

Authoring Tools

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Outline

- Quick Overview Of Authoring Tools
- Sameer and Haitham Talk

How do we develop Course Material?

- Can use ad/hoc techniques
 - HTML (website pages)
 - PowerPoint slides, pdf ..., etc
- Can use Authoring tools
 - Commercial tools
 - Open Source (free tools)
 - Tools provided by some LMSs (e.g. MOODLE)



We need Standards

- Different Authoring Tools, Different LMSs cause problems
- Change LMS ... need to rebuild the material ..not good
- Use SCORM Compliant Authoring Tool
- LMS must be SCORM Compliant
- They produce files that Can be Opened with SCORM compliant LMSs
- But “project formats are not compatible” ➔ editing by another tool can be painful



SCORM Compliant Authoring Tools

- Commercial : many , but cost Money
- Best Commercial (according to us) is Course Genie .
It is a plug in for Microsoft Word
- There is also Trident (Commercial) ..
- Open Source (free)
- We are building our own ..free.
- Different Tools produce Material that can be opened
by SCORM compliant

Free (Open Source) Authoring Tools

- eXe, we will adopt this for now <http://eXeLearning.org>
- Reload (use it with eXe)
<http://www.reload.ac.uk/editor.html>
- CourseLab
http://www.courselab.com/db/cle/root_id/download/doc.html

All are SCORM 1.2



Commercial Tools

- Course Genie 2.0 price 200\$: Link:
<http://www.softpedia.com/get/Office-tools/Other-Office-Tools/Course-Genie.shtml>
- Trident 2.0: price 349\$: Link:
<http://www.scormsoft.com/purchase?trident=true>
- Free download trial for one month



Thank you