

### Specific technical changes to AREDv2.1

A new version of the [ARED](#) (Application for Rapid E-learning Development) resource development tool has been released, helping practitioners, with little more than basic computer skills, to easily build their own e-learning resources.

#### Specific technical changes to AREDv2.1 include:

- recommended image dimensions are provided prior to adding media, and users are warned of the impact if they add larger files
- the maximum dimensions of any image are 768x425
- users are given guidance about screen dimensions
- content is optimised for a screen resolution of 1024x768
- file and folder names are restricted to lowercase acceptable characters
- alternative text formats are restricted to txt, doc or rtf
- the acceptable image types now include GIF, PNG or JPG images
- the [Framework Content Package Player](#) is automatically included in [SCORM](#) packages when a learning sequence is created
- the user guide has been updated – run index.html and select the AREDv2.1 Resource then select 'User guide'
- HTML pages validate as XHTML 1.0 Transitional
- valid CSS 2.1 is used for styles
- files are encoded and characters are output as UTF-8
- improved metadata creation – the [Vetadata](#) Tool v1.4.0 has been integrated for creating/modifying metadata
- SCORM packages validate in the [ADL SCORM 1.2 Test Suite](#).

This resource was developed and updated by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework ([Framework](#)).

[Read more](#) about AREDv2.1

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