

2020.09.25 Cobre U2Course Quick Start Training

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U2Course is a customized implementation of Xerte open source software from Apereo. This implementation has been customized to run with the Simply! Tracking LMS. This is a very basic introduction to features to allow you to quickly build and put training online.

Use google Chrome or MS Edge Chromium to go to:

<http://cobre-skillstracking.fqm.internal/NET/eLearning/Account/Login.aspx>

Login as:

CompanyID: 1473

LoginID: author1

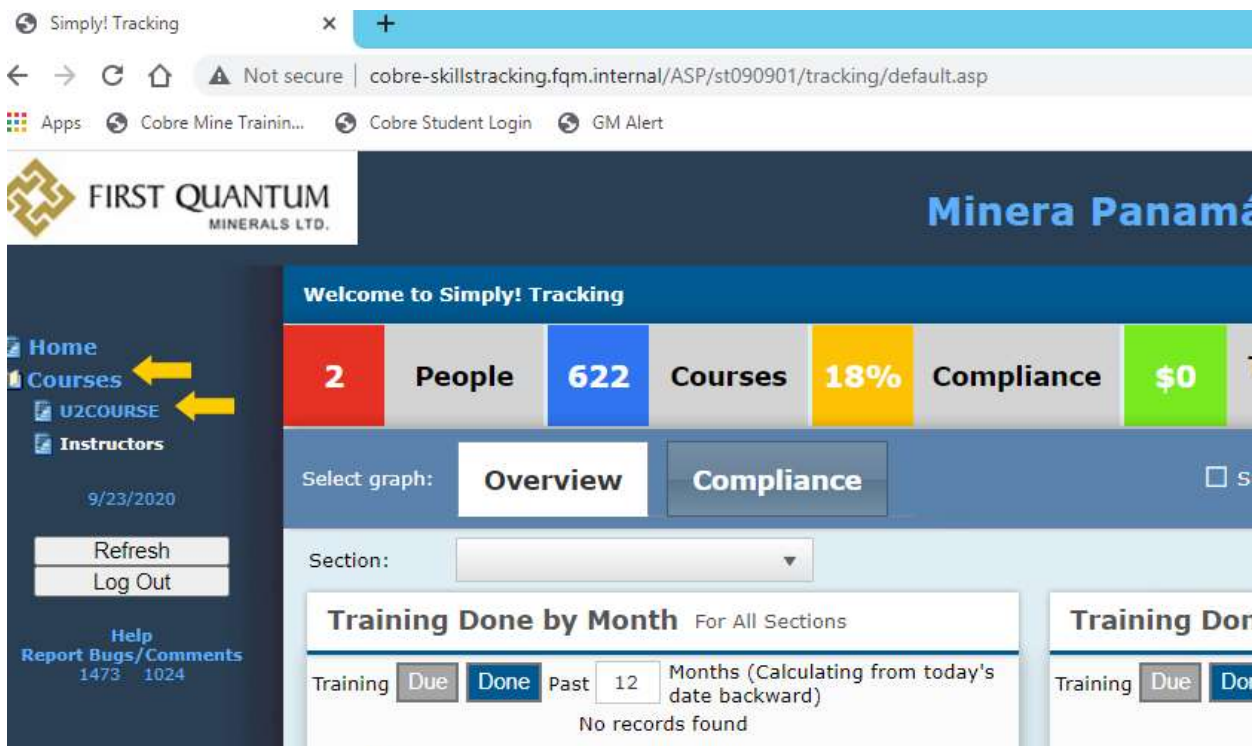
Password: western5star



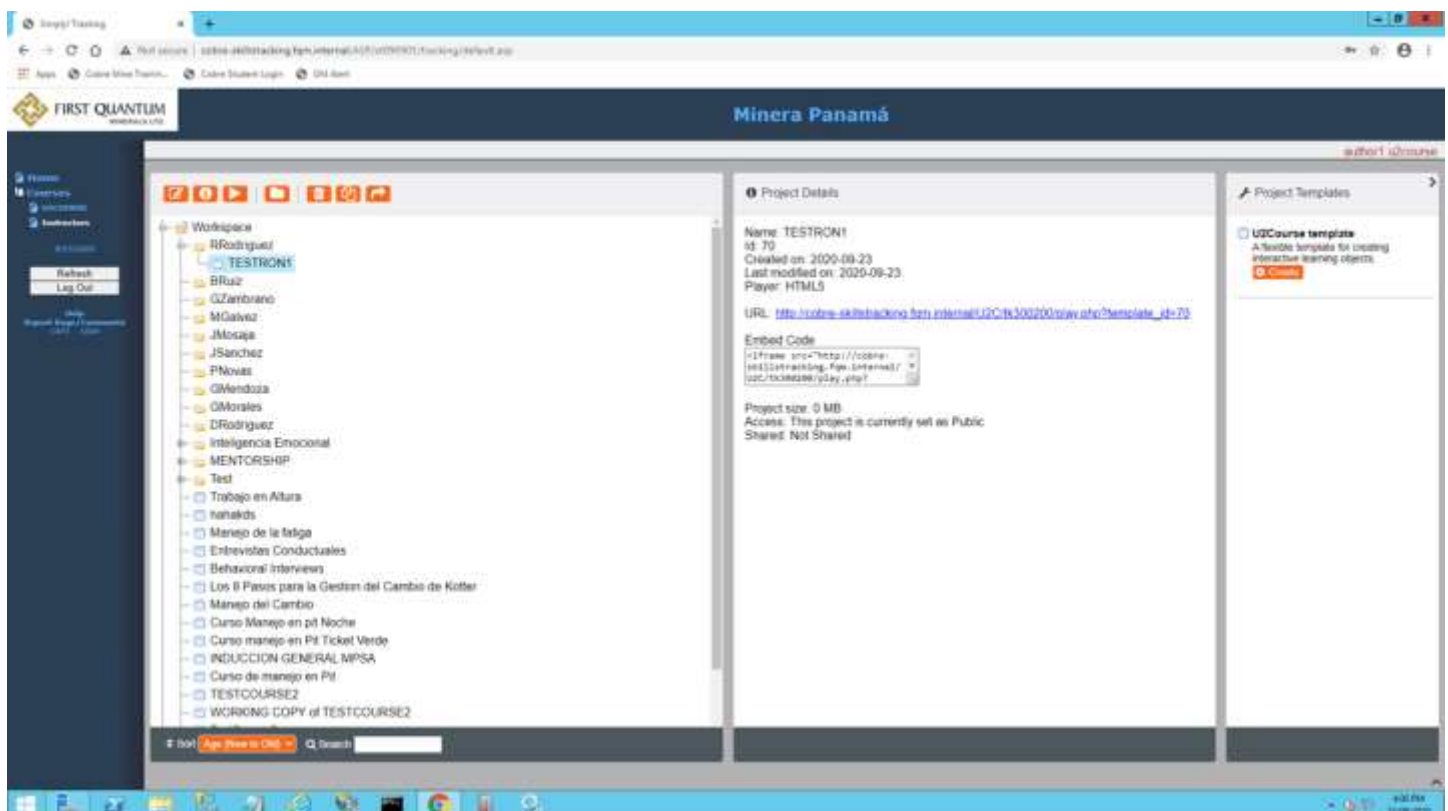
The screenshot shows the login interface for the 'Simply! Tracking Manager' by First Quantum Minerals Ltd. The page has a dark blue header with the company logo and name. Below the