

Using SoftChalk CONNECT to Publish Lessons

What is SoftChalk CONNECT?

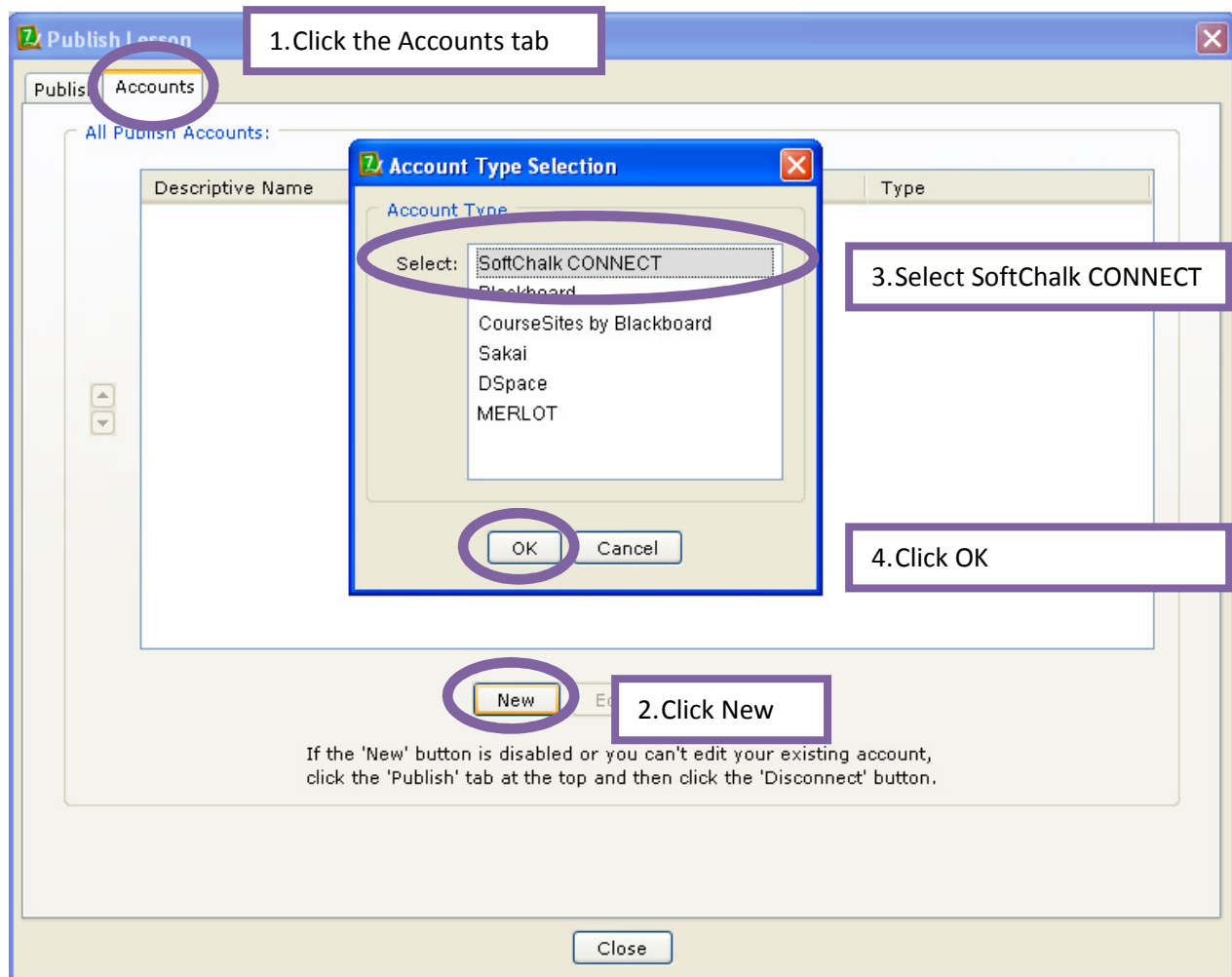
SoftChalk CONNECT is a cloud-based Learning Object Repository. Creating a SoftChalk CONNECT account is free. With your free CONNECT account, you receive 20 MB of personal storage to upload and share SoftChalk content with the SoftChalk community.

