

# InterWrite PRS Software: The Basics

The Basics of using InterWrite PRS Software

## Overview

InterWrite PRS (Personal Response System) software is used to create interactive lessons which allow faculty to pose questions and receive instant feedback from their students. InterWrite is free software that can be downloaded for use in eClassrooms. Quizzes may be created using the InterWrite software or PowerPoint. This Quick Guide discusses how to use InterWrite PRS in the eClassroom. Topics covered include: Creating a class, lesson, session, running the class in the InterWrite software, and saving the PRS files.

### Adding an InterWrite Class

In order to use InterWrite in an eClassroom, the first step is to create a class which students can join via their clickers. You can set up your class using the eClassroom computers or your own personal laptop.

To add a class using eClassroom computers:

Open InterWrite PRS from the Start menu.

1. Select **Create an RF Class now** and click **OK**.
2. Enter the Course Name and Instructor in **Course/Instructor** box.
3. Enter the Section and Location name in **Section/Location** box.
4. Select RF clicker (middle check box). After selecting clicker, for the System Type is **Open**, and **Default Audience Type** is **Known**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Ask the students to join the class.

To add a class using a Personal laptop:

1. Open InterWrite PRS from the Start Menu.
2. Select **New Class** (top left corner).
3. Repeat Steps 4-6 above to create a class.

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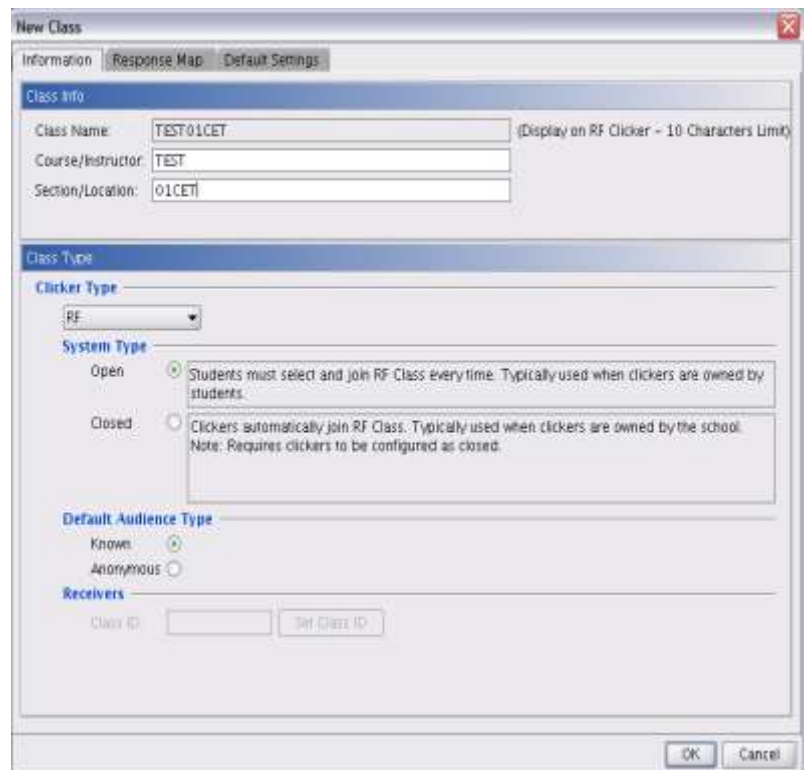


Figure 1. New Class Window

## Quick Guide

## Creating an InterWrite Lesson

If you do not want to use PowerPoint to create a quiz, you can use InterWrite PRS. Create a class (refer to the section Adding an InterWrite Class). After a class is created, the main window of InterWrite PRS will appear. In order to use the InterWrite system, you must create a lesson.

To create a lesson:

1. Navigate to the Lessons Tab on the top of the page.
2. Click on the **New Lesson** Icon.
3. Enter the Lesson name in the **Name** box.
4. Select the appropriate defaults as desired. Click **OK**.

## Creating Questions in InterWrite

By clicking the New Question icon a pop-up window will appear.

To create Questions:

1. Click on the **New Question** icon.
2. Select desired Type of question and other defaults.
3. Enter Name of question in **Name** box.
4. In the Question box (Q:), type in a question.
5. Depending on the type of question, type in the answer(s) and select the correct answer by clicking the check box.
6. Click **Add**.