header, there's a black bar with the text 'Simply! Tracking Manager Login'. Underneath, there are two buttons: 'Log In' (with a key icon) and 'Contact Us' (with a person icon). The main content area is a light blue box with a 'Log In' label at the top left. Inside this box, there are three input fields: 'Company ID' with a dropdown menu showing '1473 - Minera P...', 'Login ID' with the text 'author1', and 'Password' with masked characters '.....'. A 'Log In' button is located at the bottom right of the input fields.

Note: This is a generic login for all course authors. All authors will see all courses, but your courses should be created in your individual folder.\

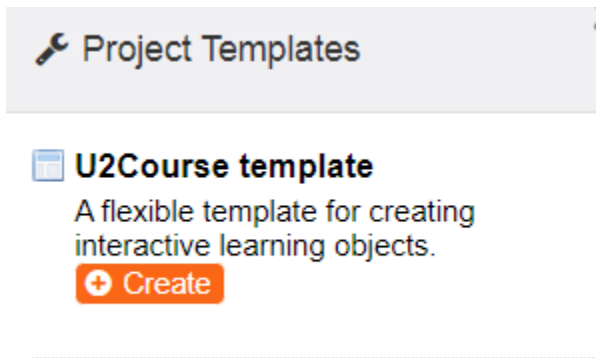
In the tree on the left, click on 'Courses', then on 'U2Course'. The instructors node should not show, it will be removed.



