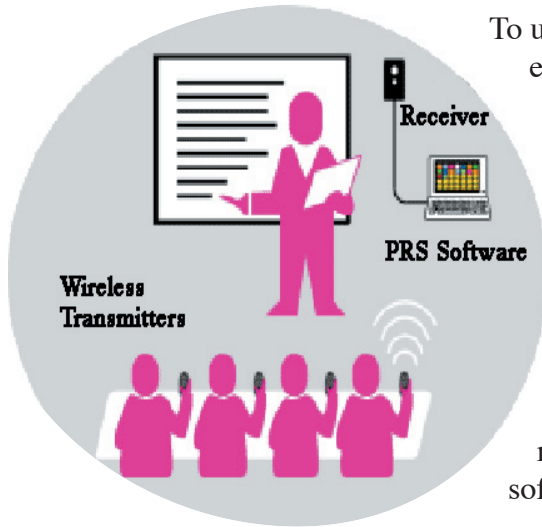


# Personal Response System

InterWrite PRS (Personal Response System) combines interaction and assessment to enhance classroom productivity. Using their infrared wireless transmitters, all students can answer questions and record their responses with the simple click of a button. Results can be saved in a gradebook and instantly charted and displayed for real-time student feedback and lesson refinement, allowing you to make the most of your class time. You can use PRS for taking attendance, diagnostic surveys, quizzes and tests, or lesson review.



To use the PRS system, questions are posed by the instructor, either orally, or visually on a projection screen. Each member of the audience responds privately using an infrared transmitter. The responses are collected by PRS receivers installed in the classroom, and the summarized results are displayed as a histogram using the software installed on the classroom computer.

Four classrooms at the University of Rochester are equipped with PRS receivers: **Hoyt, Hubbel, Dewey 1-101 and Bausch and Lomb 106**. Each of those classrooms has a built-in Windows computer with the PRS software installed.

PRS transmitter units are distributed by the bookstore, and the net cost to the students is \$10 (a \$23 deposit is required at the time the students pick up the units). To read the details of the agreement with the bookstore, see the website listed below.

The durable, compact transmitter is pocket-sized, just 4" x 2" x 3/4", and simple to use. No special training is required.



While the software for the PRS system is installed on the instructor computer in PRS-equipped classrooms, you may also want to install it on your own computer in order to create questions within the program, or analyze or grade the output. Freeware versions are available for both Windows and Macintosh platforms. In that case, you may also want to buy a USB storage device to transfer the data to and from the classroom computer.

## For more information on the PRS system:

Company website for GTO Calcomp: <http://www.gtocalcomp.com/interwriteprs.htm>

PRS at UR website: <http://teacher.pas.rochester.edu/PRSatUofR/PRSInfo.html>

PRS transmitter distribution agreement with the bookstore: <http://teacher.pas.rochester.edu/PRSatUofR/AgreementBookstore/PRSAgreement.htm>

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