comes with a wide range of assets which can be used to create great looking eLearning content." You'll find the download link in that paragraph.

**Microsoft PowerPoint:** PowerPoint 2007 or newer is preferred. PowerPoint, which does not come with Captivate, is used during the PowerPoint integration activities beginning on page 188. If PowerPoint is not installed, you will not be able to complete all of the activities.

**Microsoft Word 2007** or newer: Word, which does not come with Captivate, is used during activities beginning on page 237. If Word is not installed, you will not be able to complete all of the activities.

