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<p><b>ScriptoPro</b> <a href="http://www.scriptopro.com">www.scriptopro.com</a></p> <p>Reviewed by Ramona Kreis University of South Florida at Tampa <a href="mailto:rkreis@mail.usf.edu">rkreis@mail.usf.edu</a></p>	
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<b>Overview</b>	
<b>Operating System</b>	Mac OS X, Windows, Linux
<b>Minimum requirements</b>	Network connection and supported browser (Firefox, Chrome, Safari, IE 10 and above)
<b>Support</b>	Tutorials, 24/7 live representative
<b>Target language</b>	English
<b>Target audience</b>	Any level of students
<b>Price</b>	\$192 per year or \$19 per month
<b>Free trial</b>	Yes
<b>Characteristics</b>	User-friendly design and functionality Multiple testing options Customization possible Immediate access to quiz scores for students Document storage Network connection and current browser needed Limited content delivery options

*ScriptoPro* is an online learning management system with which educators and trainers can develop courses to track learners' progress. For the purpose of this review, the 30-day trial version was used and tested for an intermediate English as a foreign language (EFL) course.

*ScriptoPro* allows educators and trainers to design and deliver classes and training courses in all subject areas, analyze students' scores, and issue certificates. As shown on the homepage (also called dashboard or control panel) of *ScriptoPro* (Figure 1), users can create classes, quizzes, surveys, polls, training courses, flashcards, vocabularies, mark-it, certificates, and themes as well as store documents.

