Welcome. This video is a very brief overview of the process for receiving and beginning a learning activity. Subsequent videos will go into much more detail regarding how to start the software, and how to create a new activity or modify an existing one.

Before I get started, I should point out that the software will always be launched in your preferred browser, so I have limited the screen capture to only the software itself in order to provide more room for the demonstration.

Learners receive a learning activity in a text file that contains markup tags for the computer to read. Here is an example. As you can see, these tags do not make for inspired reading. I will perform a select all, and copy these markup tags to my clipboard. Next, I will click on the Begin an activity button.

I am presented with this window; into which I will paste the activity's markup tags. This window gives you the opportunity to verify that what is on your clipboard is in fact a learning activity and not some other text. I will click Accept imported activity. Let's move the divider over slightly

The directions for this learning activity are as follows:

1) Notice the statements in the Statements list.

2) In the "Build your classification" section, drag each statement and place it under the appropriate term as pertaining to Meiosis or Mitosis.

3) When you are finished, save your classification, email it to me, and bring copies to class for yourself, and each person on your team.

4) You will discuss your classification with your team, and then we will discuss this briefly with the entire class.

5) The material is eligible for a Readiness Assurance Quiz at the beginning of class.

Now I am ready to click on the Build your classification button. Once again I will move the slider bar to give us some more room.

Placing the mouse arrow over statements that are longer than can be displayed, results in a popup that shows the entire text. Next I will drag and drop each statement under the term for which it applies. Notice the checked box denoting that the statement has been classified. I will do the same with this one, and this one, this one. And I can select these and bring them over as well.

Now that I am satisfied with the arrangement, I need to save my work. When I click on the Save button at the top of the menu screen, I am presented with two options. The first is to save the entire learning activity with my changes, and the second is to save the classification only. Let's save the entire activity.

Notice the markup tags for a computer to read. When I click Accept, these tags are copied to my clipboard and I can paste them into a separate document for saving on my computer. I'll bring that document into view, and paste the tags. I'll remove it. And now I'll exit this activity.

Next I'll click the Begin an activity, and paste the contents of my clipboard into the window. Accept. This screen looks exactly the same other than the check boxes that are now checked. We'll go to Build your classification, and now you can see my work. That is how a learner's work is saved and reloaded without the need for a database or a centralized server.

Let's look at how to Save the results of my work for people to read. I'll click Save again, and this time I'll click Save my Classification only. Notice all of these options. I'll will cover them in much more detail in a later video. So for now I'll click Copy your classification to your clipboard. I will click Accept, which will place a copy of this text on my clipboard.

Next, I'll bring in my save classification document, and paste the results. And you can see that this output is definitely for human consumption. I should note that the term "classification" is specific to this activity, which can be specified by the author of the activity.

In subsequent videos, I will show you how to author this activity. I will also show you how to modify and save an existing activity, that may have been created by you, or sent to you by another educator.

That's it for this video. Thank you for watching and have a great day.