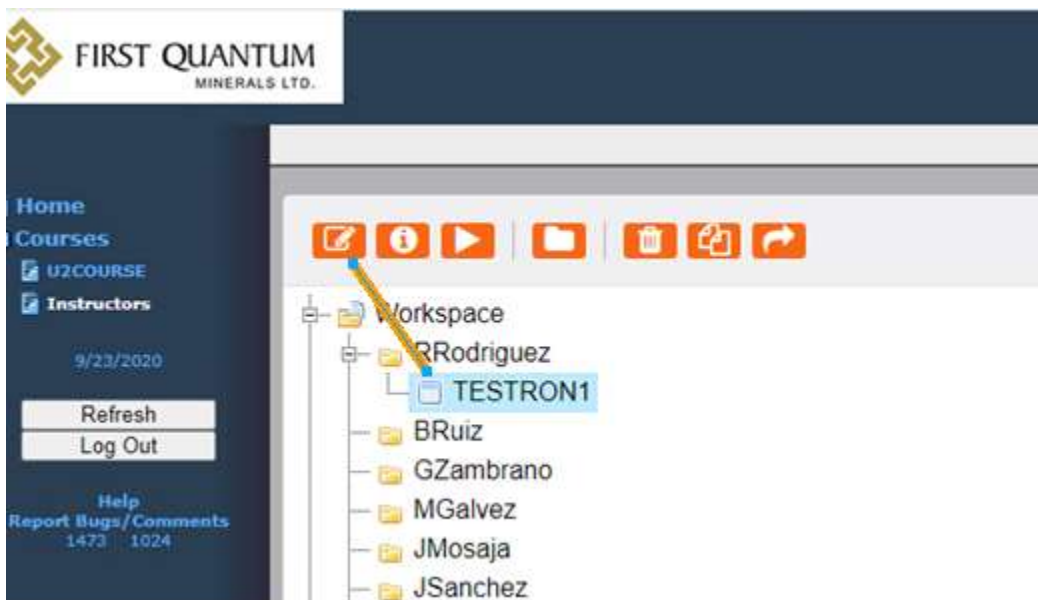
The U2Course builder window will open. A folder has been created for you to put your courses into. There are three panels: courses and controls on the left, details in the middle, and a button to create a new course on the right (called a 'template').



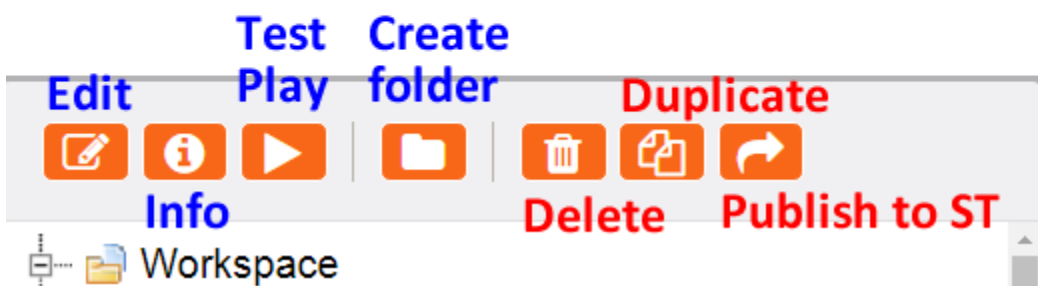
To create a new course in the RRodriguez template, click once on the RRodriguez folder, then click on the right panel 'Create' button and name the project. I've named this one 'TESTRON'.



The empty course will be created. Click to highlight the course, then click the 'Edit' button:



NOTE! Until you are experienced or authorized, only use the three buttons on the left! You will use 'Edit' often, the others rarely.



Leave the three buttons on the right to the manager that controls the system.

When edit is clicked, the course will open to be edited. The icons on the left are pages in the course. The first icon is always the 'learning object'. It is very important and cannot be deleted. When you are clicked on any icon, parameters will appear on the right. For your courses you should ensure these are set as below with these changes:

- Put a realistic name in place of 'Learning Object Title' (like "Mine Safety 1")
- Leave the them at Xerte Online Toolkits, or you may try others for cosmetic effect
- Change the display mode from 'Default' to 'Fill Window' (normally)

The screenshot shows the U2COURSE editor interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a tree view containing 'Learning Object Title' and 'Enter Page Title'. The main area displays a form with the following fields and values:

Learning Object Title	Learning Object Title
Navigation	Linear
Default Text Size	12
Language	English (en-GB)
Theme	Xerte Online Toolkits
Display Mode	Default
Responsive Text	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

At the top right of the form, there are buttons for 'Play' and 'Save'.

