

Clickers at LMU:

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PRS RF clicker (student)

What are Clickers?

Faculty can use clickers to gauge understanding of a concept, to poll for opinions anonymously, to increase student interaction, and to take attendance. One teaching strategy is to pose a question and then display the results. If there is a wide variety in the answers, the faculty member can ask students to form groups to discuss the question. After the discussion, the students can respond again.

Interwrite Hardware Components:

1. The **PRS RF clicker** (shown above, left) is a battery-operated device for student use in the classroom. It features an LCD display and a keypad that includes numeric, lettered and math symbols, as well as navigation keys. The PRS RF clicker's LCD display makes it possible for the student to see and edit their answers before they are sent, and to receive status messages about each answer they transmit. See system specifications at: http://www.interwritelearning.com/products/prs/radio/specs_prsrf.pdf
2. The PRS RF **receiver hub** (shown above, right) is a small blue box connected to a classroom computer or laptop via a USB Cable. It sends transmitted data to the computer, and sends status messages back to the student's clicker.

Standardization:

As of Spring 2007, LMU officially supports the Interwrite Personal Response System (PRS-RF) clickers, putting us in company with many other universities who have standardized with PRS-RF:

(See <http://www.interwritelearning.com/products/prs/PRSUsers.pdf>)

This means that you will find the Interwrite PRS software installed in all LMU PC classrooms. This software is used to connect student's clickers with an instructor's "clicker-enabled" presentation, and to keep track of student responses. Contact the Helpdesk to have the software installed on any other campus Mac or PC computer.

The bookstore can sell the clicker units to students either individually, or bundled with some textbooks. Any faculty member who implements the use of Interwrite PRS clickers can receive a **FREE** USB receiver box for their class from the company by filling out the PRS hub request form found at <http://ats.lmu.edu>. (Select "**Clickers in the Classroom.**")

Training:

Contact your college's ITA. Also, there are a lot of training resources online at <http://www.interwritelearning.com/support/prs/rf/training.html>, including videos, a discussion group, and WebEx conferences.

Technical Assistance:

Available Monday - Friday - 6:00am - 5:00 pm (Pacific). **Call 1-800-856-0732.**