International Availability Sabre

Facilitator Guide - VILT

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Opening



SAY: Welcome to the International Availability training for Sabre class. We will begin in X minutes.

While we're waiting for the class to begin, please make sure that you have the Participant Guide for this class.

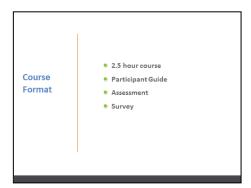
You'll find the participant guide in the References section of the Knowledge Center for this class in Knowledge Hub.



Greet Participants

SAY: Welcome! I'm XXXXX and I will be leading you through today's course on International Availability.

If your primary GDS is Sabre Red or Turbo Sabre, then this course is designed with you in mind.



SAY: A bit of housekeeping first

Housekeeping

This session will last 2 ½ hours.

You will be expected to interact with me and the content during this course.

You should have downloaded the participant guide from Knowledge Hub and we will use this as we work through several questions.



Participation is key to this learning session and you should pick up useful information from me, the content and your fellow participants.

At the end of the session there will be an assessment that will test what you have learned during the course.

Mute/Not Hold – Please put your phone on mute and not hold. Some phones play music while on hold.



Reduce Bandwidth

To improve the performance of software sharing, please close all applications that you do not need to use on your computer.

This includes Instant Messaging, chat programs and other open internet pages not related to this WebEx session.



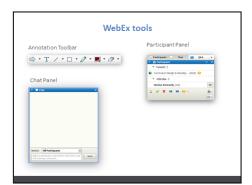
How to communicate with the facilitator

Because we are a small group, please feel free to ask your question when it comes up.

Please use your name before speaking. Example: "This is (name)..."

SAY: For those not familiar with the various WebEx tools, here is a brief introduction to the features we will be using today.

(CLICK)



SAY: The participant panel shows names of the presenters and session attendees, along with a row of action icons at the bottom.

(CLICK)

SAY: The chat box is where you can type questions or answers during the session. When using the chat feature, please be sure to send your answer to "All participants".

(CLICK)

SAY: We will be conducting a poll towards the end of the session. At that time, select the correct answer and click Submit.

(CLICK)

SAY: The row of action icons another option to communicate with the facilitator. If you have a question or comment, click on the "raise your hand" icon; use the check mark or "X" to respond to a question and the last icon gives you the option to use an emoticon, such as a smiley face. Let's have everyone select an emoticon so I know you are comfortable using the WebEx features.



Freeflow: Use this opportunity to introduce yourself to the attendees. Name, how long you've been with BCD Travel, background knowledge of course content.



SAY: Have a look at the five questions on the screen and then tell me and the rest of the group about yourself.

Ask for volunteers or go in alphabetical order.



SAY: So, we all have busy lives and lots of demands placed on us. Let's practice using the chat feature and find out what's going on in your life at the moment!

Read these two questions and then type your answers into chat. Acknowledge the responses.



SAY: As we start the class, how comfortable do you feel working with international availability?

Use one of the annotation tools to mark your level of confidence on this graph, where 1 is "I have no confidence at all" and 10 is "I'm a world leading expert at this subject and should probably be teaching the instructor!"

Transition Statement: "Let's get started by reviewing our goals for today's session."

Unit 1



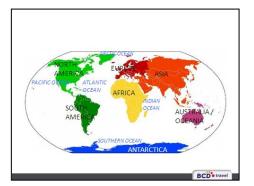
STATE: This unit will recap and tie together some of the information you learned in the geography eLearning courses.

There are some exercises that will familiarize you with international carriers and cities and their multiple airports.

REVIEW: Topics on the slide



Transition Statement: Are there any questions before we begin?



STATE: It is a BIG world and you are expected to know your international geography. There are 7 continents and 5 oceans and our travelers travel all over the world.

NOTE:

PG Workbook page 5: List continents and 2 bodies of water when crossing east or west from US to International destination.



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TRANSITION: There is an imaginary line that splits the earth into 2 hemispheres. Does anyone know what it is called?



ASK: Has anyone crossed the International Date Line?

