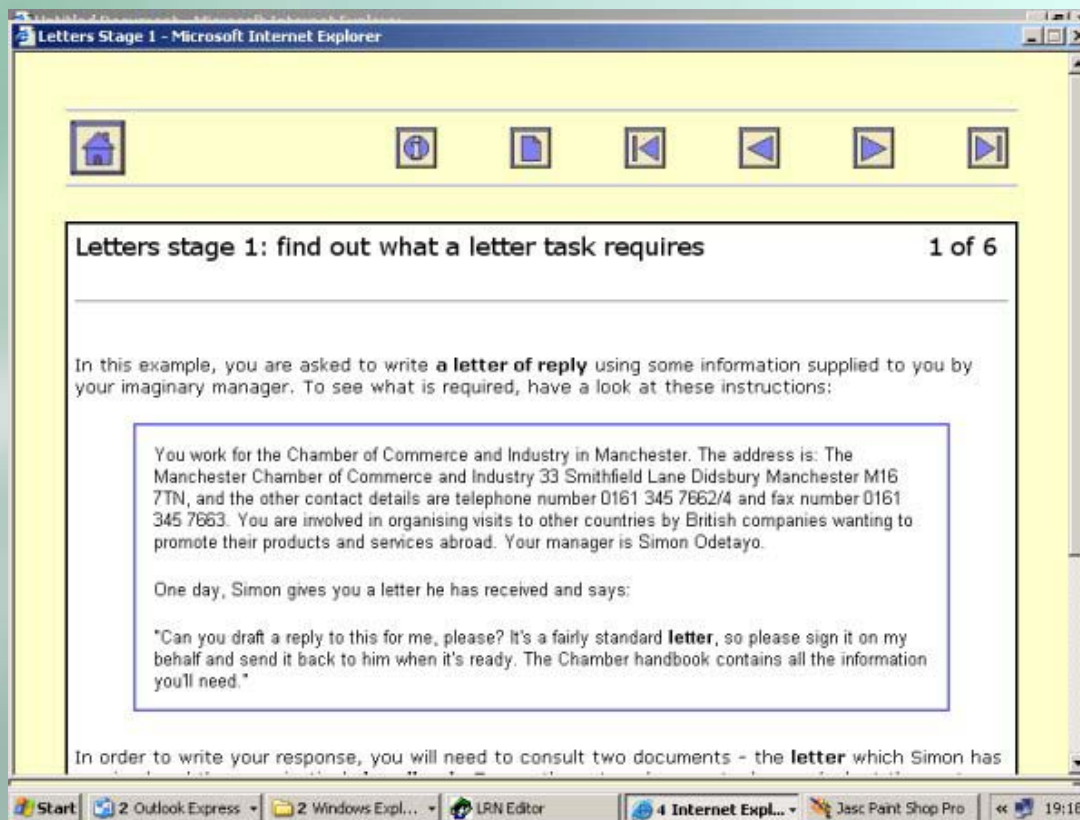


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This project aims to create a collection of standards compliant, reading and writing learning objects based around the theme of Business. The writing objects will focus on the construction of letters etc for general business purposes. The reading objects will focus on developing appropriate reading strategies such as skimming and scanning. Bized will act as a content base for the reading objects.

Progress to Date

Template has been designed and Level 2 Writing objects have been converted from paper based activities into interactive format.



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Project website has been built and is being used to store objects for future piloting.

Appropriate texts have been identified on Bized site for Level 2 Reading objects. Copyright clearance has been agreed along with a fee for their reproduction.

Several of the Reading Level 2 objects have been completed. All Level 2 to be completed by end of Year 1.

Project team have learnt how to use the LRN Toolkit and writing objects have been packaged.

After several attempts, packaged objects were uploaded successfully into Inrtalibrary.



Issues: Use of Bized Resources

Bized resources are inappropriate for Level 1 objects. These may have to be written in-house.

Texts chosen for Level 2 objects are in some cases rather above the language level of target user. They will need adapting but these changes will need to be acceptable to Bized.



Issues: The LRN Toolkit

Our LOs consists of a macro object and two or three micro objects. In the LRN Viewer it is possible to create one major manifest file to package the entire macro object and but it does not seem possible to create sub manifests to package each of the smaller micro objects.