Note: SoftChalk files have the potential to be very large in size. It is important to keep this in mind before publishing a SoftChalk content to CONNECT. SoftChalk version 6 or higher is required to create content for CONNECT. For Durham Tech Site License & installation info, visit: http://courses.durhamtech.edu/wiki/index.php/Tools: SoftChalk#Durham_Tech_Site_License_Info

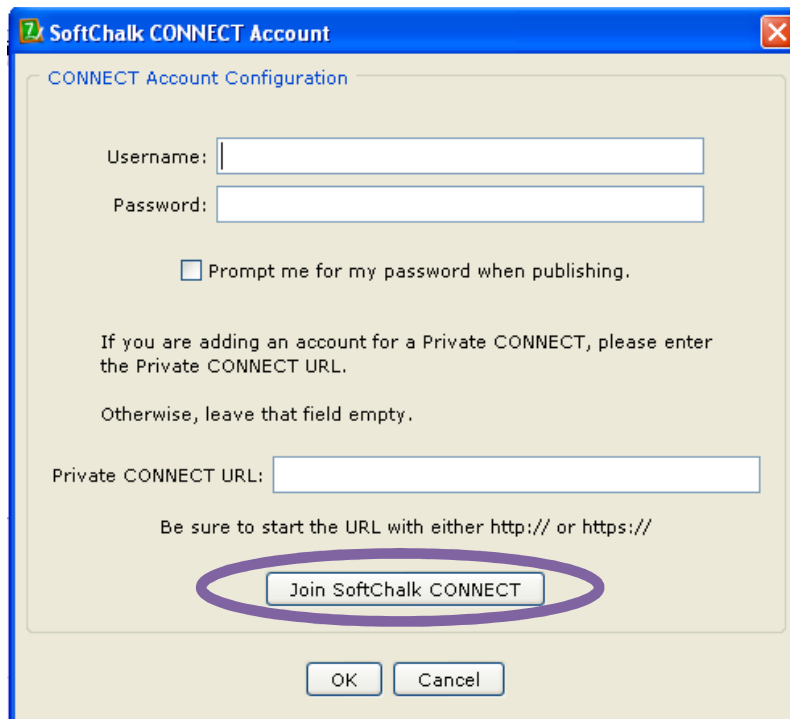
A CONNECT account is not required to visit the site, search for & find learning objects, copy the embed code or hyperlink of content, and use in any web page to share with others.

1. Create your FREE SoftChalk CONNECT account

- Open SoftChalk. Open an existing Lesson or create a new Lesson. Save the Lesson.
- In SoftChalk, go to the File menu and choose Publish Lesson.
- Create your FREE SoftChalk CONNECT account by going to the Accounts tab and clicking New at the bottom of the window.
- Select SoftChalk CONNECT as the Account Type in the selection box then click OK.

