Instructor Guide for using TurningPoint Desktop in academic courses

This training document provides step by step instructions on implementing TurningPoint Polling (clickers) within academic courses at UT Dallas.

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Before you Begin

Please review the following information before you begin.

- ✓ The version of the program currently supported at the University is **TurningPoint Desktop**.
- ✓ To implement TurningPoint Polling in the course, you will need to be the **Instructor** for the course within eLearning. Teaching Assistants will not be able to run the program.
- ✓ To access the program, you will need a **Turning Technologies USB receiver**. Please contact UT Dallas eLearning (<u>elearning@utdallas.edu</u>) to obtain the receiver. You can use the same receiver for all your course/s and for future semesters. Below is an image of the receiver:

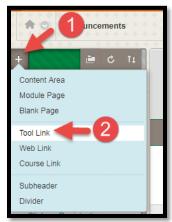


- ✓ The program is stored locally. If using the USB receiver, you will need to carry the device with you to office/ class, and save all files to the device. If you install the program on a laptop, you will need to use the laptop to run the program.
- ✓ The UT Dallas eLearning team provides on-campus training and support services for faculty on TurningPoint Desktop. Please email elearning@utdallas.edu.

Add Turning Registration Link to elearning

Log into eLearning https://elearning.utdallas.edu/ and enter the course where clickers will be used.

In the left-hand menu of the course, add a tool link by clicking on the + icon in the top.

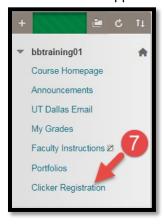


In the NAME field, type "Clicker Registration".

For TYPE, select TURNING ACCOUNT REGISTRATION from the drop-down menu. Select the box making the link available to users. Click SUBMIT.



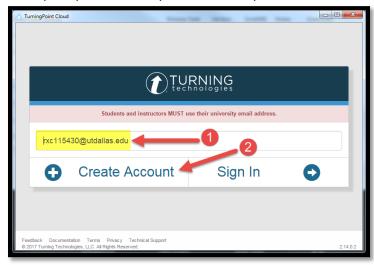
The link will now appear in your tool list.



Create Turning Instructor Account

Click on the Clicker Registration link you just created.

When prompted to enter your email, use your UTD email address.



Click CREATE ACCOUNT. Then follow the directions on the screen to create your Turning Account.

Turning Point will automatically detect your role in eLearning and classify your account as an Instructor account.

Open TurningPoint Desktop

Insert your TurningPoint USB receiver into the USB port of the computer.

The computer's file directory will identify the device as TURNING TECHNOLOGIES.

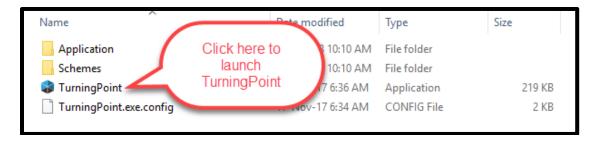
Enter the device directory.

You will find 2 folders – WINDOWS and MAC. Enter the folder corresponding to the Operating Environment you will use.

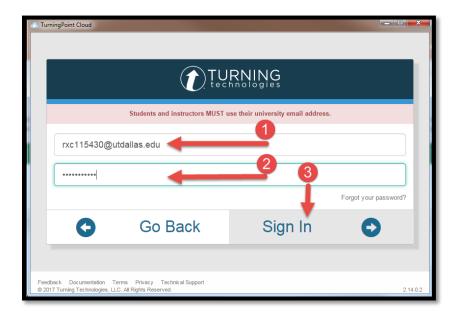


Note: You will need to be in the same Operating Environment every time you use the program. For instance, classroom lectern computers run on Windows. So, if you create your TurningPoint contents in the MAC version of the program, you will not be able to run in on the classroom lectern.

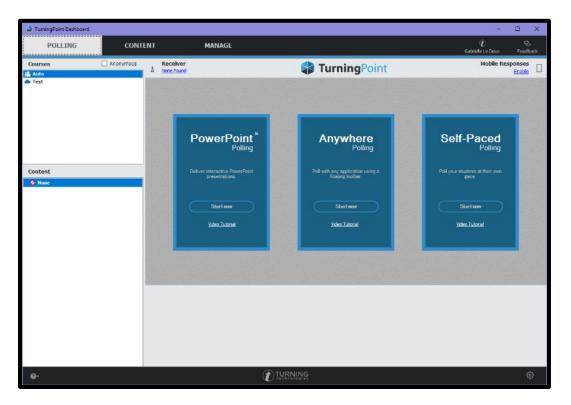
Once you've identified the Operating Environment, open the folder and click on the TurningPoint .exe file to launch the program.



You will be asked to sign in. Enter your Turning Account username (which should be your netid@utdallas.edu) and the password you created when you set up your account.