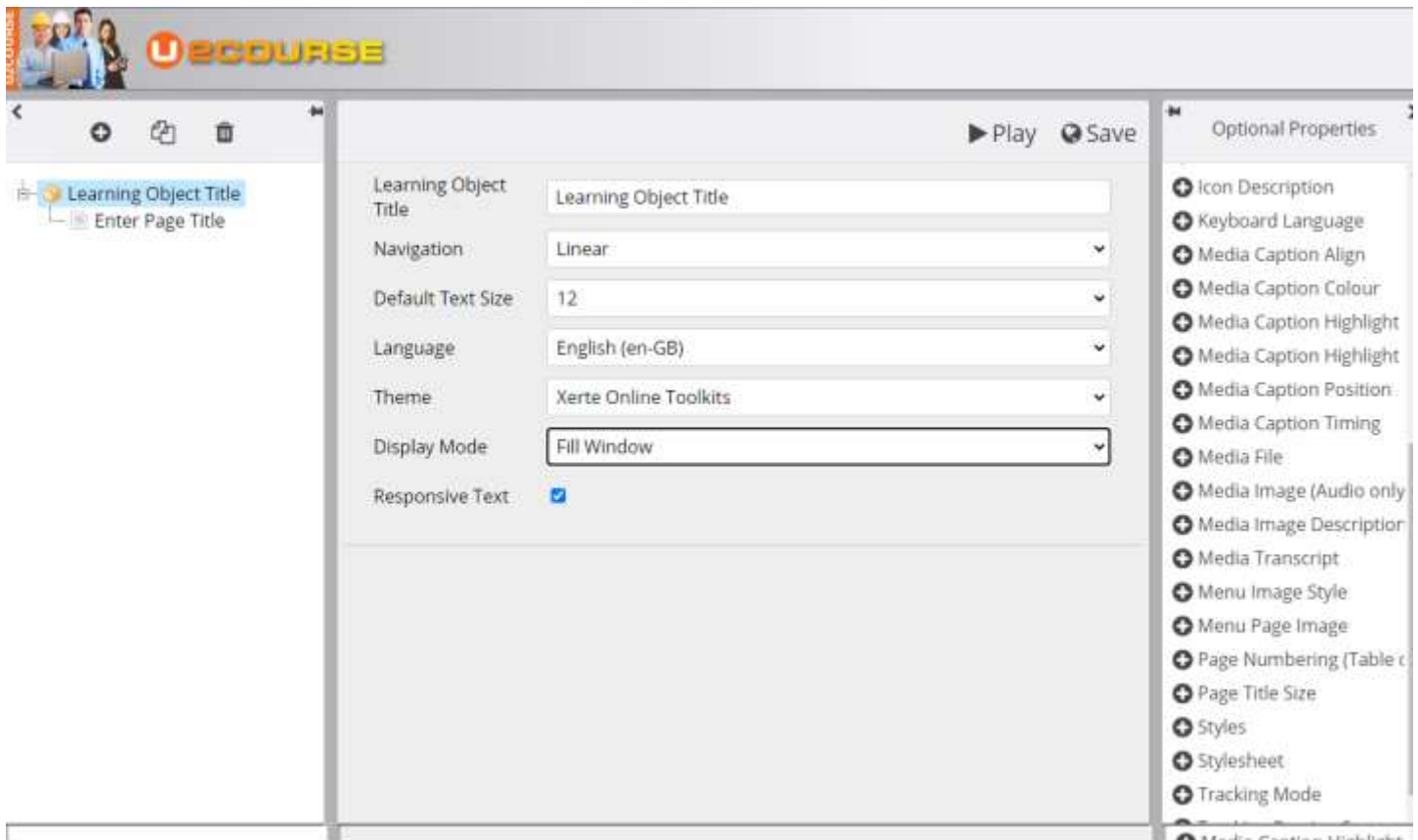
This image is a close-up of the 'Display Mode' dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing the following options:

