



Ross Hopkins - CBT Interactive **Creating training materials**

As an IT Support Technician several years ago, I found that the best way to communicate solutions and answers to end users was through an audio visual experience and where possible interactive as well.

As a result, over the years my passion turned from IT Support to creating audio visual, interactive demos and customized training. Generally my output format has been through CD-ROM or DVD, which means you don't need to consider file size too much as opposed to using the Internet.

More and more, I am being asked to provide these same demos and training materials for the Internet. My attitude towards this is positive however I am also a firm believer that just because the onset of Broadband Internet is more widely available and fast enough for this purpose, it does not mean that you should fill up the extra bandwidth with un-necessarily large file sizes.

Enter, BB FlashBack! Into the arena and you have the solution. I already have gotten used to and use a couple of very capable applications to complete my work, however I am constrained to a degree on the projects file sizes, where one of my clients is wanting all the demo's to be no larger than 3MB each but still maintain the same content as much as possible, so they can maximize their website bandwidth while offering the solutions online. So the hunt for a new solution was started.

I downloaded and tested 6 applications and compared these to what I currently use as well as each other, with a focus on file sizes and low learning curve. Immediately, 3 of these applications were eliminated as they did not do real-time recording, but instead took snapshots of the screen/region being recorded, hence you could not efficiently show a scrolling window.

This left 3 applications, but only 1 came through with flying colours for ease of use, file size and ease of post editing, Naturally this is BB FlashBack, with it's excellent time line based editing features, automatic screen resolution changing and quick access to all the features from the system tray icon this has to be the easiest piece of screen recording software out there.

My original file size using my existing software was 4.65MB (well over the 3MB limit) and BB FlashBack was only 2.02MB. While the other applications were under 3MB, they suffered from lack of features and steeper learning curve. I could use BB FlashBack straight out of the box with no reading of any help files or manuals on how to get started. That being said, those unfamiliar with these types of applications will find the help file very easy to follow and understand. In summary, in a world where time is money and so is bandwidth, BB FlashBack saves time and reduces bandwidth and with a no brainer learning curve, it makes the decision to purchase, also a no brainer!



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