



Using Full Duplex Audio in Elluminate Live!

Elluminate Live! version 7 supports full duplex audio. Full duplex audio allows up to four people to talk simultaneously in an Elluminate session. As a result, small group collaboration is easier. Communication between co-presenters and panel discussions are enhanced by the easy flow of conversation when two or more participants can talk. With this feature, users simply click the Talk button to start a conversation.

By default the session is set for one talker at a time. The moderator can easily increase the number of simultaneous talkers from one up to four at any time during the session. This is done by selecting **Tools > Audio > Allow Simultaneous Talkers**.

Best Practices

When using full duplex audio there are several strategies to ensure a smooth conversation during the session.

1. We highly recommend that you use a headset or an echo-cancellation microphone during the session. When audio is transmitted from external speakers with full duplex audio, if you leave your microphone open while others are speaking, they will hear an echo as their audio is transmitted back into your microphone.
2. For meetings held in conference rooms, we recommend that you use an echo cancellation microphone. At Elluminate, we have successfully used products by ClearOne and Phoenix Audio. Specifically, we recently tested the Phoenix Audio Duet Executive – see <http://www.phnxaudio.com> for more information. This device is an echo-cancellation microphone for VOIP but also allows a standard phone to be plugged in for bridging participants on an audio conference and VOIP. Multiple units can be daisy-chained together for coverage of a larger conference room.
3. There is a slight delay in the transmission of the audio. So users may need a bit of practice to ensure that they don't talk over one another.
4. For larger groups, define the session etiquette where users raise their hand before they begin speaking. This will ensure that the current speaker pauses allowing the next speaker to be heard. As common to conference calls, users often speak at the same time, so using the participant management features in Elluminate Live! will allow you to seamlessly coordinate who is talking at any given time.

