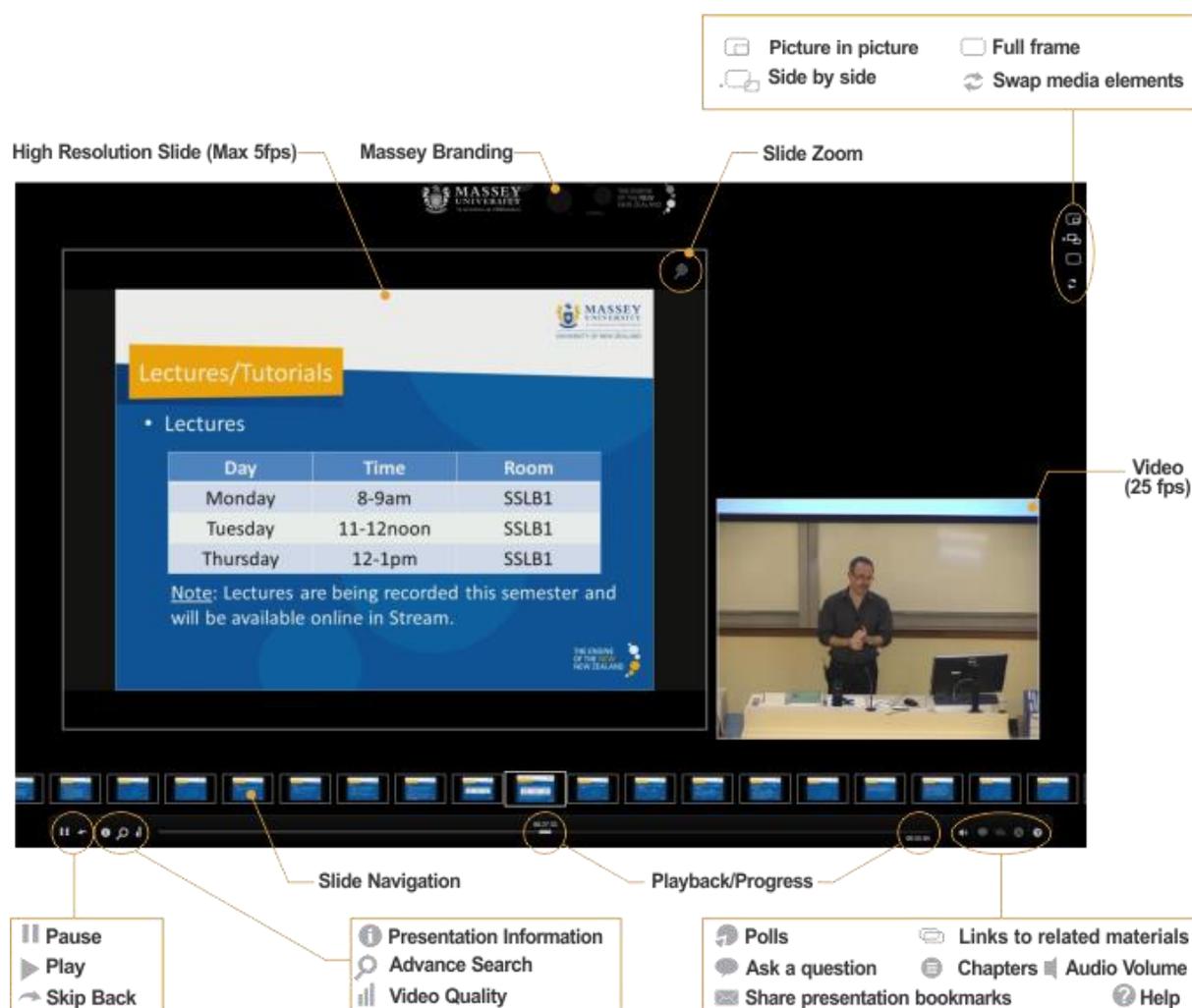# Mediasite Guide – getting to know the player

Introduction:

When watching live (Synchronous) or on-demand (Asynchronous) Mediasite presentations the Mediasite Player gives audiences anywhere a webcast experience which is: Mobile-ready and offers flexible playback options as well as a few useful interactive tools to enhance the on-line learning experience, including advanced search capabilities so learners may instantly pinpoint the information they need.