Creating manifest files in the LRL toolkit is very laborious as all assets such as script files and images have to be added manually

As all resources were located on the computer hard drive rather than on the web the manifest file used \ as opposed to /. This caused problems when the objects were later uploaded to IntraLibrary. (See next screen)



Issues: IntraLibrary

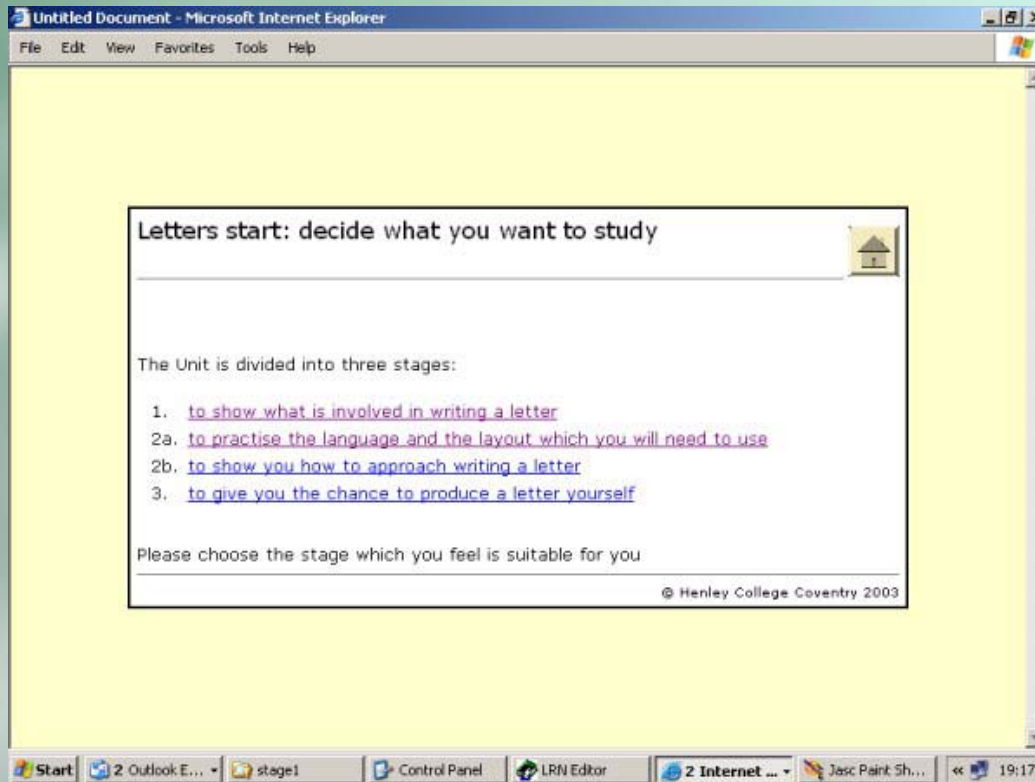
The manifest file was unable to locate resources located in the zipfile, and resources that were contained in the zip were not referenced by the manifest file. This was due to the LRN Toolkit placing backward slashes when referencing files.

Uploading to IntraLibrary led to error messages caused by a lack of interoperability with the LRN Toolkit.

In IntraLibrary you are invited to view the various packages that have been uploaded and or published. However, on clicking the preview icon all you can see is the individual asset, not the entire package. The only way to see the entire thing would appear to be downloading the package. This would seem to limit the use of the preview function.