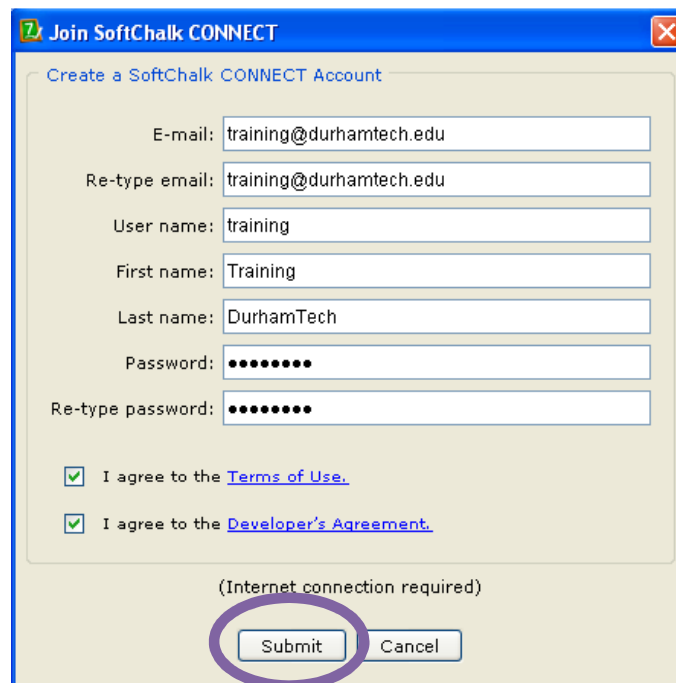


- Click Join SoftChalk CONNECT.



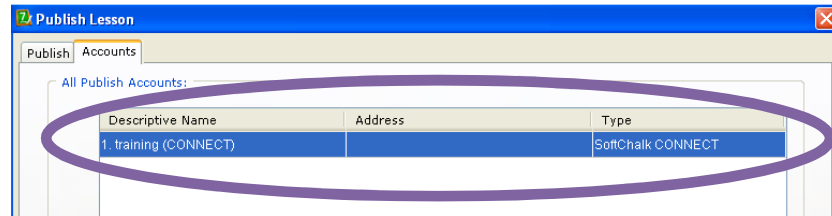
The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "SoftChalk CONNECT Account". The main heading inside is "CONNECT Account Configuration". It contains two text input fields for "Username:" and "Password:". Below these is a checkbox labeled "Prompt me for my password when publishing." with the box unchecked. A paragraph of text follows: "If you are adding an account for a Private CONNECT, please enter the Private CONNECT URL." Below this is another text input field for "Private CONNECT URL:". A note states: "Be sure to start the URL with either http:// or https://". At the bottom of the form area is a button labeled "Join SoftChalk CONNECT", which is circled in purple. At the very bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

- Fill out the form with your account info.
- Read and agree to the Terms of Use and Developer's Agreement. Click Submit.
- **Important!** Remember your User name and Password. You will need this info to login to the SoftChalk CONNECT web site later!



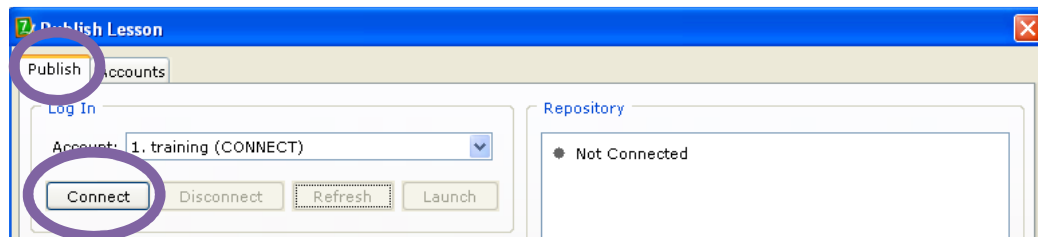
The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Join SoftChalk CONNECT". The main heading inside is "Create a SoftChalk CONNECT Account". It contains several text input fields: "E-mail:" (filled with "training@durhamtech.edu"), "Re-type email:" (filled with "training@durhamtech.edu"), "User name:" (filled with "training"), "First name:" (filled with "Training"), "Last name:" (filled with "DurhamTech"), "Password:" (filled with seven dots), and "Re-type password:" (filled with seven dots). Below these fields are two checked checkboxes: "I agree to the [Terms of Use.](#)" and "I agree to the [Developer's Agreement.](#)". A note states: "(Internet connection required)". At the bottom of the form area is a button labeled "Submit", which is circled in purple. At the very bottom of the dialog are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons.

- Your SoftChalk CONNECT account has been created and will appear in your All Publish Accounts list.