STATE: If you were in the Navy there would be a ceremony held in your honor, more like a rite of passage, with some hazing, if it is your first time crossing the International Date Line and the equator.

STATE: The International Date Line is the imaginary line on the Earth that separates two consecutive calendar days. That is the date in the Eastern hemisphere, to the left of the line, is always one day ahead of the date in the Western hemisphere.

The international date line will play an important role when looking at availability and the arrival time of a flight when crossing the line.

TRANSITION: Next is a quick exercise to get you acquainted with the various dates and times at certain locations around the globe.

STATE: This exercise is in your workbook. Please use the format to determine the current date and time of each city listed.





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STATE: IATA is International Air Transportation Association and their key function is to create fare rules for the airlines.

Some fare rules mention IATA areas 1, 2 and 3. It will be helpful to know what countries are in each area.

Example: when traveling from area 1 to area 3 not via area 2.

We are in area 1 and the traveler wants to travel to area 3 but cannot go through Europe with this particular fare.

CLICK through each conference area

FACILITATORS NOTE: Stress what country is in what area.

Throughout the training call on someone randomly to ask what country is in what area? Ex: Tom, France is in what IATA area?

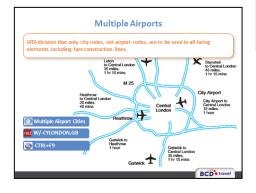
TRANSITION: We reviewed what the IATA map looks like now let's talk about international airlines.





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FACILITATORS NOTE: Give them 10-15 minutes to try and complete the carrier name and base country without using their computer.

Try to assess student's stress level and if they are not "getting it" finish the exercise together.

Engage students by sharing "fun facts"

- EVA Airways is not E-V-A but EVA!
- JL and JAL Japan is transitioning from JL to JAL

- Swiss International is just Swiss
- Al Nippon is referred to as simply ANA
- Does anyone know what the QANTAS acronym stand for?
 Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services
- SU for Aeroflot is easy to remember think Soviet Union
- El Al is Hebrew for "To the Sky"
- KLM go to wiki page for KLM which stands for Royal Dutch Airlines (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klm) Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij

Transition: Now here is a "clean" copy to keep in your toolbox. Provide handout or send virtually

FACILITATORS NOTE: Use the format to look up city and airport codes

ASK: Why is this important to you?

ANSWER: Use the city code in availability to see all airport options

Multiple Airports

City	Country	City Code
Buenos Aires	Argentina	BUE
Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	RIO
São Paulo	Brazil	SAO
Edmonton	Canada	YEA
Montréal	Canada	YMQ
Toronto	Canada	YTO
Beijing	China	BJS
Shanghai	China	SHA
Paris	France	PAR
Berlin	Germany	BER
Reykjavik	Iceland	REK
Jakarta	Indonesia	JKT
Milan	Italy	MIL
Rome	Italy	ROM

City	Country	City Code
Osaka	Japan	OSA
Sapporo	Japan	SPK
Tokyo	Japan	TYO
Moscow	Russia	MOW
Seoul	South Korea	SEL
Stockholm	Sweden	STO
Kiev	Ukraine	IEV
London	United Kingdom	LON
Chicago	United States	CHI
Dallas	United States	DFW
Detroit	United States	DTT
Houston	United States	HOU
New York	United States	NYC
Orlando	United States	ORL
Washington	United States	WAS
		BCD trav

STATE: Using the new format you just learned complete the Multiple Airports exercise in your workbook.

City Code pg 12 - 14

You have 20 minutes.