The Turning Point Program will open.



Import Participant List

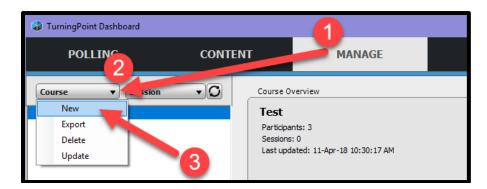
There are 2 ways to do this:

- 1) Via the TurningPoint Desktop Program
- 2) Via your TurningPoint Instructor Account (recommended)

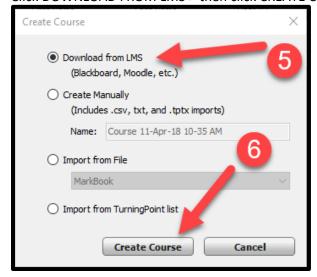
Option 1 - Import via TurningPoint Desktop

Within TurningPoint Desktop > Click on the MANAGE tab.

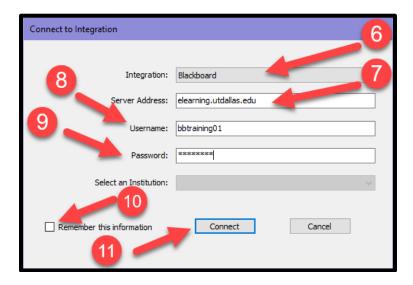
Click on the drop down next to COURSE > click NEW.



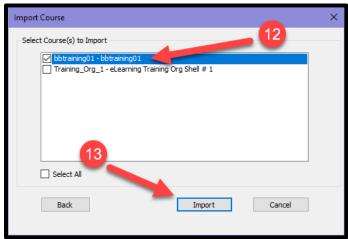
Click DOWNLOAD FROM LMS > then click CREATE COURSE.



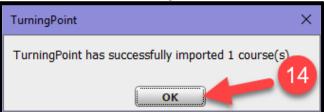
In the Integration field, select "Blackboard". In the Server Address field, type https://elearning.utdallas.edu. Type in your UTD netid and netid password. Click "Connect".



You will see a list of courses taught by you. Select the course(s) where clickers will be used > click IMPORT.



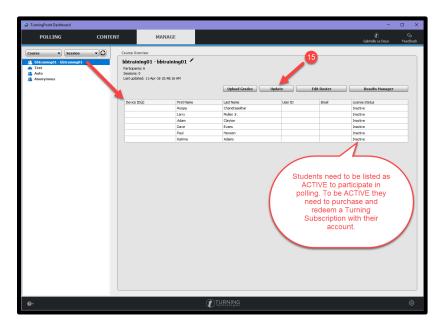
You will see a success message. Click OK.



Your class roster should how show inside the TurningPoint Desktop Program > under MANAGE.

Click on the Participant to check your students' device ids, names, and license status.

Click on UPDATE to refresh your roster to include adds/drops that may have occurred within eLearning.



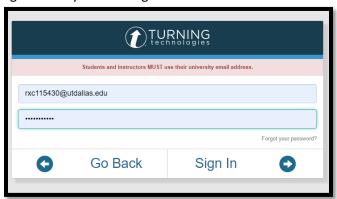


You can use this screen to identify which students need a Turning License/ Subscription. To participate in polling students must be listed as ACTIVE under LICENSE STATUS.

Option 2 - Import via Turning Technologies secure online portal (recommended)

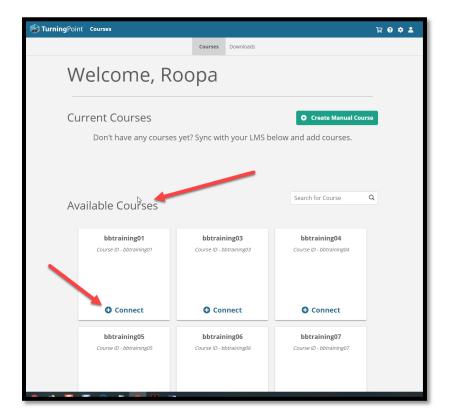
Go to https://account.turningtechnologies.com

Sign in with your Turning Account credentials.

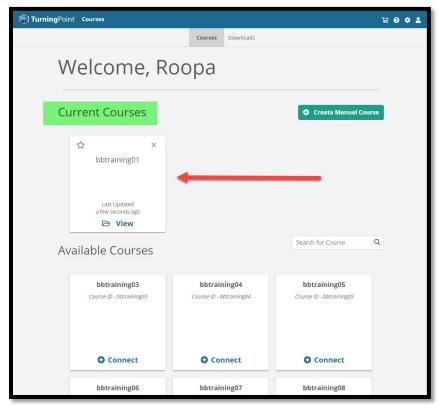


You will be taken to a secure URL (https://instructor.turningtechnologies.com/) where you will see a list of courses inside UTD eLearning where you are the instructor.

