



TECH TIP

Joining a Class

This Tech Tip outlines an orderly way to start your Sessions to ensure that all your students, even those who are late to class will be able to easily join the Class and participate in the Session.

Here is a very simplified view of what happens when you start a Session. The Interwrite Response Receiver sends out an invitation to join the Class by way of the Class channel it has selected. The Receiver listens for signals from RF Clickers that are joining the Class. When it receives a join request, the Receiver sends a message back to the Clicker that it can join the Class. After a PRS Question has started, the invitation to join the Class happens less frequently, so students trying to join at that time may not be able to. And, the larger the class, the more profound the problem.

Here are our recommendations for ensuring a trouble-free Session:

- Do not start PRS until you are ready to use it. It's tempting to get it all set up before class begins, but unless you are going to begin the Session when class begins, don't do it.
- When you are ready to begin the Session, start the RF Class.
- Tell your students to join the Class. Keep an eye on the Joined Counter to determine the join rate. Do not start your first Question or your PowerPoint Slide Show until it looks as though all of the students in attendance have joined.
- Now, start your PowerPoint Slide Show.
Or, start your first Question.