Review answers



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Multiple Airports

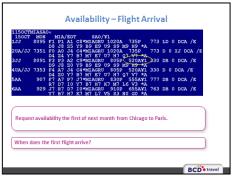
City	Airport	Airport Code	City	Airport	Airport Cod
Milan	Malpensa	MXP	Belfast	International	BFS
Shanghai	Pudong	PVG	Seoul	Incheon	ICN
Berlin	Tegel	TXL	Buenos Aires	Ezeiza	EZE
Rio de Janeiro	Galeão	GIG	Paris	C. de Gaulle	CDG
Jakarta	Soekarno-Hatta	CGK	Paris	Orly	ORY
London	London City	LCY	Toronto	City Centre	YTZ
London	Gatwick	LGW	Toronto	Pearson	YYZ
London	Heathrow	LHR	Stockholm	Arlanda	ARN
Tokyo	Haneda	HND	São Paulo	Guarulhos	GRU
Tokyo	Narita	NRT	Osaka	Kansai	KIX
Moscow	Domodedovo	DME	Minsk	International	MSQ
Moscow	Sheremetyevo	SVO	Beijing	Capital	PEK

Review answers

Airport Codes

Availability





STATE: The cross of Lorraine 1 lets you know the flight arrives the next day.

Request availability the first of next month from Chicago to Paris.

When does the first flight arrive?



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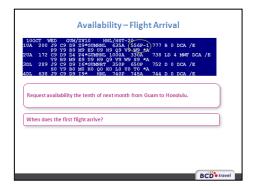
STATE: The cross of Lorraine 2 lets you know the flight arrives the 2 days later.

Request availability the fifth of next month from Los Angeles to Sydney.

When does the first flight arrive?

ASK: Does it really take 2 days to get to Australia there?

ANSWER: No. Remember the time zones and international date line?

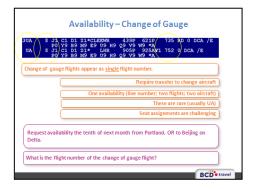


STATE: The cross of Lorraine -1 lets you know the flight arrives the day before.

Request availability the tenth of next month from Guam to Honolulu.

When does the first flight arrive?

STATE: This is an anomaly and depending on the time of year you make this requests depends on the time of arrival.



FACILITATORS Note: Be prepared to discuss change of gauge and how to request seats and FLIFO. Must segment select.

Formats are in QP.

https://wiki.bcdtravel.com/display/SOP/Parts+of+the+PNR#PartsofthePNR-seat

Request availability the tenth of next month from Portland, OR to Beijing on Delta.

What is the flight number of the change of gauge flight?



ASK: Has anyone ever heard of or used direct access to pull up availability? Why did you use it?

SHARE: Look at the DCA and the DC code.

STATE: It is recommended that when checking availability on any one of these 3 carriers you always should use direct connect.

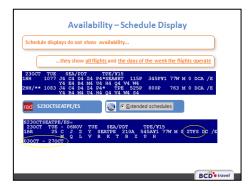
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VIRTUAL: Ask for a volunteer to take control of your GDS and work example.

Request availability for tomorrow from Los Angeles to Kuala Lumpur on Malaysia Airlines.

When does the first flight arrive?

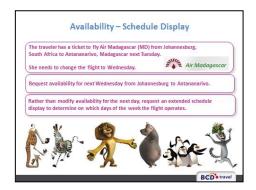


ASK: Does anyone use this feature and why?

STATE: Barb calls from XYZ account and wants to travel from Seoul to Istanbul and you pull up avail and don't see anything. You might say there are no flights between these cities which is not always true. There may not be flights on that specific day.



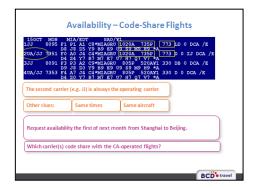
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FACILITATORS NOTE: The city codes are JNB and TNR. Allow 5 minutes for this exercise.

STATE: Here is a bonus...To encode recommended to use: W/-CYSANDWICH vs. W/-CCSANDWICH and the GDS responds with 2 different codes.

CY uses Sabre Atlas which is more thorough vs. CC which is a city code only and won't do a full search.



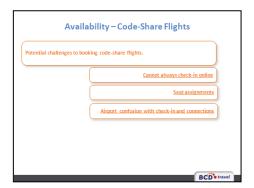
ASK: How do you know you are selling a code share flight?

CLICK

VIRTUAL: Ask for a volunteer to take control of your GDS and work example.