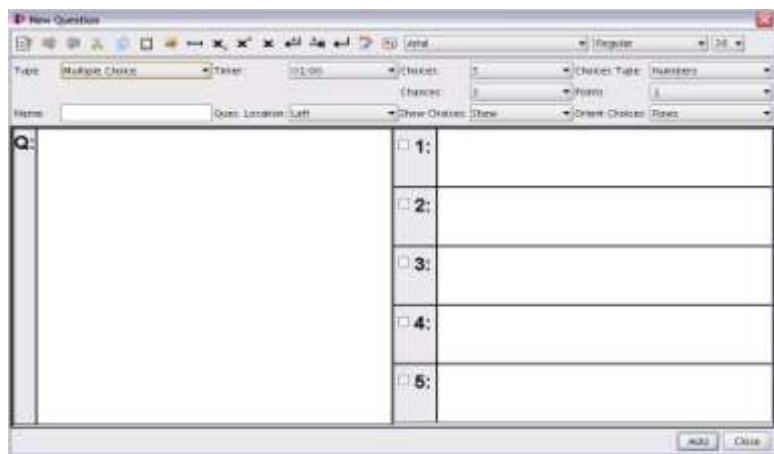


Figure 2. New Question Window

## Creating a Session in InterWrite

After all the questions are made, a session must be created. A session allows the students to join the class previously created and be able to answer the questions provided by the instructor.


How to create a Session:

1. Click on the Sessions tab at the top of the page.
2. Select the **New Session** icon (upper left hand corner).
3. A pop up window labeled New Session will appear with the class and lesson created. Select **PRS Lesson** radio button, and select the lesson name directly underneath.
4. Click **OK**. If using a personal laptop, a session will not run if not in an eClassroom.

## Running a Session in InterWrite


Once a session is created, it automatically begins.

How to run a session:

1. Click the **green icon**  to the left of the red close button. This starts the question.
2. The students now enter in their answer to the question.

3. Once the time is up, a response chart will display the answers received from the students. Click out of this box to proceed to the next question.

4. Click the **green right arrow key** to go to the next question. Follow this procedure until all questions are answered.

5. Once the session is finished, click the **red icon**  to close the session.

**Saving PRS files to a Pulsar account or thumb drive**

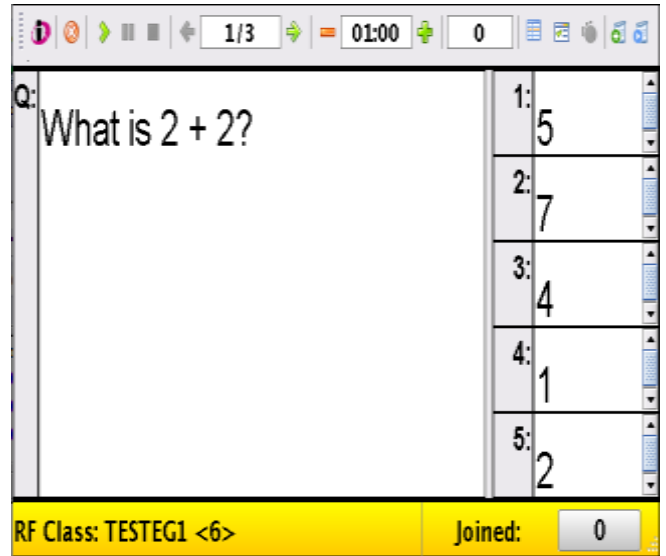
If using a personal computer, you can save the PRS files created in InterWrite or PowerPoint. The PRS files can be saved to both a pulsar account and thumb Drive. If creating an InterWrite lesson in an eClassroom, you can save the PRS files. However, once you log off pulsar, the files will be deleted. Make sure to save PRS files to a thumb drive or Pulsar account.

Saving PRS files to a thumb drive:

1. Insert thumb drive into USB port.
2. Open InterWrite application.
3. In the upper left hand corner go to **File**, and then choose **Preferences**.
4. Under Customer ID you will see **Data Directory** and a Browse button to the right.
5. Click on **Browse**, and in the "Look In" tab at the top of the window click on the small down arrow in the corner.
6. Select your thumb drive from the dropdown list.
7. Click **Select**.
8. After creating a class and lesson, once you exit InterWrite your data will be on the drive you selected.

If saving to a Pulsar account:

1. Open InterWrite.
2. Go to **File, Preferences, Data Directory**, and click on **Browse**.
3. From the dropdown list select **Pulsar account (G: drive)**.
4. Create a class and lesson and once you exit InterWrite, the PRS files will be saved on pulsar account.



**Figure 4. Preferences Window**

