WHAT DO WE MEAN BY RAPID AUTHORING FOR ELEARNING?

Pre-built Themes

Themes govern style, look and feel to ensure consistency across all of your course content. A good rapid authoring tool will have numerous pre-created themes so that your authors don't have to spend time setting these up and can start creating new courses straight away.

A Rapid Authoring tool should (just as the name suggests) enable you to develop an engaging and appealing eLearning course, from start to finish, quickly and easily, without having to build everything from the ground up.

There are many tools that profess to deliver rapid authoring, so here's some pointers on the key features to look out for.

Image

Library

There should be an

extensive stock of

images accessible in the

tool, so you don't have

to spend time or budget

creating your own.

Simple Interactions

You should be able to easily set up interactions on your page, for example setting an element to be a trigger for another action, i.e. Show/Hide content, Show Pop-Ups, Toggle elements, etc. This process should be simple and intuitive.

Key features of a Rapid Authoring eLearning tool

Learning tool

PowerPoint Import

A good rapid authoring tool will also enable you to import pre-created content such as PowerPoint presentations in order to quickly convert into an eLearning course.

Template Sets

A comprehensive selection of templates should be available to choose from. These should cover different page styles, including questions and assessments, but shouldn't be too restrictive, enabling you to create pages in many different layouts.

Preview and Publish

Previewing each page of your course should be possible as you're developing it, to quickly see how it will look to the Learner. Publishing should be quick and easy, with multiple outputs such as SCORM, xAPI or web package, direct to LMS, LRS or desktop.