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ASK: From the point of view of the traveler, what would be the benefit of code sharing?

ANSWER: Baggage transfer, Mileage accrual, Fares

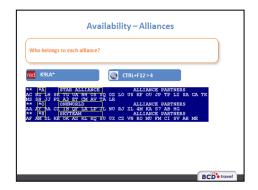
CLICK for challenges of code sharing

Transition: Speaking of mileage are you familiar with the airline alliances?



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FACILITATORS NOTE: Discuss the various alliances noted on the slide.



ASK: Has anyone ever pulled up availability for a specific alliance? For instance you only want to see flights that are a part of the Skyteam Alliance.

CLICK

STATE: Here is the alliance display format.

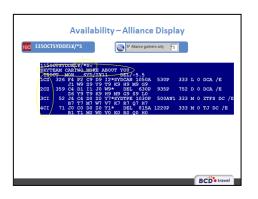


STATE: Please take 5 minutes to complete the exercise. Use the format you just learned. We will review the correct answers when you are done.

CLICK one will show airline logos in left column and next click will show alliances one by one

Transition: It is now time to put this all together. Let's look at availability.

STATE: Here are the formats to display alliance availability, please notice the response.

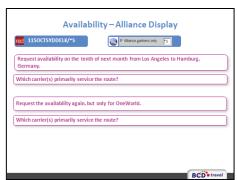


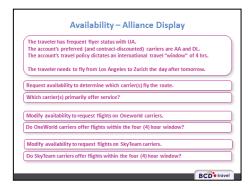
Transition: Next you can put your new knowledge to use.

STATE: Please take 3-4 minutes to answer the 2 questions.

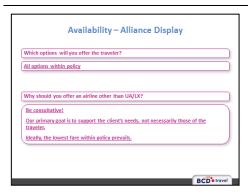
FACILITATORS NOTE: Either have someone take control of your desktop or ask them to do it on their own.

Review answers





FACILITATORS NOTE: Ask that they complete this on their own.



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STATE: Be consultative! Our primary goal is to support the client's needs, not necessarily those of the traveler.

Ideally, the lowest fare within policy prevails.



STATE: This is not a format you would not use every day but something to slip into your toolbox.

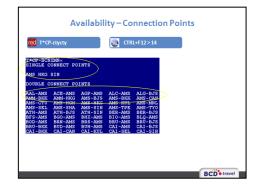
Have you ever brought up availability from a small city to another small city and there is no availability?

This is when you would use this format. This display will provide you with flights into that city. Look at the average flight and non-stop columns.

Lets' do a quick exercise...check the direct service between: Let's start with a domestic city. Flagstaff, AZ (FLG), Parma, Italy (PMF)



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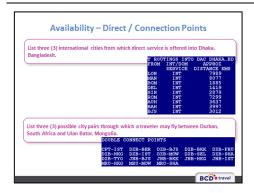


STATE: You would use the previous formats for direct service and this format will work well if you have 2 city codes.

Let's imagine there is a world renowned pasta competition annually in Parma and all of the "usual" flights continue to show sold out, so you have to be creative and piece the itinerary together.

Lets' do a quick exercise...check the direct service between: Let's start with a domestic city. Flagstaff AZ (FLG), Parma, Italy (PMF)

Transition: Next up is an exercise you can do on your own using the formats you just learned.





ASK: Now that you have pieced your itinerary together what do you think is the next step? Yes, it is a trick question.

CLICK

STATE: I recommend that you verify the minimum connect time.

Here is another format to verify an airport connection time...think Heathrow and Gatwick in London or Charles de Gaulle and Orly in Paris.

T*CT-XXX(XXX=airport code)/XX(arrival airline code)XX(departing airline code)/II(International to International)

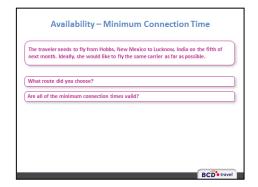
or

DI (domestic to international)

ID (international to domestic)

Let's try an exercise ... LHR/UAKL/II (Yes, 4 hours is correct!)