Issues: Creation of Objects

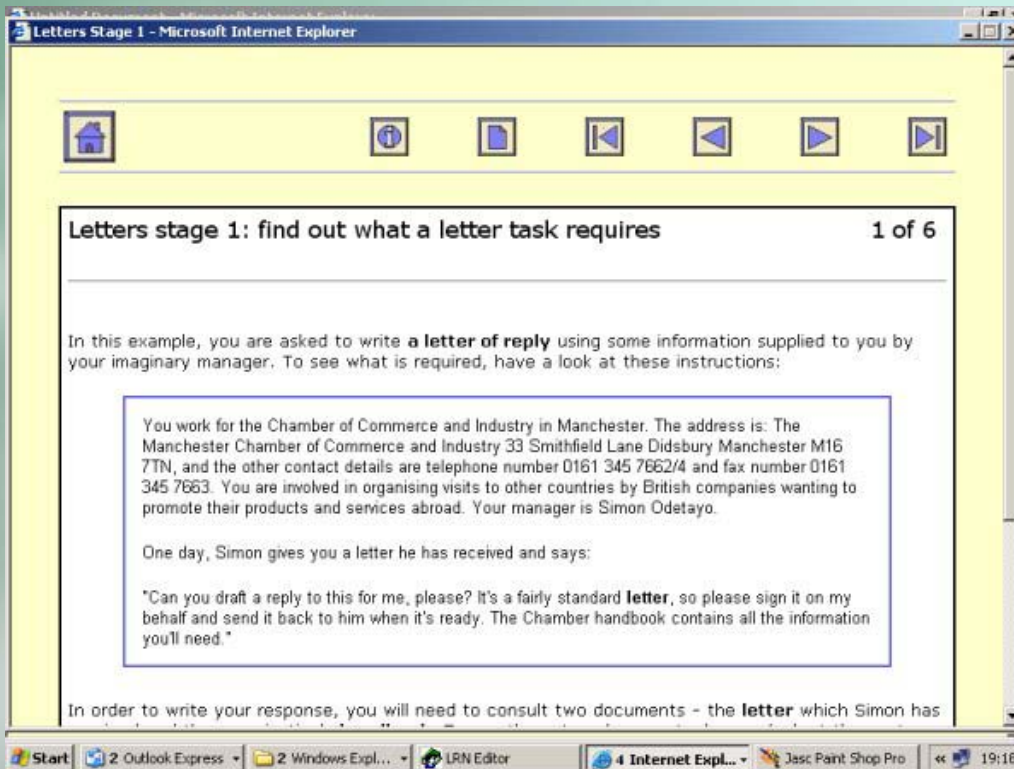


What the project team initially conceived of as an individual LO became what we now refer to as a 'macro' object, which itself will consist of 2 or 3 micro objects

This has raised issues both in terms of the design and the packaging of these objects.



Issues: Creation of Objects

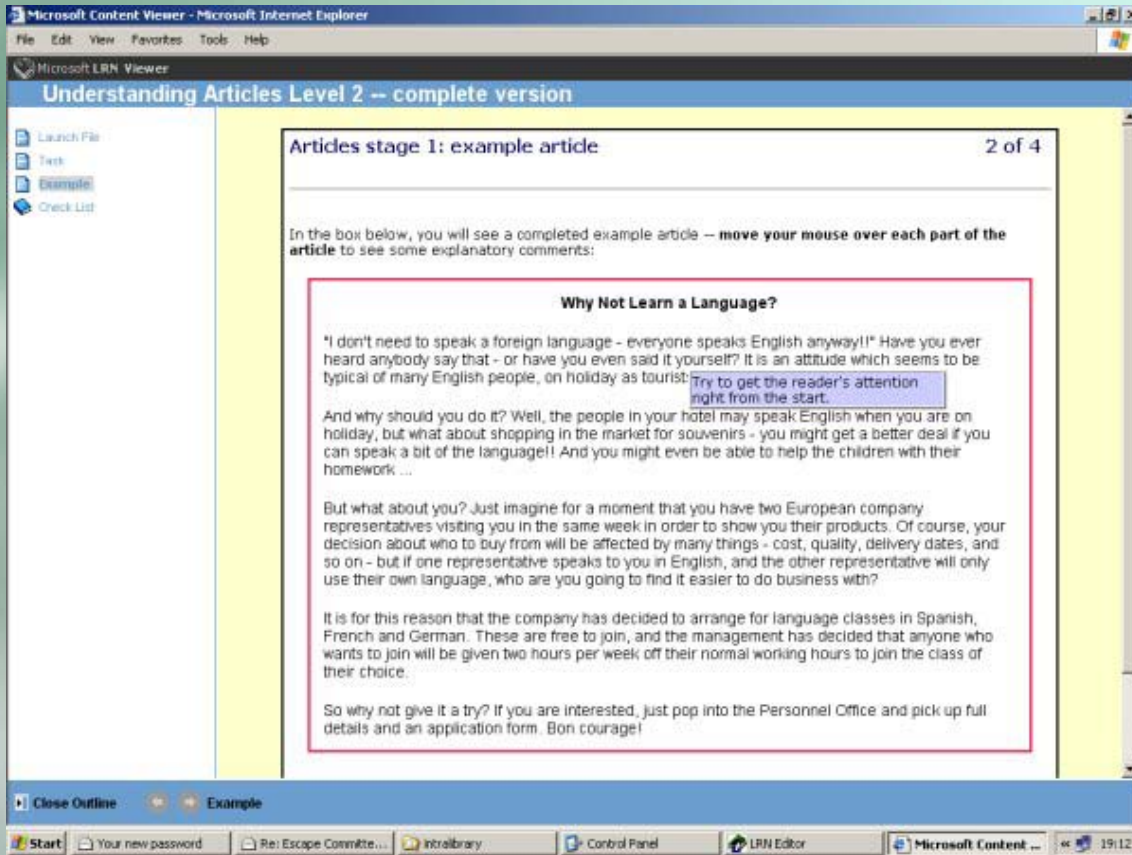


Internal navigation, whilst essential when delivered solely within the template becomes redundant when placed within a viewer such as the LRN Toolkit.

Do we therefore create two packages one with internal navigation and one without?



Issues: Creation of Objects



The use of layers has proved to be problematic as positioning will differ depending upon whether the object is being viewed within the template or the viewer.

Do we therefore create multiple packages with layers positioned to suit the differing viewers available?



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