

# Manchester Community College

## Interwrite PRS (Personal Response System – Clickers)

Interwrite PRS (Personal Response System) is a powerful communication tool between you and your students, primarily facilitating quizzes or surveys. It is especially useful in maintaining your students' interest and participation.

This is a complex system, offering many options. On the last page of this document, you'll find directions on finding extensive documentation online. You'll need to install the Interwrite PRS software on your PC, along with the PowerPoint Add In.

This document covers how to set up questions in a PowerPoint document and collect responses from your students.

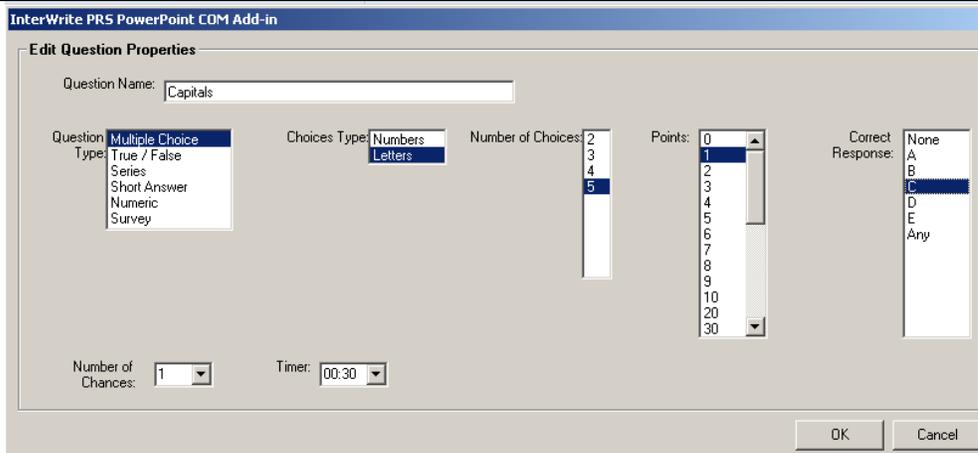
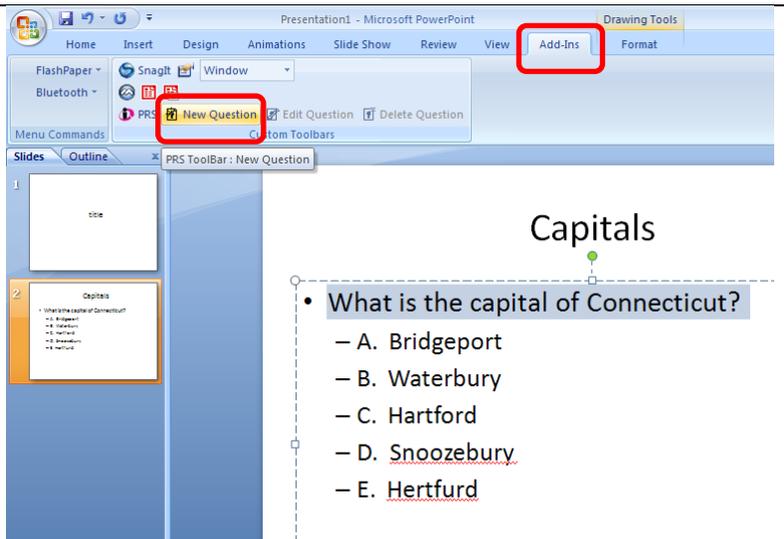
**Class preparation** includes setting up questions in your PowerPoint document and creating a class in PRS.

### To set up questions in PowerPoint:

Create a PowerPoint document, with some slides presenting questions.

Highlight the question, and click the "Add Ins" tab.

Next to "PRS," click on "New Question."