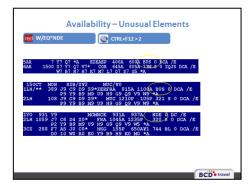
Transition: Next up an exercise.



STATE: Please take a few minutes to complete the exercise using your tools.

Hobbs New Mexico (HOB)

Lucknow India (LKO)



STATE: If you do not know the equipment type the traveler is traveling on please use the following format.

ASK: Who can tell me what type of transportation the following codes represent BUS, NDE and TRN?

STATE: Always check that equipment type. You don't want any traveler to have a surprise.



FACILITATORS NOTE:

Be sure to stress the **6pm**. The transportation is on a bus.

Dubai (DXB)

Nagoya (NGO)

The Etihad path will take you to a video on the services offered by Etihad. Scroll to the bottom and point out the information on Ground Transportation.



CLICK

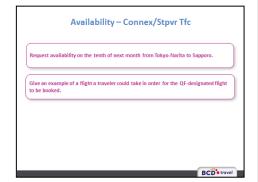
ASK: Who can tell me what the circled information means to you?

STATE: So in this example you would not be permitted to sell segment 4, the NZ flight, by itself for LAX to HNL. However, you are permitted, when it is connecting on to an int'l destination with that same airline.

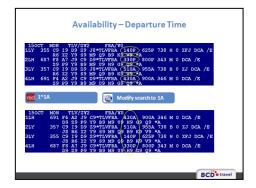
CLICK

STATE: Now that you sell international you want to consider selling segment 4 because it will most likely lower the fare

Transition: Next is an exercise to practice.



FACILITATORS NOTE: Narita (TYO) Sapporo (SPK)

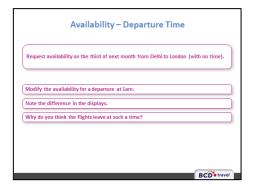


FACILITATORS NOTE: This is an exercise to show that if you request a 1am departure vs. a random 8a you will get more option returned and you get them in order.

ASK each student: If a traveler request a morning departure time, what time do you add to your format?

CLICK

STATE: If you request a 1am departure vs. a random 8a you will get more option returned and you get them in order.



FACILITATORS NOTE: 5 minutes to complete exercise. Review responses.

STATE: What time would you advise a traveler to be at the airport for a 2:00am departure? Probably the day before. When you are reviewing the itin with Admin, paint the picture. Advise them that limos will need to be booked for the previous day, etc.



Transition: In order for us to communicate effectively, we must use the same terms and understand the meaning of them.

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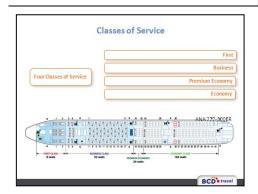
Class of Service



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FACILITATORS NOTE: Based on the skill level of the participants will depend on how much or how little time you spend defining the differences between the classes of service when traveling internationally.

CLICK through the slides to show the difference between the different classes of service and the amenities or lack of amenities for each class. Seats, Meals, Entertainment





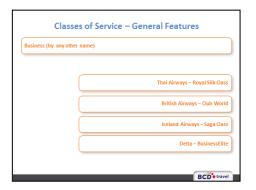












STATE: Please know your international business class names for the various airlines.

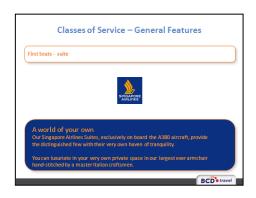








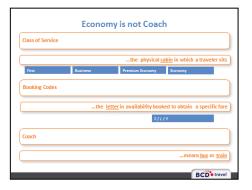








STATE: CLASS of SERVICE and BOOKING CODE are not one and the same!



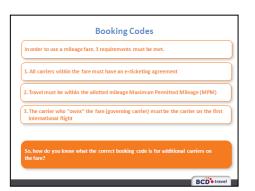
STATE: If you were traveling in France and you use the term coach the French will assume you are traveling via bus or train.

Transition: OK we have covered a lot in this unit. I hope you took a couple of things away from it.