NB: Full Screen browser playback is achived by using the following keyboard shortcuts:

- Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer : **F11**
- Safari: **Cmd-Shift-F (MAC), F11 on a PC**
- Other: some browsers may also use **F10**

The Mediasite player allows you to view **live webcasts**, **on-demand** and **portable** presentations using your web browsers.

Live Webcasts:

- Presentation that is broadcasted while it is being recorded.
- You can join a live presentation before it begins or after it has already started.
- Online viewers may participate in audience polls, ask questions, or view additional web resources by clicking links within the presentation.

On-demand presentations:

- May be viewed online any time after it has been recorded and published to the server.
- Content may be viewed from any point in the presentation.
- The player remembers where you are up to should you close the browser during playback.
- Online viewers may participate in audience polls, ask questions, or view additional web resources by clicking links within the presentation.

Portable/Downloadable presentations:

- A recorded presentation that is self-contained and does not need an internet connection to view.
- Maybe downloaded then played back from your local hard drive, memory stick, CD or DVD
- The ability to download presentations needs to be requested by the content owner (e.g. lecturer)

Using the Mediasite Player:

Adjust the position of the Player's video and image windows using the display option controls.

Display how media elements are viewed	
	Click **Picture in Picture** to display a smaller image or video window in the right corner of the larger video or image window, respectively. Click **Swap Media Elements** to alternate windows.
	Click **Side by Side** to display a smaller image or video window next to the larger video or image window, respectively. Click **Swap Media Elements** to alternate windows.
	Click **Full Frame** to view an enlarged video or image window. Click **Swap Media Elements** to switch the media element displayed in full frame.
	Click **Swap Media Elements** to switch the position of the video and image windows or alternate between the two when using any of the display options.
	Click **Pop Out** when viewing an embedded presentation to launch the presentation in a second browser window.

In some live and on-demand presentations you will have **interactive features** available that provide you the opportunity to participate in audience polls, ask questions, or view supplementary materials by clicking links within the player.

Interactive features	
	You can **Search Slide Content** and closed captioning text (if closed captions have been added) in a presentation. When you click on a search result the presentation will synchronise to that point and begin playing.
	NB: When the Player is in full screen mode, the search closed captions feature is not available.
	When **Polls** have been added to a presentation, you can answer polls and view poll results in Mediasite Player. Polls enabled and are set up by authorised moderators via the My Mediasite portal
	If this is enabled for a presentation, you can **Ask Questions** using Mediasite Player. Question are forwarded to an e-mail address or moderated by authorised moderators via the My Mediasite portal.
	If enabled, you can **share presentations** with other authorized viewers by sending an e-mail invitation (with the link) from the Player. If you want your invitees to begin watching the presentation from specific time, check the **Start Time check box** and enter the time in the presentation. For example, to have them begin viewing five minutes into the presentation, enter 5:00 as the start time. The presentation URL in the invitation updates accordingly.
	NB: By default, the value is the time in the presentation when you clicked Share Presentation.
	The **Links** feature is enabled in the Mediasite Player only if links to websites and documents have been added to the presentation. Links are added by authorised moderators via the My Mediasite portal.
	Click **Display presentation information** to view a presentation's details (presenter, description, record date and time, length, etc.) as well as its chapters if

Viewing Requirements:

The following link will direct you to a page that tests if you have all the requirements to watch Mediasite Presentations:

- https://support.sonicfoundry.com/Training/ViewingRequirements

The following article lists the requirements for viewing Mediasite content on all supported platforms:

- https://support.sonicfoundry.com/Knowledge/Article/000003279

If you are having difficulty accessing any Mediasite content, visit http://mediasite.massey.ac.nz and browse to: Accessing content > Trouble shooting presentation playback as here we address our most common accessibility issues and explain what we need from you to help most efficiently.