

Version 3.7 of Dynamic PowerTrainer® is designed to be used as a stand-alone solution and in combination with Dynamic PowerTrainer® Manager 3.7 and LearnBase 1.0. Courses can also be published on the basis of SCORM 1.2 for the IMC LMS CLIX and other SCORM compatible Learning Management Systems.

Before installing the new version, please observe the instructions in this document.

For further improvement of the product we ask users of demo and trial versions and customers without a support contract to notify us of any problems or suggestions by completing our online form at http://www.dynamicpowertrainer.com/english/03_servicecenter/support/form_support.php

Customers with an existing support contract can enter their messages online directly into the Support Ticket System. Support contracts for versions 2.0 and 2.61 of the Editor will expire by the end of 2008.

Detailed instructions on using the software can be found in the Dynamic PowerTrainer® manual. http://www.dynamicpowertrainer.com/english/03_servicecenter/download/pdf/manual_dpt.zip

We hope you enjoy working with your new Dynamic PowerTrainer® version.

Installation instructions

- It is possible to install Dynamic PowerTrainer® version 3.7 in parallel to versions 3.0 and 2.61 or older. When you do this it is recommended that you install version 3.0 or older before you install version 3.7.
- The default installation path of version 3.7 is "C:\Program Files\DynamicMedia\PowerTrainer 3.70\". (Dynamic Media will remain in the path name for the time being).
 - If you already have a version 3.50 or a 3.7 beta version installed on your PC, please uninstall it under "Control panel→Software" or "Start→Programs→DynamicMedia→Dynamic PowerTrainer 3.50 (3.70)→Dynamic PowerTrainer 3.50 (3.70) uninstall" (Your configurations such as serial key and templates will be saved!)
- Install the new version 3.7 by starting "Setup_Editor_3_70.exe" from CD or from the unzipped directory.
- Start Dynamic PowerTrainer® under "Start→Programs→Dynamic Media→Dynamic PowerTrainer 3.70→Dynamic PowerTrainer 3.70" or by clicking the link "Dynamic PowerTrainer 3.70" on your desktop.
- If you install a version 3.7 for the first time, you must enter the serial key. Demo users: click on the "Demo" button.
- The directory paths for "Templates", which can be set under "Extras →Preferences", are determined by the new default installation directory "C:\Program Files\DynamicMedia\PowerTrainer 3.70\".
- Using courses created with Dynamic PowerTrainer® version 3.50 and older is possible. Those courses will automatically be updated when first opened with the new version. After saving in version 3.70, however, it will no longer be possible to edit courses in a version 3.0 or older (you can however continue to edit updated courses in version 3.5). You might possibly want to make a copy of your "older" course with the "Save as" function. Additionally, you might want to delete existing older publications of your course in the file system before publishing it again.
- Using skins from versions 3.00 or older is not possible. Skins of versions 3.5 and 3.7 are compatible. Skins are installed by default under the following path: "C:\Program Files\DynamicMedia\PowerTrainer 3.70\Skins\".

Instructions for using Dynamic PowerTrainer® Manager

If you are already using a version of Dynamic PowerTrainer® Manager, please observe the following:

- Courses created with version 3.7 of Dynamic PowerTrainer® Editor are designed and intended for use with Manager 3.7 only.
(**NOTE:** older Manager versions will accept the new courses, which will also run in principle. However, the Manager will internally produce a wrong format identifier in the database. It must therefore be ensured that the Manager and Editor versions correspond.)
- If you are currently using Manager 3.0 and do NOT want to upgrade to Manager 3.7, you should bear in mind the following restrictions:
 - Courses in version 3.5 or 3.7 are using a different learning data string (SCORM) than courses in versions 3.0 or older. It is therefore not possible to display version 3.7 courses in Manager 3.0
 - It is not possible to replace older courses by 3.7 courses. You have to create them as new courses in version 3.7.
 - Courses in versions 3.0 and 3.5 allow you to define final tests in the form of several individual tests. This option is not available in Manager 2.0, since the required processing capacities for partial tests are provided only from Manager 3.0.
 - Import and administration of learning data from offline learning courses (online/offline synchronisation) is done via LearnBase.

