

Start-up Sheet: Conversations



What is it? Conversations is Rich Internet Application from Michigan State's Center for Language Center for Language Education and Research. Conversations allows to teachers to ask a question and then prompts the student for a response immediately. Teachers and students can record via webcam or microphone.

Possible Uses: Students can orally respond , asynchronously, to a teacher prompted question.

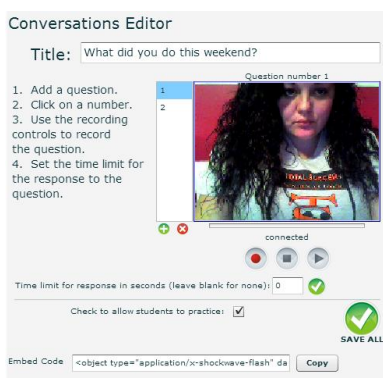
Getting Started: Go to <http://clear.msu.edu/teaching/online/ria/conversations2> and create an account. Create an account with a non-school email, if possible. After your account is created, sign in and click "Rich Internet Applications Portal Page". This link will take you to all of the Rich Internet Application. Click on "Conversations".

Creating a Conversation: On the left hand side, there is a box that has "My Conversations". Inside the box it will say "Start a New Conversation", give the conversation a title and click "ok".

My Conversations:

Start a new conversation:

Click on the pencil to edit the conversation. Once you enter the editor, click on the green plus button to



add a question. Next your face, a number will appear. Highlight this number. Then click on the red record button. You can record yourself asking the question. Then edit the time for how long the students have to respond and click save all. You will need to save all after each question. You may also check to allow students to practice before submitting.

Embedding the Conversation : After saving, you can click copy on the box to copy the embedding code. You can embed the conversation into your wiki or website. You can then play it in your wiki. The student will listen to the question and then the timer will count down how long they have to record their response. The students can also hear the question again, but the timer will continue to run.