Booking Codes

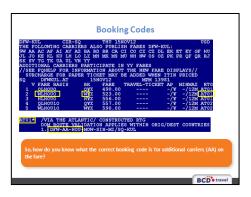


STATE: Our third and final section will cover booking codes.



CLICK to display list

CLICK to display question



Transition: So how do you do that?

CLICK to highlight specific areas

STATE: Let's take a minute to review what a fare quote looks like. This is from DFW to KUL and the carrier is SQ. Notice that this display is a routing fare and the booking code is "W" on the Singapore leg.

CLICK to display the question

Transition: Consider this another tool for your toolbox.



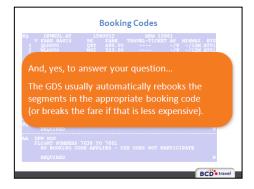
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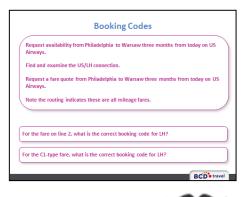
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STATE: The RB format will help you to determine what booking code AA has to be sold in. To make the RB format work you must have previously displayed a fare quote.

This format is detailed and specific so let's review it.

CLICK through the format explanation

Transition: Here is the GDS response.

STATE: At the top is the fare quote and format.

CLICK to display the response

CLICK to go through the highlights

STATE: Singapore must be booked in "W" and American must be booked in "N" to get the fare basis code of WLHOUO.

STATE: I know this is a lot of information. The good news is the GDS usually rebooks the segments in the correct booking code.

So if the GDS does this for you then why did we just go through it? Did you hear the word usually? That is why we went through this. If the GDS not price the fare then maybe the booking code is not available. This is just another tool in our tool box to make us better international agents.

Transition: Before we do a review of the entire unit there is an exercise for you to do.

STATE: Please take 10 minutes and answer the two questions.

FACILITATORS NOTE: Review the answers and how they were obtained.

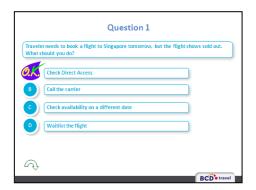
Review





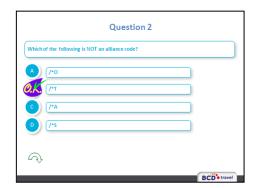


STATE: I have a couple of questions for you as a review.



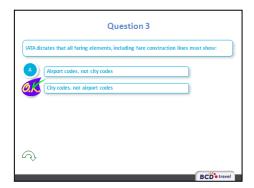
Traveler needs to book a flight to Singapore tomorrow, but the flight shows sold out. What should you do?

Check Direct Access



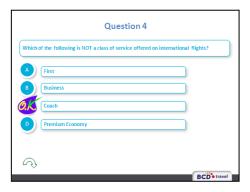
Which of the following is NOT an alliance code?

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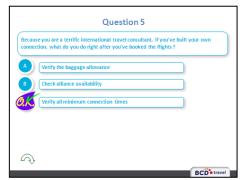
IATA dictates that all faring elements, including fare construction lines must show:

City codes, not airport codes



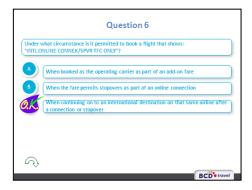
Which of the following is NOT a class of service offered on international flights?

Coach



Because you are a terrific international travel consultant, if you've built your own connection, what do you do right after you've booked the flights?

Verify all minimum connection times



Under what circumstance is it permitted to book a flight that shows: "INTL ONLINE CONNEX/SPVR TFC ONLY"?

When continuing on to an international destination on that same airline after a connection or stopover

Closing



STATE: This brings us to the end of this International Exchanges class. Before we start the assessment, I would like you to take a moment to reflect on what you have learned.



Turn to page 39 in your participant guide, and in the spaces provided make a note of the following:

- Three things that you have learned during the class
- Two things that you will do differently based on what you have learned



Ask: What is your comfort level working with International Availability now?