1. Changes in version 3.7

- Different course publications for use in an LMS and offline
- Editor creates interface for LearnBase during publishing process
- DPTfilelist.exe creates interface for SCORM courses for integration into LearnBase
- SCORM 2004 can be created during publishing process at course level
- version.html file containing information about the Editor version is created when publishing a course
- "Information on question" can be activated in the skin as an optional switch (for final tests only)
- Bit rate for MP3 files can be set in the skin as an optional switch
- New publication parameter in offline mode for automatic creation of a subdirectory with date/time

2. Changes in version 3.5 SP2

- Optimisation of translation import function
- Troubleshooting concerning evaluation of questions and final exam
- Troubleshooting concerning display of MS Office contents
- Optimisation concerning display of PowerTrainer® questions
- Improved stability

3. Changes in version 3.5 SP1

Troubleshooting concerning:

- Start of Preview window
- Drop-down fields
- Evaluation of Multiple Choice questions
- Trados translation import

4. Changes in version 3.5

- New Player technology
- New skins with filter and search functions
- New publishing process with improved stability and performance
- Use of FLV videos in PowerTrainer sequences and questions
- Individual skins with more flexibility

- Different diploma templates within the same skin
- New glossary
- Possibility of integrating SCORM learning objects
- Supporting SCORM 2004 at learning object level (replacing SCORM 1.2)
- AICC is no longer supported

5. Changes in version 3.0 SP4

- Adjustment to the new Flash security concept
- Troubleshooting concerning evaluation of Multiple Choice questions
- General bug fixes and improved stability

6. Changes in version 3.0 SP3

Editor:

- Also available in French

Course:

- Troubleshooting concerning Polish characters
- Troubleshooting concerning evaluation of questions
- Troubleshooting concerning “FIX” function in final exam
- Troubleshooting concerning background colour

7. Changes in version 3.0 SP2

Editor:

- Final version of the manual (available via menu item „?“)
- Troubleshooting concerning the preview of variables in PowerTrainer sequences and questions: Variables were not shown
- Troubleshooting concerning the publishing process of SCORM courses, level “Lesson” and “Chapter”:
 - Not all terms were shown in the glossary
 - The manifest file was created incorrectly
- Text alignment (left, centered, right) enabled for the following text field types in PowerTrainer questions:

- All question types: Question text field
- Single Choice, Multiple Choice, Multiple Yes/NO: Answer text fields
- Drag and Drop: Source field, destination text field, destination text field
- Fill in Blanks: Background text field
- Program simulation: Text field

Course:

- Troubleshooting concerning variables: The values of dynamic variables were shown incorrectly
- Troubleshooting concerning the display of buttons in PowerTrainer questions:
 - The button “Information” in a question pool was not shown correctly
 - The mouseover- and click-graphics of buttons were not shown correctly

8. Changes in version 3.0 SP1

Editor:

- Support of context menus for the operating system Windows Vista
- Improved stability of PowerTrainer questions: Feedback, link to file or URL, question type “Drag and Drop”
- Improved stability when using the preview function for learning objects

Course:

- Expanding of supported languages: Bulgarian, Danish, Finnish, Greek, Dutch, Norwegian, Russian, Swedish and Serbian
- Improved stability when synchronising learning data with the Dynamic PowerTrainer Manager.

9. Changes in version 3.0

Editor:

- Use of PNG graphics for the generation of PowerTrainer questions
- Use of Flash files (*.SWF) in PowerTrainer sequences and questions
- New improved icons in the toolbar
- Toolbar extensions for changing text properties.
- Improved preview function for PowerTrainer sequences and questions through display in browser.
- New function “Single publication” for publishing single learning objects.
- New score scheme for question types Multiple Choice, Multiple Yes/No, Drag and Drop.
- New definition of threshold. The threshold value is no longer applied to the number of answers given, but to the points achieved.

- The new technology has eliminated a few functions:
 - Integrated user evaluation is no longer available (this functionality can be provided to a better and much greater extent by the Manager)
 - The storage path of the user files can no longer be chosen freely in the course wizard (details see Flash8.pdf)
 - The generation of "Powertrainer HTML" sequences is no longer supported, but existing sequences can still be edited.
 - The creation of context menus in PowerTrainer "Program simulation" questions has been reduced to one level. In addition, the context menu always contains a fixed entry "About Adobe Flash Player version number...", which cannot be hidden according to manufacturer regulations.
 - Publishing a course in the "Kiosk" start mode is no longer possible, since this function is no longer supported by Internet Explorer 7. The desired effect can be achieved by pressing the F11 key.

Course:

- The change from Java to Flash technology results in major performance improvements for published courses (e.g. when starting the course and when loading questions and tests)
- Java is no longer a system requirement, Flash 8 or higher is sufficient.
- The learning status is saved after each learning object when learning online with the Dynamic PowerTrainer® Manager.
- New additional skin "PowerTrainer Standard2"
- It is recommended to start offline courses with the file "start.exe". This makes sure that the required system settings for Flash are set and that the learning data are stored on the local PC (details see Flash8.pdf).
- The new technology has eliminated the following functions:
 - No online / offline synchronisation with Dynamic PowerTrainer® Manager.
 - Course-integrated email function no longer available.
 - Offline learning data from V2.* courses can no longer be loaded.