Moodle :: Integrating Clicker Use

Classroom response systems (clickers) have been shown to dramatically increase class interactivity and improve student engagement. As an additional benefit, the system enables both students and instructors to get real-time feedback on class effectiveness. Visit HSU's clicker support pages [1] for an overview, software downloads and other resources.

The Turning Point [2] system used at HSU comprises a receiver and handheld input devices. Receivers are installed in a number of HSU's smart classrooms [3] and are also available for checkout from Classroom Technology Services [4]; the software is installed on all Smart Classroom [5] systems. Clickers are distributed through the HSU Bookstore; faculty should order the appropriate number of clickers for their class at the same time as they order textbooks - a semester ahead of when they will be needed. Turning Point clickers are fully ADA-compliant.

If you wish to install the Turning Technologies software on your computer, it is available in the Faculty Download Center. [6]

The TurningPoint system may be integrated directly into Moodle [7] for fully interactive instruction.

Enabling Clicker Usage in Moodle

Once the Turning Point software has been set up on your classroom computer and you've created your content, you can activate Turning Point with your Moodle sessions. To do this:

1. Log in to Moodle as you would normally
2. Go to the class in which you'll be using clickers
3. Turn on Editing
4. Select Turning Technologies from the Blocks dropdown menu at the foot of the right-hand column; the item will appear on your page, above the Blocks dropdown menu. You can drag it to wherever you want within the left or right column.

You should complete this setup process before your class is opened and available to students, so students will be prompted to register their clicker when they first log in. Until the device is registered, you will not be able to import student information.

When you click on the Administer link in the Turning Technologies block, you'll see a full list of who has registered, as well as a menu at the top for importing sessions, exporting data, and purging device IDs. **Important note**: The Purge Device IDs command will delete all of your students' device IDs from your class, so it's unlikely you'll want to use this function.

Please note that students should register for **All Classes** if given a choice, and that we are not using Responseware at this time.

Help in Using Clickers with Moodle

Guides for Faculty are available for:

- Quick Guide Using Integration to Upload Participant List [8]

- Integration to the Gradebook [9]
- Adding Turning Tech Block to your Moodle page [10]
- Changing the Channel on Clickers [11]

Dedicated clicker support for faculty and students is available in Lib 315 every day - call (707) 826-4778 for more information. How-to videos are being developed all the time and can be found here [12]. Additional information and extended support is available on the Turning Technologies [13] website.

Related Topics

Moodle [14]

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