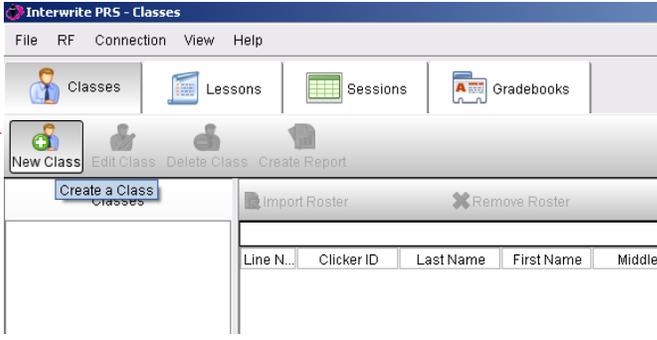
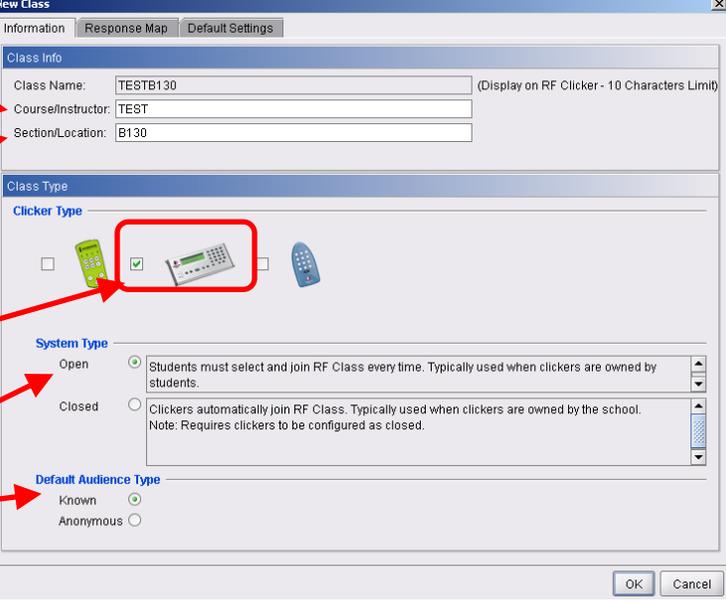


In the pop-up window that appears, make the appropriate selections for your question. Be sure to include the correct response. Click "OK." This icon will appear in the bottom left-hand corner of the slide:



Repeat these steps for all the questions in your PowerPoint document and **save the document.**

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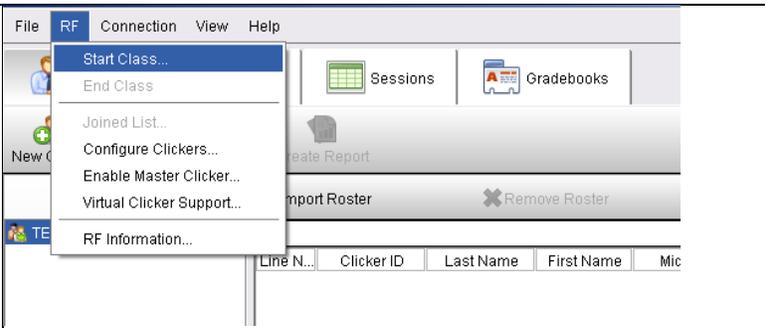
<p><b>To create a new PRS class:</b></p> <p>Open Interwrite PRS and click on “New Class.”</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the main interface of the Interwrite PRS - Classes application. The title bar reads 'Interwrite PRS - Classes'. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'File', 'RF', 'Connection', 'View', and 'Help'. A toolbar contains icons for 'Classes', 'Lessons', 'Sessions', and 'Gradebooks'. Below the toolbar, there are buttons for 'New Class', 'Edit Class', 'Delete Class', and 'Create Report'. A 'Create a Class' button is also visible. At the bottom, there is a table with columns for 'Line N...', 'Clicker ID', 'Last Name', 'First Name', and 'Middle'.</p>
<p>In the “New Class” window, enter the name of the class in the “Course/Instructor” text box,</p> <p>and the room number in the “Section/Location” text box.</p> <p>The “Class Name” will automatically display.</p> <p>Choose the clicker type.</p> <p>Choose “Open” as the section type.</p> <p>Choose “Known” for the default audience type.</p> <p>Click “OK.”</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'New Class' dialog box with three tabs: 'Information', 'Response Map', and 'Default Settings'. The 'Information' tab is active. It contains the following fields and options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Class Info:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Class Name: TESTB130 (Display on RF Clicker - 10 Characters Limit)</li><li>Course/Instructor: TEST</li><li>Section/Location: B130</li></ul></li><li><b>Clicker Type:</b> Three icons are shown: a green mobile phone, a white clicker (selected with a checkmark), and a blue clicker.</li><li><b>System Type:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open: Selected (radio button). Description: Students must select and join RF Class every time. Typically used when clickers are owned by students.</li><li>Closed: Unselected (radio button). Description: Clickers automatically join RF Class. Typically used when clickers are owned by the school. Note: Requires clickers to be configured as closed.</li></ul></li><li><b>Default Audience Type:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Known: Selected (radio button)</li><li>Anonymous: Unselected (radio button)</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are at the bottom right.</p>

