

Success with Wimba Classroom Teaching Tips

1. Preparing Participants

Email is key and should include the following:

- Date and time of the event
- How to receive technical assistance if there are any problems.
- The link and encouragement to run the wizard a few hours in advance
- The session information including how participants will log in

2. Communicating with Participants

Multiple modes of communication to choose from:










- Primary methods:
 - Voice input from a headset with a microphone attached
 - Text input from the text chat area
- Backup method:
 - Voice input from a telephone line

Note:

Regardless of the method, it's always important to conduct an audio check at the beginning of the session to ensure participants can hear you

3. Managing Participants

Facilitation is key:

- Establish clear ground rules with participants and stick to them
- Manage Interaction
 - Individually: Yes , No , Hand raise , or emoticons 
 - Globally: Use Actions  to clear yes/no, hand raise, emoticons
- Manage Communication
 - Individually:  /  for Audio , Video , or Text 
 - Globally: Use Actions  to enable/disable audio, video, chat

4. Displaying Content

Select the right method for your delivery:

- PowerPoint -- prepared lecture material / focus on content / interact with eBoard
- Web Page -- how to exercises / sending resources
- Application Share -- demonstrations / student interaction with content or activity






5. Creating an Archive

Archives record everything in a live session, except for private chats and break out room activity. They are great for:

- Participants to review live presentations
- Guests to review live presentations
- On demand access of content

Using NetStats: Troubleshooting a Network Connection

Network Statistics (NetStats) identify the strength of a user's connection to the WimbaMedia System. When you log-in as a Presenter, you see NetStats for all users. When you log-in as a Participant, you only see your own network connection information.

Status	Description	Explanation
 Green	Internet connection is strong.	Using a high-speed connection. Close to a wireless signal.
 Orange	Internet connection is good.	Using a high-speed connection. May not be as close to a wireless signal. Light traffic on Internet connection.
 Red	Internet connection is low.	Not using a high-speed connection. Heavy network traffic. Using a dial-up modem to connect.
 Grey	Not connected to the WimbaMedia System.	Not connected to the Internet. Wimba Media System was not properly configured when running the Setup Wizard.
 Telephone	Not connected to the WimbaMedia System.	User has dialed in to the session via telephone.

Common Scenarios:

- If NetStats fluctuate between red and green, there may be a firewall blocking some of the ports necessary to run Wimba Classroom. Review the Technical Support Knowledgebase for complete details.
- If NetStats fluctuate between orange and red, there may be additional programs running that are slowing a user's connection to the WimbaMedia System. Ask participants to close any additional applications running on their machine.
- If a participant continues to experience audio difficulties:
 - Ask the participant to disconnect from WimbaMedia System (**Options > Disconnect Media**) and reconnect (**Options > Reconnect Media**)
 - Encourage the participant to dial-in using the phone simulcast.

Note:

Long distance charges may apply.

For Technical Support:



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To search the Knowledge Database and obtain 24/7 help information:
http://www.wimba.com/support/support_center.php

Archives: Creating and Making it Available for Students

Archives are a great way to allow students and guests an opportunity to review class material. The process begins by creating an archive, then making it available.

Creating an Archive

Begin Archive



1. Click on the Archive Icon  to begin archive

Note:

Presenters will hear an audio notification that the archive has begun. If you do not hear this message, your archive has not begun. Click the Archive Icon again to begin session.

End Archive







2. Conduction your session.

3. Click on the Archive Icon  to end archive.

Note:

Presenters will hear an audio notification that the archive has ended. If you do not hear this message, your archive has not begun. Click the Archive Icon again to end session.

Making Archives Available

- **Blackboard, Vista, and CE 6.0:** Navigate to Classroom link. Click the red circle  in the ACCESS column. It will change to a green circle  noting that students have access.
- **ANGEL and Moodle:** Navigate to the Settings for the Live Classroom. Follow instructions above to release archive.
- **Outside CMS:** Navigate to Wimba Classroom administrative site. Click on Navigation tab and locate archive. Click the closed door  in the ACCESS column. The door will then open , noting that students have access.