- Default
- Default (highlighted in blue)
- Full Screen
- Fill Window

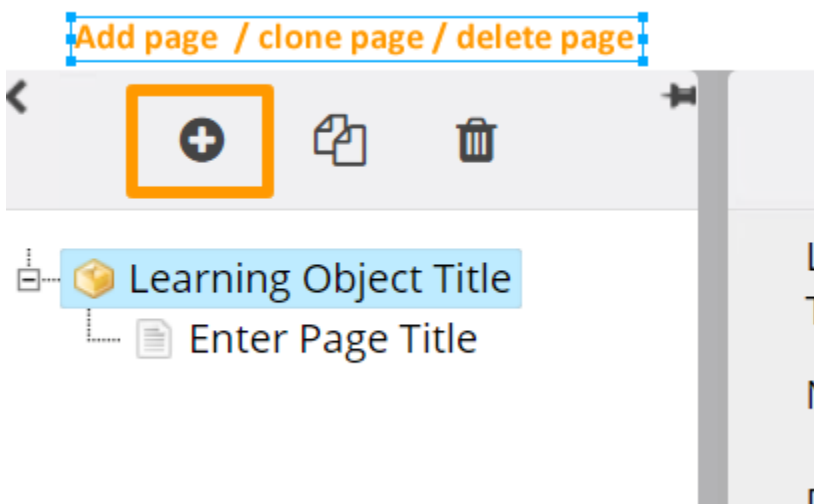
Note a small triangular button near the right side of the form. Clicking on that shows many optional properties. You can waste enormous amounts of time trying to figure out and use these properties. Only use what you need, such as:

- Responsive text (to resize text on the fly)

- Tracking mode (set to 1.0 if you have a marking final quiz)



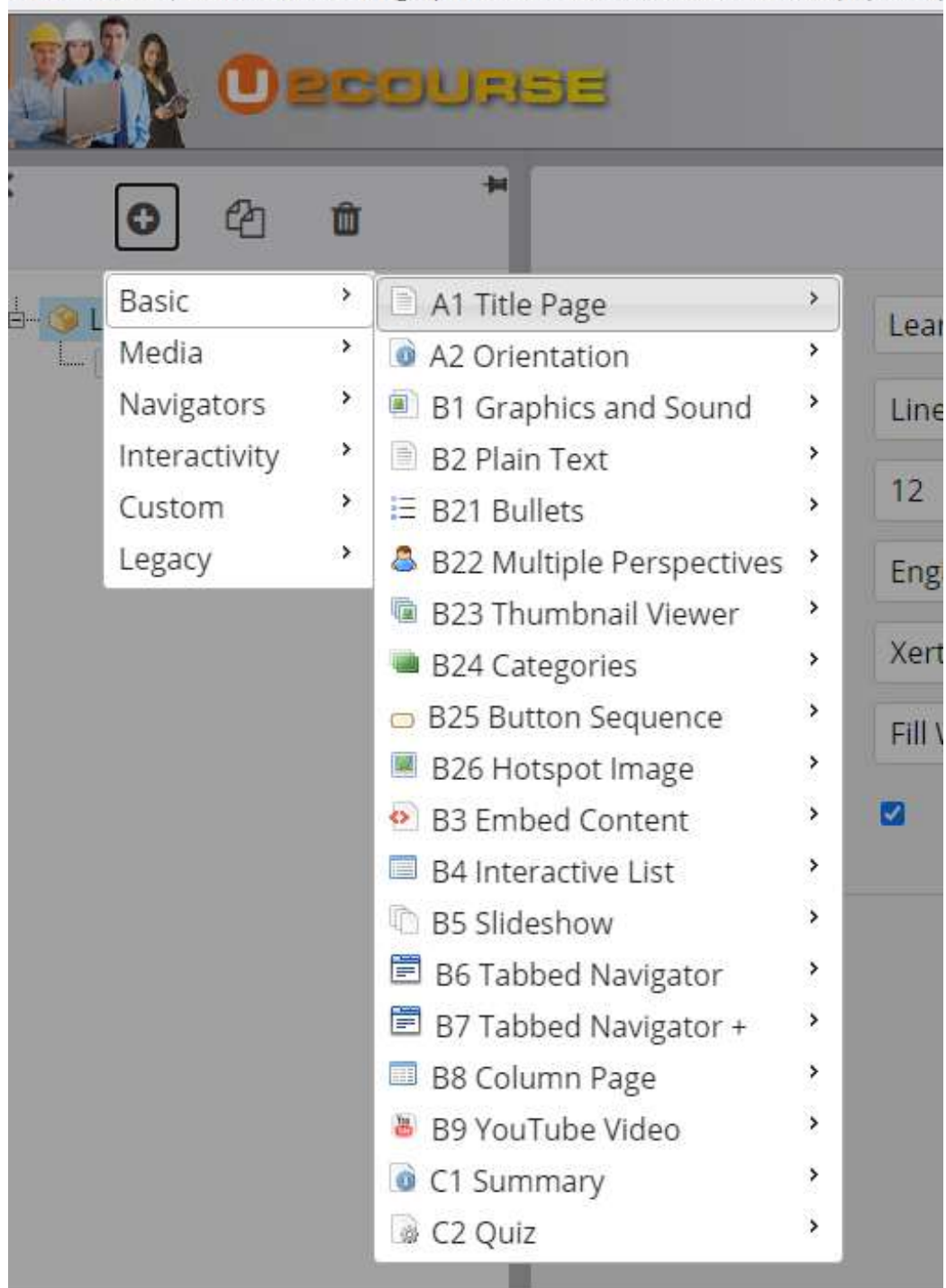
Here's how to easily build your course: In the upper left corner click the + button:



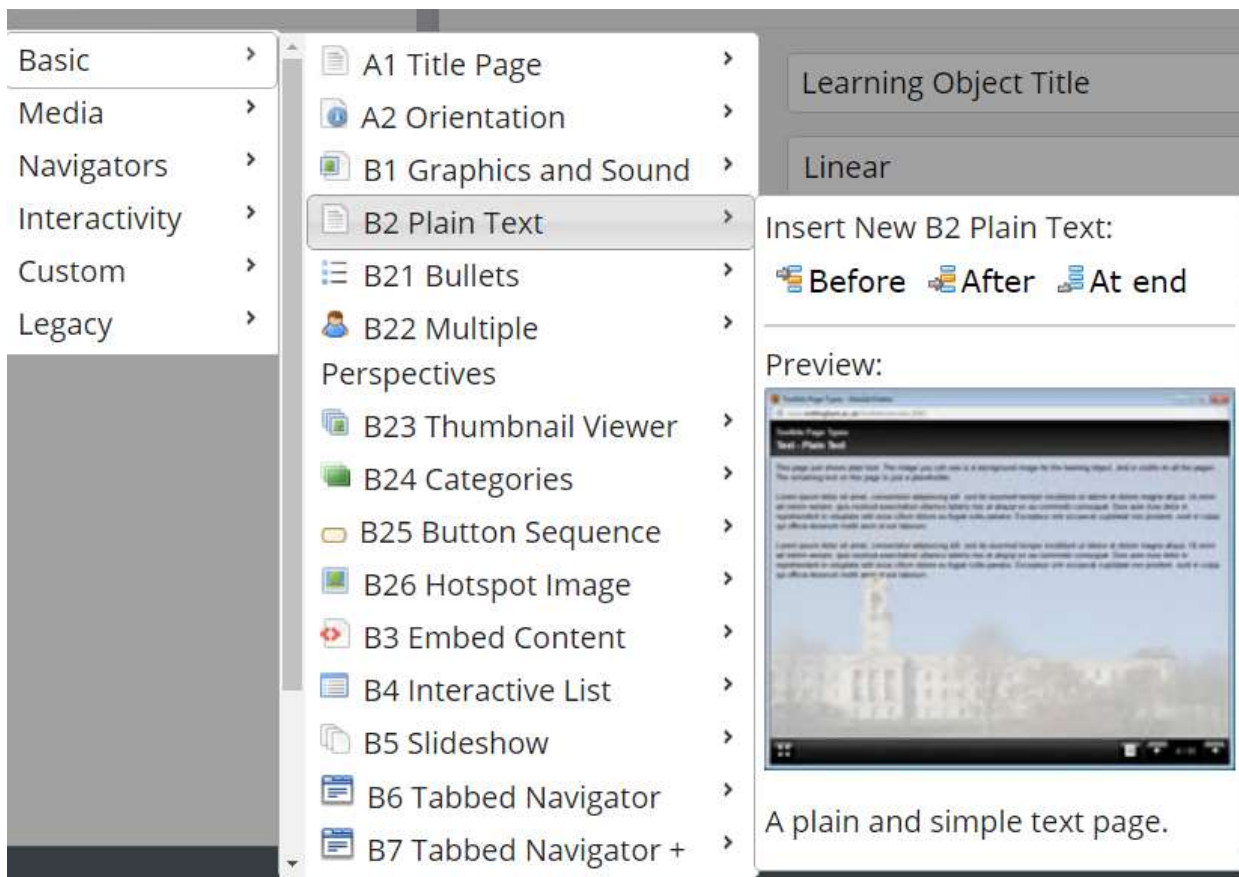
There are many pages, but it's like shopping at the store, you only buy a few things. Again, you can waste enormous time using unnecessary and complicated pages. For now, use only the pages in the 'Basic' category. You can build powerful courses with these. Even there you don't

