

# PRS Software-Using PRS and Clickers in the Classroom

A Quick Guide on the Use of Clickers in a Classroom Setting

## Overview

After completing the “*Getting Started*” guide and create your classes and lessons using the “*Setting Up Classes and Lessons*” Quick Guide, it’s time launch them during class- this is known as a **Session**.

PRS Software saves the response data to the PRS Directory.

Since you cannot save this data folder on an eClassroom computer you should designate the data directory on a laptop, thumb drive or your personal directory on the Novell Server (G: drive).

*If you are NOT intending to save data and track student responses later, then skip to Prompting Students to Join Class.*

## Point to your PRS Data Directory

You should have set up a PRS Data Directory. If not please see the Quick Guide, “*PRS Software – Setting up Classes and Lessons*”.

*Note: You will need to do this step at the beginning of every class in order to properly launch a class and save the data.*

1. Log into Windows using your Novell login.
2. First, launch the **PRS application** (not PowerPoint).
3. Under the **File** menu, select **Preferences**.
4. Next to **Data Directory** browse to **your personal PRS Folder (Novel G: drive, Thumb Drive, or laptop)**.

## Prompting Students to Join Class

*NOTE: The first time students use the clickers, please see the “For Students” section at the end of this document.*

1. Under **RF**, select, **Start Class**.
2. Select the proper class, and click **OK**.
3. Don't quit PRS..
4. Now students can join the class

## Starting the PowerPoint and PRS Session

1. Launch **Your PowerPoint** lesson with PRS \*questions.
2. Enter **Slide Show mode**.
3. When prompted to start the session, choose **Yes**.
4. Click **OK**.

For more information on PowerPoint lessons with PRS questions, see the Quick Guide “*PRS Software- Using the PowerPoint Add-In*”

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### Related Guides

PRS Software and Clickers- Getting Started
PRS Software- Setting up Classes and Lessons
PRS Software- Using the PowerPoint Add- In Tips for Teaching with Clickers

## Quick Guide

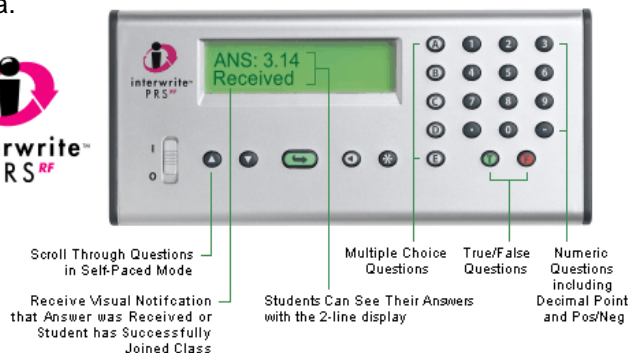
# Information for Students

## First Time Student Clicker Use

The very first time that students use a clicker, they must input their student ID number into their clicker. This ties a clicker ID to a student ID and is saved with session data.

Instruct students to:

- Turn on clicker
- Press \* (stop scan channels)
- Press \* to Setup Menu
- Scroll ▲ or ▼ to ID:
- Press **Enter** (green arrow key)
- Enter your ID # (not the first 0 if starts with 0)
- Press **Enter**



Clicking the **Enter** button will encode the student ID number and associate it with their clicker ID. This will get their clicker set up initially. The rest of the semester, students will need to do the following each day:

- Turn on
- Allow to scan channels OR press <your channel #> then **Enter**
- When see [PRS class name], press **Enter** again
- Keep on desk (do not turn off, will enter sleep mode)
- Press any button to wake
- Enter answer with letters/numbers pad, check on screen (they will have 3 tries-set by default, can be changed)
- Press **Enter**
- "Answer Received" should appear on screen
- Turn off at end of class

## Joining a Class

*Note: Every time you start PRS, the students will have to "join" the class. This process creates a roster 'on the fly' - you can add names later and sync the data with a spreadsheet.*

1. Launch **Interwrite PRS**
2. Select **RF** -> **Start class**.
3. Choose the class.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Prompt students to join class number that is indicated <your channel #> (at the bottom of screen).

## For More Information

A variety of support services are available from ITS if you would like additional help:

Computer training on a variety of topics is available to faculty, staff, and students at no charge through the Technology Learning Center (TLC). Check out the current TLC training schedule online at <https://www.ithaca.edu/its/workshops>

Online documentation and tutorials on IC-supported computing software and systems are available at <https://www.ithaca.edu/its/traindoc>

Frontline computing support is available through the ITS Helpdesk in 104 Job Hall; send e-mail to [helpdesk@ithaca.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ithaca.edu) or call 607-274-1000.

Backline consulting support is available in the Technology Learning Center, room 101 Friends Hall.

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