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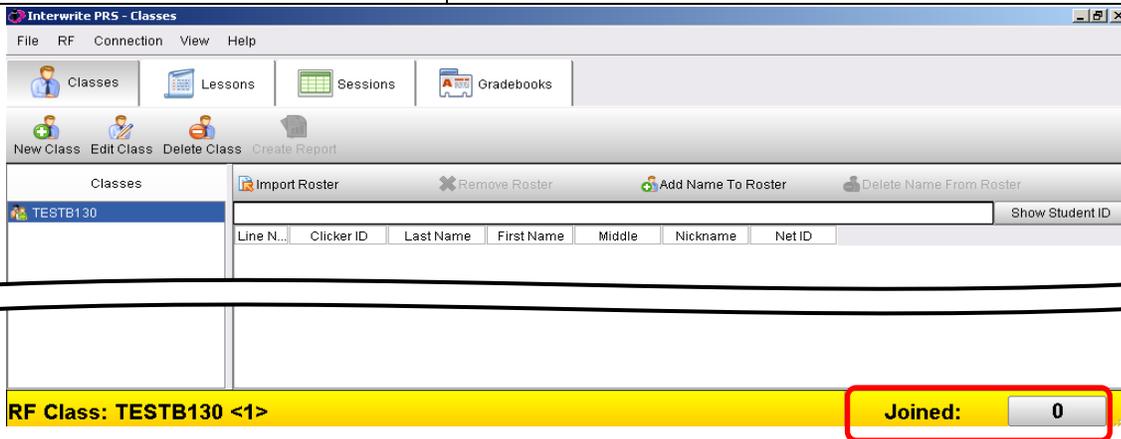
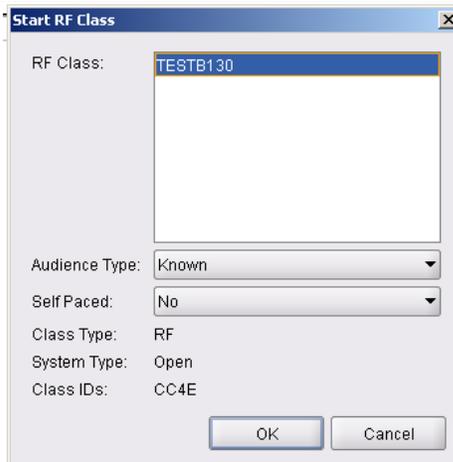
## Starting the class

Connect the PRS control unit to your PC's USB port and to an electrical outlet.

Click "RF" (Radio Frequency) in the menu bar, then choose "Start Class."



In the "Start RF Class" window, choose "No" for "Self Paced" Click "OK."



At the bottom of the screen, you'll see a yellow ribbon noting the name of the class, the channel (<1>), and the number of students who have joined the class (0 at this point).

Now have your students turn on their clickers and click the green arrow to indicate their presence. They'll see "Searching..." then "Found TESTB130." They should click green arrow again. They'll see: "Q Wait for Q"

You'll see the number of students who have joined the class climb. When all the students have joined, minimize (do not close) the Interwrite PRS window.