need them all. These are the ones we'd use to build a powerpoint like course with some interactivity:

- Title
- B1 Graphics and Sound (you will use this about 90% of the time)
- B23 Categories for occasional use in having people drag things in categories, people like it
- B25 Button sequence is good for mild interactivity
- B26 hotspot image is useful but takes time
- B4 Interactive list is very useful when you have a sub-subject you want to cover which has many elements, let's say describing mining equipment that you want to spend 2-10 pages on.
- B5 Slideshow is again useful in adding additional pages onto a single page to cover a subject that you want to keep on one page, but that wouldn't normally fit onto one page.
- B8 column page is good for breaking up the information into 2-4 elements
- C2 quiz – use it for intermittent questions, and for the final quiz that is marked. If used for the final quiz, set the 'Tracking Weight = 1.0' in the quiz icon (only).

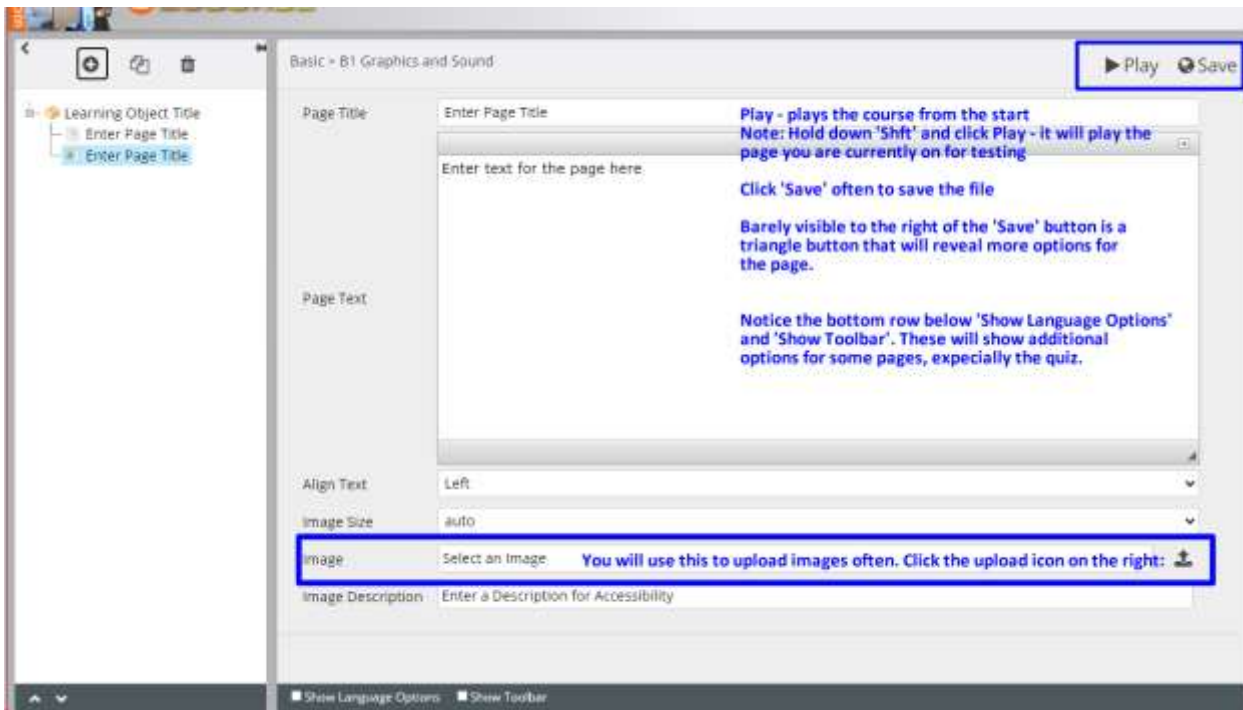


Selecting then rolling over a page will show you what it is used for:

