

Functionality

Author Plus enables teachers (and authors) to create interactive online or network-based ICT materials aimed at specific groups of learners.

Activity types

Multiple choice	True/False
Dropdown	Drag and drop
Reading comp.	Target spotting
Proof reading	Presentation
Text reconstruction	Gapfill

Course building

Author Plus enables teachers to create a hierarchical course structure: Course, Units, Exercises, and to link exercises together to form learning paths.

Multimedia capabilities

Activities can include graphics (jpg), audio files (mp3), videos (flv) and can link to websites which may incorporate pdfs or PowerPoint files.

Learning support

Hints	Feedback
Time limits	Printing
Dictionary link	Audio recording

Ten key features

1. Enables teachers to create interactive activities aimed at their students' specific needs.
2. Designed to be accessible to all teachers who can use MS Word and Hotmail. Includes detailed help and a printed user manual.
3. Attractive, clear, easy-to-use learner interface.
4. Wide variety of activity types and multimedia keeps learning interesting.
5. Useful for controlled practice of finite language areas such as vocabulary, grammar, listening and reading comprehension.
6. Equally useful for free practice. Multiple sources of information (audio, video, weblinks) can be attached to a single screen.
7. Includes a Recorder enabling learners to record their voices and compare to a model.
8. Progress function allows learners to analyse their performance and plan their learning.
9. Suits learners of all levels and abilities.
10. Makes publishing high quality interactive ICT materials quick and simple.

Building courses and publishing

Teachers can work independently or collaboratively to create materials and build them into courses. Privacy functions enable teachers to decide when to make their materials available to (a) other teachers and (b) learners.

Progress features

The Author Plus Progress function generates reports on completed activities with score, time, duration; average scores compared with all learners; relative performance in different units (effort and outcome).

Teachers using Results Manager – which comes as part of Author Plus - can generate and print reports for individuals and groups of learners.



Integrated programs

Author Plus can be used to edit the following Clarity content programs: Tense Buster V9, Business Writing, Study Skills Success, Active Reading.

Languages

Author Plus accepts 'left to right' scripts including character-based languages such as Chinese.

Technical

Network versions require Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7. Online versions are hosted by Clarity.

