

Technology Tools for Classroom Assessment

The following information provides details of the four most popular technology assessment tools that can be used in the classroom. Review the chart below to help determine which technology tool fits your needs the best.

If you need assistance with using any of these technology tools, please contact Candace Wentz (candace.wentz@centre.edu) or Kristi Burch (kristi.burch@centre.edu) in the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Technology Tools for Classroom Assessment Chart Comparison*

Technology Tool	TurningPoint	Poll Everywhere	Nearpod	Socrative
Features				
# of respondents	30-40 <i>(depends on the clicker set)</i>	40	30	50
# of polls	Unlimited - plugin for PowerPoint	Unlimited – each poll is a single question	up to 50 MB of storage	N/A
Website Access	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Import capability	No	Word – <i>questions have to be formatted a certain way</i>	Powerpoint & pdf files	Excel
Presentation Size Limit	No	No	20MB each	N/A
Reporting	CSV	Live results via website	PDF	Excel
Question types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice • True/False • Fastest Responder • Team slides • Analogy • Short answer <i>(available only with NXT clickers)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-ended questions <i>(various formats include: text wall, word cloud, cluster, tickets)</i> • Multiple choice • True/False • Adding images to questions or answers • Clickable image as question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice • Quiz questions • Open-ended questions • Draw it slides - allows for annotation • Slideshow of images • Inserting video 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice • True/False • Short answer • Adding images to questions or answers • Self-paced quizzes for students
# of options allowed per poll	9	1000	8	5
Graded polls (right/wrong answers)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but only one option can be marked correct
How do students respond	Clickers or App	Website, text, or Twitter	Website or App	Website or App
Ability to change answer	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Access via App	Yes - Responseware App <i>till June 30, 2014</i>	Not for mobile device. Plugin for PowerPoint	Yes	Yes - Teacher and Student App

* please note that this chart is only comparing the free version of each program

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TurningPoint Clickers



TurningPoint clickers are the primary devices that are supported at Centre College. The CTL department has 21 clicker sets available for classroom use. If you are interested in designing a clicker-type presentation, you must use the TurningPoint software program. This program opens up PowerPoint, but creates a TurningPoint ribbon that allows you to make an interactive slide.

For more details on using the Turningpoint clickers, check out the technology documentation page located on the CTL website: <http://ctl.centre.edu/technology-documentation.html>

Poll Everywhere - <http://www.polleverywhere.com/>



Poll Everywhere is an online website that allows you to create an unlimited number of polls for up to 40 respondents with the free version. See chart above to view what's available in the free version.

In addition, Poll Everywhere has a presenter app that can be used within PowerPoint. This allows you to create live polling slides within PowerPoint. You must create and start your polls on the website, but once your polls are created, you can insert these polling questions directly into your PowerPoint presentation. For more information on using the presenter app, check out this website: <http://www.polleverywhere.com/app/>

Want to know more about making a great presentation? Check out the Presenter Notes & Best Practices for using Poll Everywhere: <http://www.polleverywhere.com/presenter-notes>

Nearpod - <http://www.nearpod.com/>



Nearpod is an online website (or app) that not only allows you to create polling questions, but also allows you to build interactivity into your presentation. Students can view and respond to the interactive presentation through a website or with the Nearpod app. This app is available on any mobile device.

See chart above to view what's available in the free version. A monthly fee is charged if you are looking for additional space or polling features, such as inserting audio files, pdf viewer, web content and a live Twitter stream.

Socrative - <http://www.socrative.com/>



Socrative is a free online website (or app) where you can create polling questions for your students. Faculty and students can access Socrative via a web browser, smartphone and/or their mobile devices. Socrative has a teacher and student login via a web-browser, in addition to having a student and teacher app. The teacher app allows you to easily deploy your polling questions to your students and the student app allows your students to respond via their mobile device. See chart above to view what's available in the free version.