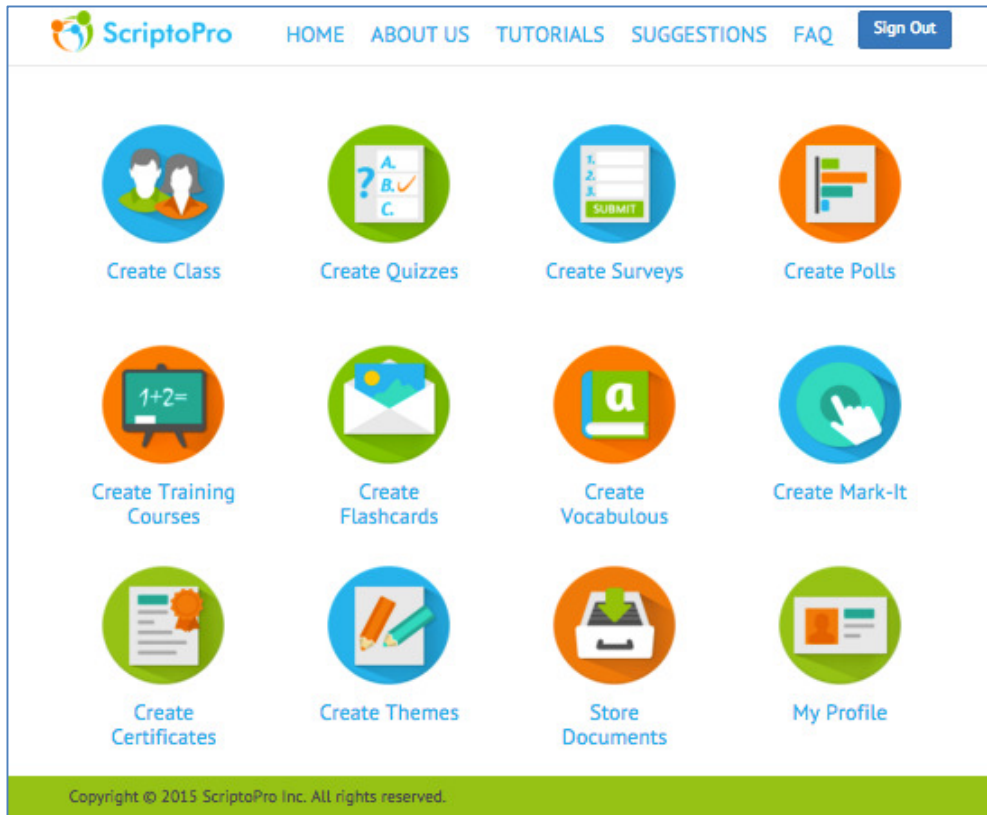


Figure 1. *ScriptoPro* Homepage/Dashboard/Control Panel

*ScriptoPro* requires a network connection and can be accessed by typing [scriptopro.com](http://scriptopro.com) in a supported browser (Firefox, Chrome, Safari, IE 10 and above). No installation is necessary. A 30-day trial version is available for free for instructors. The sign-up process for instructors is easy: new users have to enter an email address and choose a password; no further activation is required. Students can be invited to a class or training course. Students need to sign up but may use the platform without charge. The system works on a Mac OS X Laptop Version 10.9.4, on a Windows 7 desktop computer, and on a 10.1 inch Samsung Galaxy Tab 4. Course materials can also be printed or shared in a webpage, blog, or social media site. The costs for *ScriptoPro* are low: \$192 per year for instructors, free for unlimited number of students.

The user interface is straightforward and intuitive for low intermediate (and higher) users of web browsers, websites, and learning management systems. The interface looks modern, easy-to-use, and organized. The system designers refrained from using unnecessary buttons, images, or descriptions, which keeps the cognitive load low. Classes are organized by default in “Home,” “Discussion Forum,” and “My Profile,” and display a calendar and tasks to be completed (quizzes, surveys, polls, mark-it, vocabulous, or flashcards). Instructors can customize the navigation by adding “Class Resources,” “Helpful Links,” “Announcements,” and “Instructor Bio.” The class layout can be further customized by adding images and by modifying background and font colors. An example of a class can be seen in Figure 2.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a class titled "INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH". At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Class Resources, Announcements, Discussion Forum, and My Profile. Below the navigation bar, the class title "INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH" is prominently displayed. Underneath, there is a "Class Description" section stating, "This course is designed for intermediate students of English".

A section titled "The following tests are available for you:" contains a table with four rows of test information:

Type	Test Title	Progress	Actions
Quiz	Quiz 1	new	Start Results
Markit	Mark-it 1	new	Start Results
Vocabulous	Idioms in Context	new	Start Results
Flashcard	Present Perfect	new	Start Results

To the right of the test table is a "Class Calendar" for November 2015. The calendar shows a grid of dates from 01 to 12, with the 19th highlighted. Below the calendar is an "Office Hours & Location" section with a red background, stating: "Monday & Thursday 3 -5 pm College of Education 265".

Figure 2. Example of a customized class

To start developing a class, the instructor navigates to the dashboard and clicks on “Create class,” which prompts the user to all previously created classes and to the option to create or upload a new class. To create quizzes or other tasks, the instructor clicks on the respective button on the dashboard. Documents that the user wishes to make available for a class (e.g., a syllabus or handouts) need to be uploaded to the document storage, also found on the dashboard. The class and task sites follow the same design principles, which facilitates usage. Tasks can be edited, previewed, and printed, and quizzes can also be analyzed. Instructors can modify several quiz settings (e.g., time limit, trials, show results, or show answers) and choose from a variety of questions, e.g., true/false, multiple answer, matching, free response. Once the quizzes and other tasks are created, they can then be uploaded into a class.

Compared to other products such as *Canvas* or *Blackboard*, *ScriptoPro* is limited in terms of synchronous tools as it does not offer webinars or online collaboration, but instructors have the option to send emails to classes or individual students. However, the development of

quizzes in *ScriptoPro* is easier compared to *Canvas* because fewer clicks and modifications are necessary to complete the developmental process.

*ScriptoPro* made available tutorials for instructors and students, including easy-to-follow step-by-step videos and simple, straightforward, and easy-to-read guides which show the different steps necessary (e.g., to create a class, create and edit quizzes and surveys, or register students). Users can also contact a 24/7 live representative.

In closing, *ScriptoPro* is a great tool to develop classes for all levels of learners because of its simple, straightforward, and user-friendly design. The diversity of task and assessment instruments allows to easily customize classes for the instructor's and students' individual needs and to efficiently track students' progress. I recommend using the trial version to find out if the system is useful for the specific needs of the user. If educators and course designers desire a high degree of flexibility within an already existent framework, *ScriptoPro* is certainly the right tool.