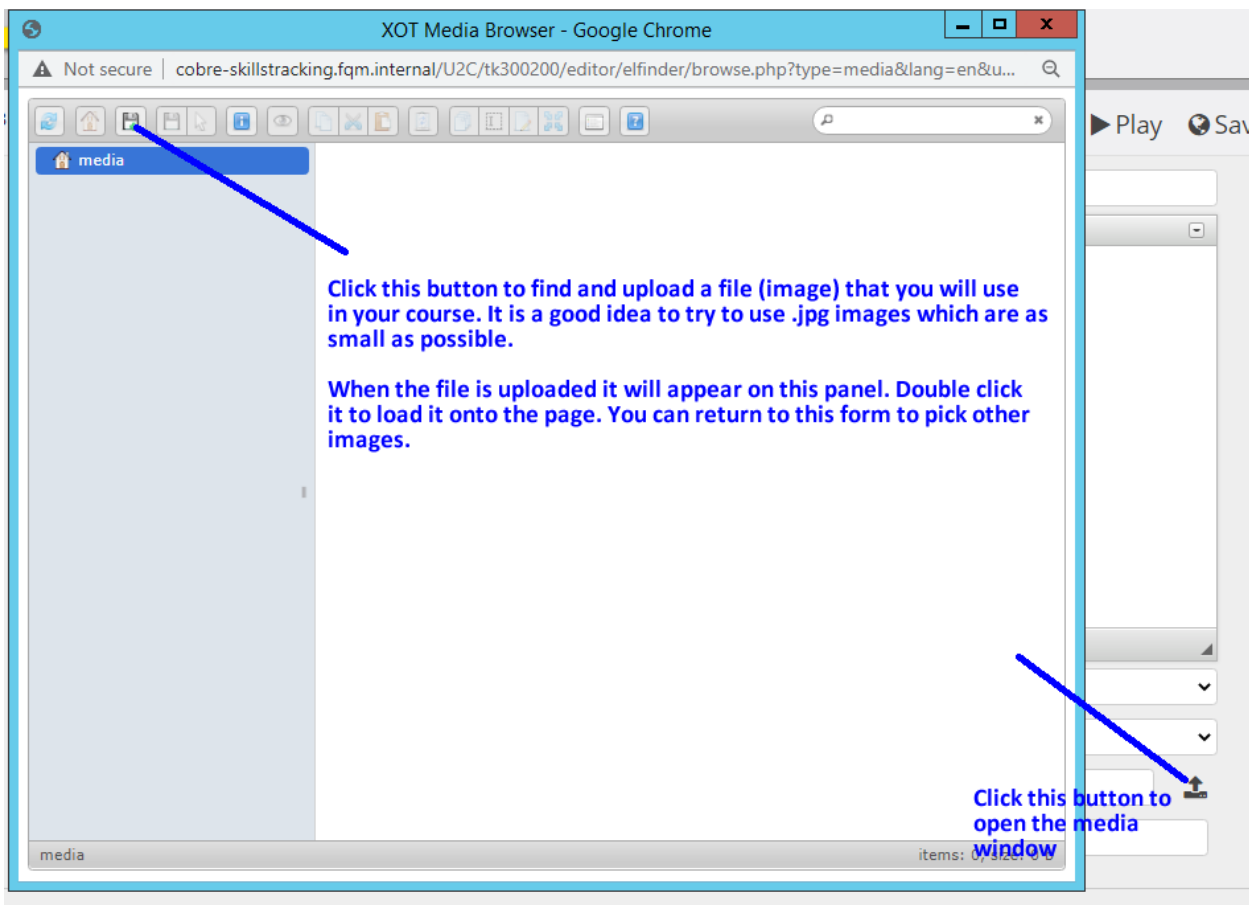


To 'insert' the page, click on 'Before' 'After' (normally), or 'At End' to place the page in the flowline. The blank page appears.

Next fill in the information on the right such as page title and text. Note the triangle in the upper right by the Save button (not visible below) which offers more options to add to the page (but don't get carried away at first).



Click the image upload button to see the media directory, it also has a full set of controls. Double click on any image in this window to display it on your page.



Remember to save your file often ('Save' button) and to test play it (Hold down the 'Shift' key and click 'Play' in the upper right corner).

Javier will continue this explanation in person.