

# PRS Software and Clickers-Getting Started

A Quick Guide to Get You Started with PRS and Clickers

## Overview

PRS (Personal Response System) software is used to create interactive lessons that allow faculty to pose questions and receive instant feedback from their students via clickers. Clickers are hand held remote devices that allow students to send answers to the main receiver in the classroom. In order to use clickers, students must have them, the classroom must have the PRS software and receiver, and you must have the PRS software to develop clicker lessons. Currently, Ithaca College is using Interwrite PRS Version 4.4200010 on Windows and 4.42 on Mac.

## Ordering Clickers

In order for students to participate in a course that uses clickers, they must purchase them just like they purchase a text book. IC bookstore sells the clickers, so order clickers as you would text books from the bookstore. After you have ordered the clickers from the bookstore, ITS will contact you directly and ask you which room(s) that you will be using PRS in. Then, they will make sure the hardware is installed.

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PRS Software- Using the PowerPoint Add-In Tips for Teaching with Clickers

## Downloading and Installing PRS Software

1. Go to <https://www.ithaca.edu/computing/support/software.php>
2. Click on the **Interwrite Personal Response System (PRS)** link.
3. Click on the appropriate link in the **Download** section.  
PRS will fully install.
4. Check for updates for the software by launching PRS, selecting Help > Check for Updates
5. Follow the prompts.

## Install PowerPoint Add-In

If you are planning on using PowerPoint, you must do the following.

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

## 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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