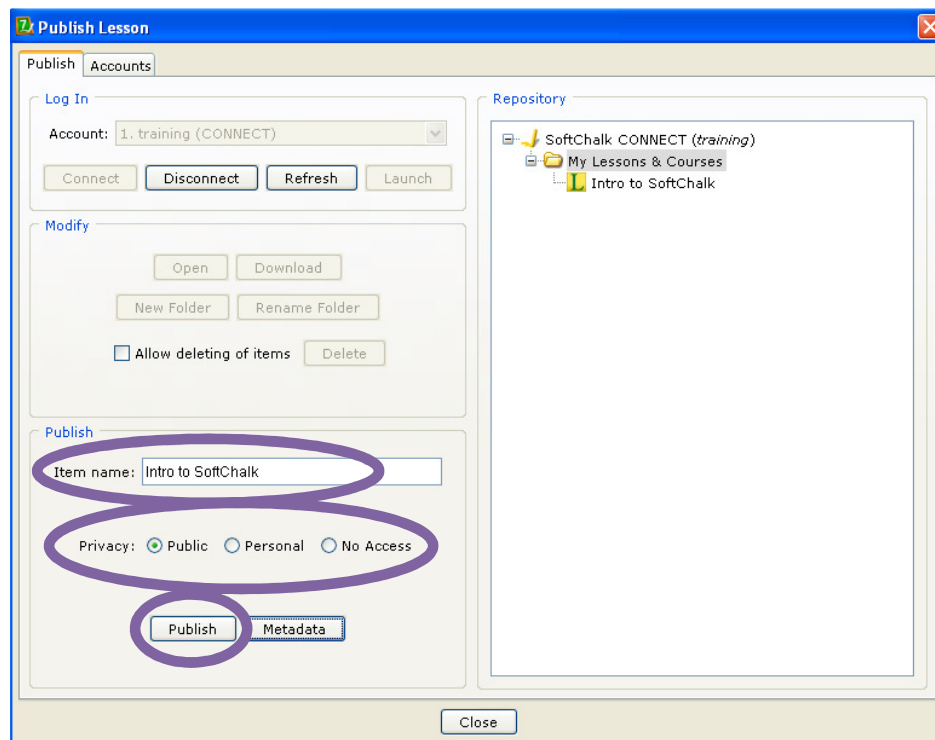


2. Publish your SoftChalk Lesson

- Click the Publish tab, then click Connect.



- The title of the Lesson will appear in the Item name: field.
- Set your privacy options. Options available:
 - **Public** - Anyone can search, download, and view your content
 - **Private** - Anyone can download and view your content if you tell them where but content cannot be found by searching
 - **No Access** - No one can search, download, or view your content except you
- Click Publish.



3. Login to your SoftChalk CONNECT account

- SoftChalk CONNECT web site: <http://www.softchalkconnect.com/>
- Login using the User name and Password you created in Step 1.
- Click on the My Content tab to view the published Lesson under My Lessons & Courses.



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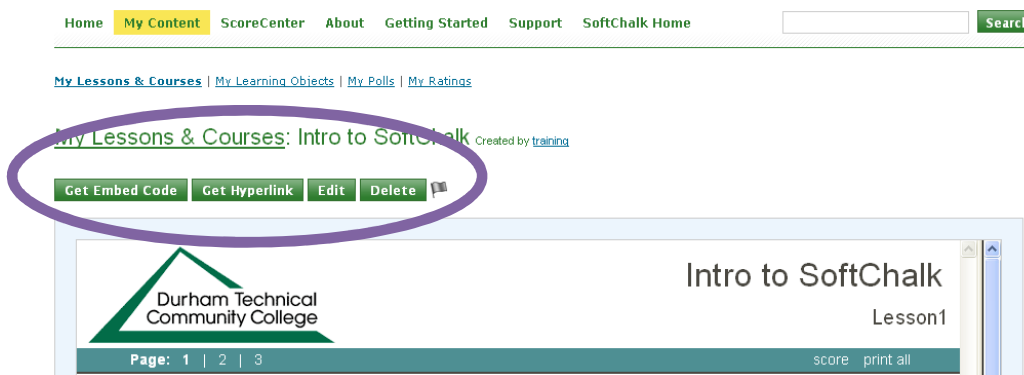
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