

# InterWrite PRS Software: PowerPoint

Using Interwrite PRS Software with PowerPoint

## 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 from ITS and used in eClassrooms. This Quick Guide presents how to use an InterWrite based PowerPoint presentation in an eClassroom. Topics covered include: Downloading InterWrite to your personal computer, integrating PowerPoint, setting up a PowerPoint in an eClassroom, and running the presentation with the InterWrite system.

### Downloading InterWrite Software

You can download a free copy of the InterWrite software, which enables unlimited access from your own personal computer.

To download InterWrite Software:

1. Go to <http://www.ithaca.edu/computing/support>.
2. Click on the **Software and Systems** link.
3. Click on the **InterWrite** Personal Response System link.
4. Click on the appropriate link in the Download section.
5. After software is installed, open InterWrite and begin creating a quiz.

### How to add InterWrite PowerPoint Add-In

PowerPoint can be used with InterWrite to create a quiz. By using the InterWrite PowerPoint add-in, PowerPoint is integrated with the InterWrite software and a quiz can be entirely created within PowerPoint. Here are the steps to add the InterWrite PowerPoint feature within PowerPoint and how to create a quiz in PowerPoint.

1. Go to **Start**, then **All Programs** and choose the **InterWrite PRS** folder.
2. Select **Register PowerPoint Add-In** and click **Register**.

### How to use InterWrite in PowerPoint

Create a PowerPoint presentation with the necessary questions. Here are the steps for merging InterWrite into a PowerPoint presentation.

1. After a PowerPoint presentation is created, open the presentation.
2. For each slide intended to be used as an InterWrite PRS question, click on the **New Question** tab in the InterWrite toolbar of PowerPoint (upper left corner).
3. Determine settings for questions (number of choices, number of points, and correct response to the question).
4. Repeat this procedure for each question slide.
5. Save your presentation to your pulsar account or to a flash drive.

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## **How to set up your InterWrite PowerPoint presentation in an eClassroom**

Once you are in the eClassroom where your quiz will take place, open the PowerPoint presentation you saved (pulsar, email, flash drive).

1. Open PowerPoint and display the presentation in the **Slideshow** mode.
2. InterWrite will automatically detect PRS questions within the presentation. InterWrite will open and ask you to create a class.
3. Fill in the required fields for creating an InterWrite class (course/instructor name, section number, type of PRS clicker) and maintain the default system and audience type.
4. Create a new session by clicking on the **Sessions tab** (third tab on the toolbar at the top of the page) and then on the **New Session** tab in the upper left corner.
5. In the New Session window choose type of lesson and click **OK**.
6. Determine question preferences.
7. Go through the PowerPoint presentation as normal.
8. When a PRS question comes up in the PowerPoint presentation, an InterWrite toolbar will appear at the top of the screen.
9. Start timer in order to start the question.
10. Ask students to answer the question.
11. When time is up, a response chart will appear on the screen displaying the student's responses.
12. Continue the slideshow and repeat steps 10-12 until the presentation is finished.
13. End class in InterWrite when finished.

## **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.

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.

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