

Upgrade to TurningPoint in Centrally Timetabled teaching rooms (STAFF)

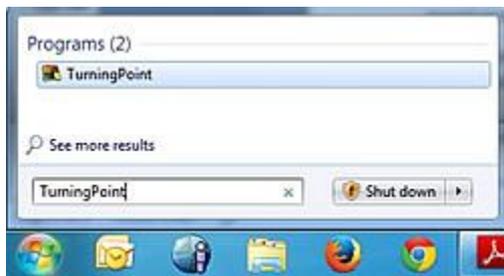
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Information

IT Services are planning to update TurningPoint on all computers in centrally timetabled lecture theatres and teaching spaces(CTU) in the summer 2013 recess, from 'TurningPoint 2008' (version 4.5) to 'TurningPoint 5' (version 5.2.1).

The update is to prevent compatibility issues where teaching staff may have otherwise developed their TurningPoint presentations on more recent versions and found that these would not work once they get to a lecture room. The update also includes new features and improved system stability.

CTU computers no longer have a desktop shortcut to TurningPoint; instead TurningPoint is launched by clicking on the Windows Start menu, and searching for 'TurningPoint' (as shown in the image below).



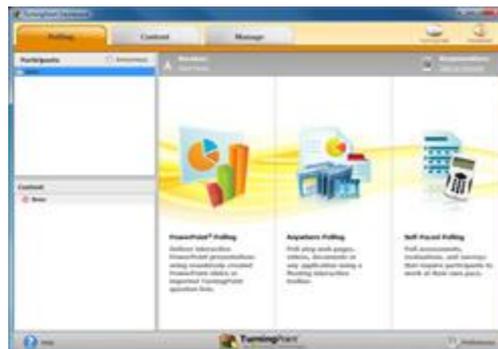
Upgrading staff computers

Staff are advised also to update the version of TurningPoint installed on their office computers. Although presentations developed in earlier versions will still be readable by the newer version in CTU rooms, users may face difficulties when bringing session data/files back to their office computers. Therefore:

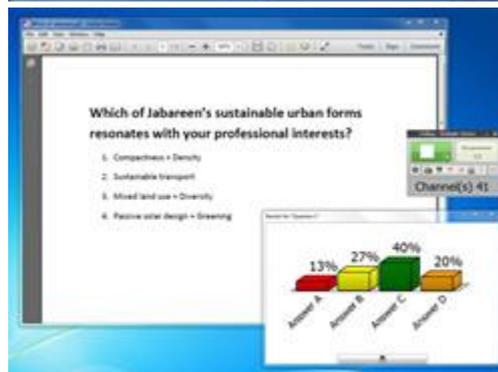
- If your office computer is on Windows 7 Staff Desktop, then the update to TurningPoint will be rolled out automatically at the same time as the updates to CTU computers. Apart from becoming familiar with the updated interface of TurningPoint you do not have to do anything.
- If you are using Windows XP Staff Desktop, IT Services have advised that users should migrate to the new Windows7 desktop, rather than just update TurningPoint. This can be arranged through contacting the Service Desk (<https://servicedesk.manchester.ac.uk/>). If this is not an option at present, then please be mindful of the compatibility issue identified above and seek help from your faculty eLearning team if you need further help (elarning@manchester.ac.uk).
- If you are using a computer which is not on the staff desktop and for which you have admin rights, then you can install the latest version yourself by visiting <http://www.turningtechnologies.com/responsesystems/support/downloads> and choosing TurningPoint 5.

Changes in TurningPoint 5

TurningPoint is still launched by a desktop icon, but there is a new 'TurningPoint Dashboard' that initially appears giving access to polling via PowerPoint, Polling Anywhere and Self-Paced Polling. Choosing the PowerPoint option launches TurningPoint inside of PowerPoint which will be familiar to any TurningPoint user

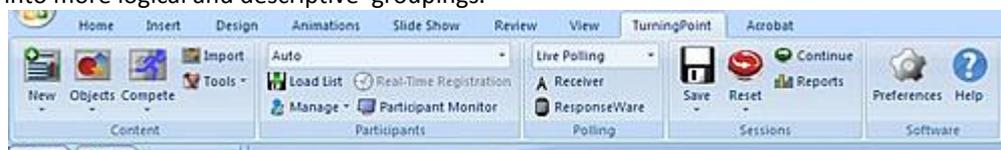


"Anywhere Polling" is also worth investigation as a teaching tool. This allows instructors to leave polling constantly open, with a histogram sampling opinion live. Questions can then be read out or displayed through another programme such as word or pdf. The live shifting of opinion can be interesting.



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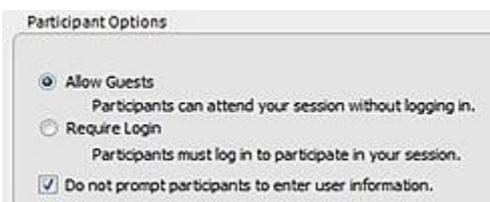
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The Showbar displayed during polling has also had a refresh:



The ResponseWare login screen now includes an option whereby students are not prompted to enter their personal details when they vote via their own device. This eliminates an extra step in class and also reinforces anonymity for surveys.



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