

## SOUL Flexi-learning: Quick guide

Under SOUL Flexi-learning, instructors and learners are involved in a new mode of collaborative learning. With the deployment of **Macromedia Flash Communication Server MX**, flexi-learning integrates audio, video, chat and messaging into a simple but powerful learning package. Class sessions can be delivered without the constraint of the physical presence at the same place. This mode of learning facilitates two types of class delivery/course events:

- **Recorded sessions – FlashCast**

Videos or audios prepared by the instructors / filmed during the class can be posted on SOUL so that learners can access them anytime. Learners who did not attend a particular live session can view the recorded session afterwards.

- **Real-time sessions – Virtual Classroom**

Unlike traditional face-to-face teaching model, class sessions can be conducted while instructors and learners may not be physically present at the same place. Only with the Internet connection, presentations, topic discussions, concept sharing and demonstrations can be performed flexibly and all can be achieved at ease.

### Basic features of FlashCast

The basic features that participants may utilise when they enter FlashCast include:

- Delivery of high quality streamed session videos with smart indexing
- Personal bookmarks for the video session
- Instant chat with participants
- Resources link repository

Under FlashCast, participants can select the session videos that they want to view; they can chat with other online participants to discuss the learning topics or they can ask questions to their instructors. Instructors can answer these questions immediately through the Instant Chat if they are online or when they login to SOUL System. Both synchronous and asynchronous communications can be performed. Besides, instructors can recommend a collection of linked resources.



