

# Lake Devo Online Role Play

## Create, Collaborate & Reflect!

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### What is Lake Devo?

Lake Devo, designed by Digital Education Strategies, is a highly adaptable online role play environment and presentation tool. Using any role play scenario, you and your students can create scenes and characters and interact in real-time. Role play activity is captured, and published as a 2-D "movie" that you may review, discuss, debate and analyze in Lake Devo's self-contained debrief area. Lake Devo's chat tool allows users to check in with each other "out of role" while they are using the tool.

### Create Your Own Community

The Lake Devo site is fully equipped to allow you, the instructor, to set up your class as an online collaborative community. You may enter your students' information, configure working groups and have the system issue login information to all users on your behalf.

### Opportunities for Customization

You and your students may create realistic role play scenarios by choosing from multiple background scenes and sounds relevant to many fields and subject areas including healthcare, business, and education. Similarly, each Lake Devo character may be customized using a variety of body types, facial features, clothing and accessories.

## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES FOR LAKE DEVO

Because of its flexible and adaptable design, you may use Lake Devo in a number of ways to support learning objectives in your course.



### Student created scenarios for role play

Interdisciplinary teamwork, conflict resolution, interpersonal communication and negotiation are just a few of the skills that can be practiced through Lake Devo Role Play activities. Have your students collaborate in groups ahead of the role play to identify scenarios which may then be played out using the role play tool.

Helpful Tip: Consider some pre-activities, such as ice breakers to ensure a strong group dynamic going into the role play activity.

### Instructor created scenarios for role play

If you wish to provide a specific foundation or to have students focus their skills in one particular area, you, as instructor may create a scenario or scenarios, complete with characters, for students to role play.

Helpful Tip: Consider using this strategy when you would like your class to consider multiple approaches or solutions to the same problem.

### Instructor created movies for review

Teach through narrative by creating your own Lake Devo movie(s) for review by your students. You may then pose questions for reflection and discussion in the Lake Devo debrief area, which allows students to review a movie as many times as they wish and post their comments in response.

Helpful Tip: Consider creating multiple short movies with subtle differences prompting students to distinguish important nuances that can affect the outcomes in a given scenario.

Check out the tool at <https://lakedevo.ryerson.ca>

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