From the section titled AVAILABLE COURSES > identify the course that you are using TurningPoint Polling with. Click on CONNECT on the course. (You can do this for multiple courses, if needed.)



The course now shows under the CURRENT COURSES list.

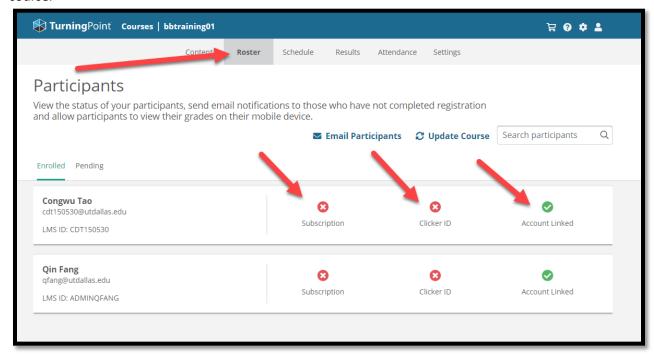


If you added a course by mistake, simply click on the "X" at the top of the box, to remove it from CURRENT COURSES.

Click on VIEW under the course name.



On the next screen from the top menu go to the tab named ROSTER. You will see how many students have yet to purchase/ renew their Turning License, and if those students have linked their license to you course.

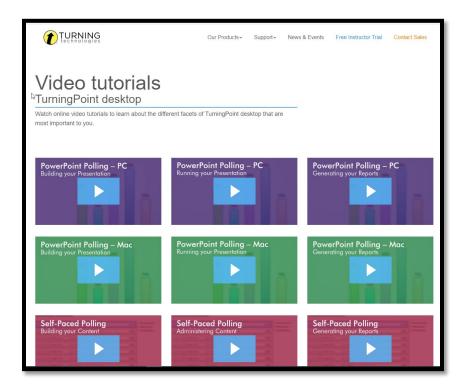




You will notice other tabs on the portal, like CONTENT, SCHEDULE, RESULTS, ATTENDANCE, etc. However, at this point, we don't recommend using the web for running Turning Point Polling. So, once you have connected your course/s with TurningPoint, you can exit the web portal and go back into the TurningPoint Desktop program to do everything else.

Create Polling Questions & Conduct Polls in Class

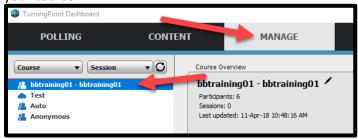
The vendor has posted detailed video tutorials on creating and running polls. Please visit this URL to watch. https://www.turningtechnologies.com/turningpoint/turningpoint-desktop/video-tutorials/



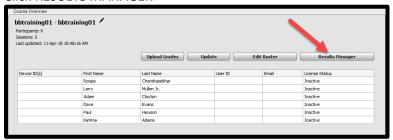
You can also find instructions in your TurningPoint Instructor Handbook. (If you don't have one, contact elearning@utdallas.edu.)

Export polling results to eLearning

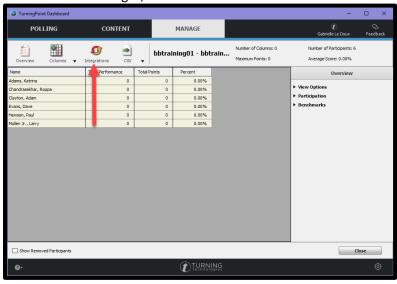
In your Turning Point Program, click on the MANAGE TAB > then click on COURSE LIST corresponding to your course.



Click RESULTS MANAGER



In the Results Manager, select INTEGRATIONS.



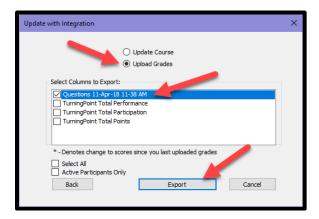
In the next window, you will be asked to enter server and authentication information. In the INTEGRATION field, select "Blackboard".

In the SERVER ADDRESS field, type https://elearning.utdallas.edu .

Type in your UTD netid and netid password. Click "Connect".

In the next window, select UPLOAD GRADES. Then select the correct column corresponding to your polling session.

Click EXPORT.



You will receive confirmation when the results have been uploaded. Click "OK"

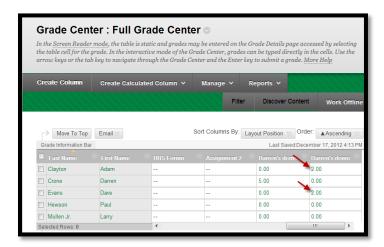


View/ Edit grades

Go to your course in eLearning > GRADE CENTER.

To the extreme right, you will see the newly exported session as a grade column with grades corresponding to the student's performance in the polling session.

You can change the column name as needed.



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