Anywhere Polling allows instructors to quickly run a clicker-enabled session to collect responses, no matter what application the instructor is using in the background. For instance, a classroom instruction period might include a set of PowerPoint slides, a visit to a web page, a YouTube video, and an example of an Excel spreadsheet or Access database set. Using Anywhere Polling, the instructor can ask students questions about any of the information presented in those applications (and any other application the instructor cares to use during the lecture period.

Anywhere Polling can use either pre-configured question lists or questions can be created “on-the-fly” by the instructor. To increase efficiency during lecture, it is often beneficial to use a pre-configured question list as that means the instructor doesn’t have to waste time during lecture to create “on-the-fly” questions.

Anywhere Polling Interface

The Anywhere Polling interface is quite a bit different than the PowerPoint polling interface that shows up when polling is enabled on a PowerPoint slide. When a session is closed, which it is by default when Anywhere Polling is first started, the following interface is available:

- **Begin Polling button**: Starts an Anywhere Polling session.
- **Quick Poll Menu**: Allows instructors to create questions “on-the-fly”.
- **Response Count**: Shows responses as they are submitted by students.
• **Close Anywhere Polling:** Closes the application. If session data is available, you will be prompted to save the session data.

• **Close Question List:** If a question list is being used, the current list will be closed.

• **Minimize Showbar:** Minimizes the Anywhere Polling application window. Only the Begin/Stop Polling button and the response counter will be visible.

• **Display Messaging Window:** The messaging window, which allows students to submit messages to the instructor, will open, revealing all messages that have been sent.

• **Show/Hide Connection Info:** Displays the current channel for the room.

• **Show/Hide Presentation:** Displays the current question.

• **Show/Hide Chart:** Displays the chart for the question being polled.

• **Options menu:** Instructors can select the participant list, question list, preferences, and more.
When polling is opened, then there are a few additional options available:

- **Stop Polling button**: Closes the polling, preventing any more responses from being added to the response counter.

- **Show/Hide Response Grid**: Opens a window showing a grid of respondents in the session. When students respond, their corresponding grid point will change color.

- **Show/Hide Countdown Timer**: Starts a countdown timer for the question. By default, this is set to 30 seconds. This can be changed by clicking the “+” or “-” in the Timer window. Each click of the “+” or “-” button will increment/decrement the counter by 5 seconds, respectively. The timer can also be configured in the Preferences for Anywhere Polling.
RUN A SESSION

1. Open the TurningPoint Dashboard interface.

2. Select the Participant List from the Participants pane of the TurningPoint Dashboard.

   **IMPORTANT:** It may be necessary to import a participant list for first time use of Anywhere Polling. Also, importing a new participant list can account for changes in enrollment in Blackboard, which frequently occurs during the first few weeks of the semester.

3. If using a preconfigured question list, select the question list from the Content pane of the TurningPoint Dashboard.
4. Click **Anywhere Polling**.

5. Click the green arrow **Play** button to begin polling a question. The first question from a Question list will appear below the button. This is the question that will be polled.

- A new window will open displaying the question to be polled. Students will respond with their clickers.

- If another question is desired, click the drop-down menu button next to the question and select which question will be polled. In this way, instructors can run their Anywhere Polling session in a non-linear fashion, selecting which question is being polled at any given time.

- Instructors can use the **Show/Hide Presentation** button to hide the question at any time. For instance, if the question is obscuring an important piece of information the students need to know in a web page, then the question can be hidden temporarily while students review that information.
6. Click the green **Stop** button to stop polling on the question. A chart window will open displaying the results of the question.

![Polling Open](image)

7. Click the gray bar at the bottom of the chart to allow for some additional options.

![Results for "According to Pavlov's classical conditioning, a conditioned response is..."](image)

- **»** – Leaderboard options for team-based and fastest responder (if enabled for the question).
- **»** – Toggle between percentages and response count.
- **»** – Toggle between correct/incorrect and response count.

8. Anywhere Polling will automatically advance to the next question. Repeat steps 5-6 for each question.
**QUICK POLL QUESTIONS**

Anywhere Polling allows instructors to not only quiz students using any application (not just PowerPoint), but instructors can also create questions “on-the-fly” for quick-polling exercises. For instance, while showing students a YouTube video, an instructor could create a quick question about the content of that video without having to create a question before showing the video.

1. Open the TurningPoint Dashboard interface.
2. Select the **Participant List** from the Participants pane of the TurningPoint Dashboard.
3. Click **Anywhere Polling**.
4. Click the **Quick Poll Menu** button.
5. Select the desired question type:

- **Custom**: Create a custom multiple-choice question. Each answer needs to be on its own line.

- **2 – 10 Answers**: A generic question with generic answers. Questions and answers cannot be directly edited. This is mostly useful for quick polling during a lecture in which the instructor provides the question and responses verbally only (instead of in written format as is typical during a lecture that shows PowerPoint slides or other visual materials).

- **Short Answer**: Generic question where students text the response using their NXT, XR, or ResponseWare response devices.

- **Numeric Response**: Students submit a numeric response.

- **Essay**: Students submit an essay response (not very practical even with ResponseWare enabled devices, but still possible).

- **Demographic Assignment**: Assigns participants to demographic groups. Each participant can choose one of the ten options.

- **Demographic Assignment (competition)**: Assigns students to teams.