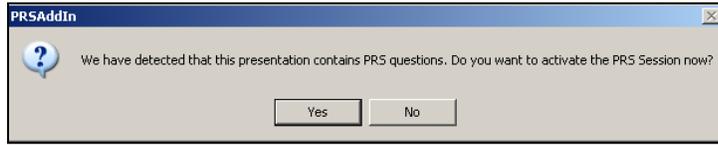
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## Running the PowerPoint slide show

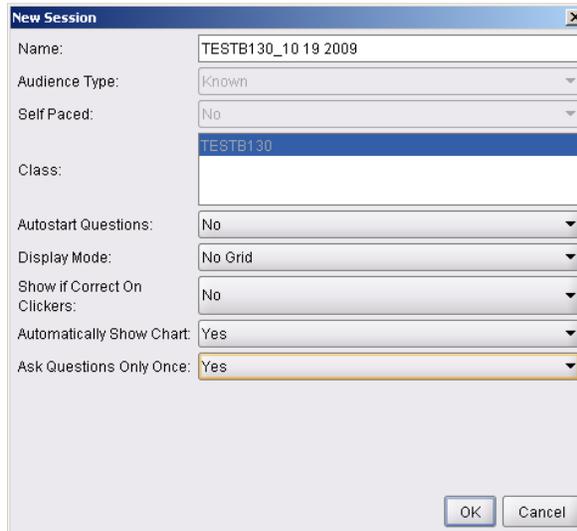
Open your PowerPoint file and run the slide show from the beginning. A pop-up window will appear with the question,

“Do you want to activate the PRS Session now?”

Click “Yes.”



In the pop-up window, make whatever selections you choose and click “OK.”



When you reach a slide that includes a question, a yellow ribbon will appear at the top of the screen.

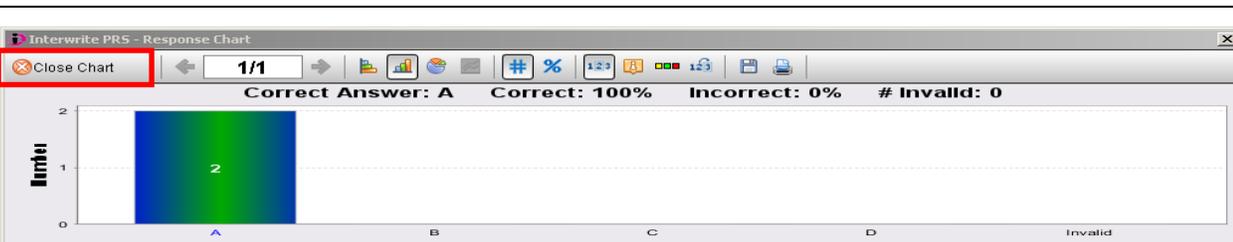
Click the green arrow to start the timer.

The number of students' answers received will be displayed.



## Question about Fruit

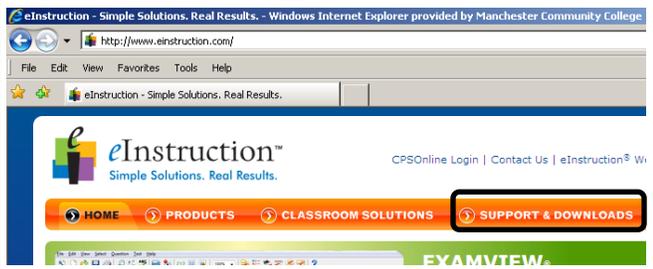
- What color is an orange?
  - A. orange
  - B. blue
  - C. pink
  - D. purple



When the timer runs out, the chart will appear at the top of the screen if you opted for it. To continue your slide show, click “Close Chart.”

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## Software downloads and extensive documentation

<p>More information and documentation can be found at the eInstruction website (<a href="http://www.eInstruction.com">www.eInstruction.com</a>)</p> <p>Click on “Support &amp; Downloads”</p>	
<p>Click on “Interactive Teaching”</p>	
<p>Choose “Interwrite PRS (RF and IR)”</p> <p>There you’ll find the Interwrite User’s Guide (170 pages) for instructors,</p> <p>and the “Interwrite PRS RF Clicker User's Guide” (6 pages) for students.</p>	

## Borrowing PRS Clickers

If you would like to borrow a set of clickers from the ETDL Sandbox, please go to MCC’s Form Depot (<http://www.mcc.commnet.edu/students/form.php>) to find the **Equipment Loan Request Form** & the **Clicker Equipment Agreement Form** under the Educational Technology and Distance Learning heading. Fill them out and return them to [sandbox@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:sandbox@mcc.commnet.edu)