

Glossary

answer

An answer is one of a list of choices on a TurningPoint slide. The answers are enumerated and participants' responses correspond to the number of the answer.

Answer Now indicator

An Answer Now indicator is an object on a TurningPoint slide that gives the audience a visual indication that polling is open and they should respond to the question.

answer region

The answer region is the area on a TurningPoint slide that contains the list of answers.

answer value

For purposes of scoring and competition, you can assign answer values to answers on a TurningPoint slide. The possible values are "Correct", "Incorrect", a point value 1–10,000, or "No Value."

chart

A chart is a visual representation of the results of polling on a TurningPoint slide.

comparative link

A comparative link is used to link a slide to the results from 1–3 additional slides to show all the results on a single chart.

conditional branching

Conditional branching determines the order of slides based on participant responses.

Correct Answer indicator

A Correct Answer indicator is an object on a TurningPoint slide that gives a visual indication of the correct answer(s) after polling has closed.

Countdown indicator

A Countdown indicator is an object on a TurningPoint slide that gives the audience a visual indication that polling is about to close and that they should respond soon.

criteria

In a ranking, the criteria are the qualities on which the items to be ranked are compared. There are 1–3 criteria for the ranking, corresponding to the X, Y, and Z axes of the ranking chart.

data slicing

Data slicing is data analysis that entails cross-referencing the results from question to the results of another question.

device ID

The device ID is a 6-digit number printed on the hardware device tag that uniquely identifies the device.

dongle

A dongle is a piece of hardware that attaches to a port on your computer that confirms that the TurningPoint software is appropriately licensed.

Essay slide

An Essay slide asks an open-ended question. The participants respond with text. Only vPad participants are able to respond to an Essay slide.

Fill in the Blank slide

A Fill in the Blank slide asks a question or makes a statement with a missing word. The participants respond with a word or phrase. Only vPad participant are able to respond to a Fill in the Blank slide.

infrared (IR)

Infrared light is invisible to the human eye and can be used to transmit information. Some of the response devices that work with TurningPoint use infrared technology. IR devices require a direct line of sight to the receiver. The IR response devices allow only one-way communications.

interactive results

Interactive results are the data from the audience's responses that are displayed in real-time while polling is open.

Keyspan adapter

A Keyspan adapter is an adapter that converts the signals from a serial (RS-232) device to a USB device. You may need to use a Keyspan adapter with your

computer if the plug on your receiver does not match the port on your computer.

Moment to Moment slide

A Moment to Moment slide is a special TurningPoint slide for getting feedback from the participants on a continual basis. The participants respond on a scale from -2 to +2 at regular intervals and the responses are displayed in a chart.

Participant List

A Participant List is the file used in a session to track responses by individuals in the audience. Users can customize the type of data fields to include in the list but every list will include fields for the number and location of the response devices.

parser

A parser examines a file and breaks it into logical units to use and recombine. The TurningPoint Parser can take several kinds of files and create TurningPoint presentations from them.

participants

The people in the audience of a presentation who use the response devices to respond to questions.

Participant List Wizard

The Participant List Wizard is a tool that guides you through the creation of a Participant List to be used with your presentation session.

Participant Monitor

The Participant Monitor displays the status and information pertaining to the participants' responses to all of the questions, including the total percentage of correct responses, how long each participants took to respond, and which answers they picked.

picture slide

A picture slide is a TurningPoint slide in which the answer text is replaced with pictures.

polling

Polling is the mechanism by which Turning Point accepts and tallies the responses provided by the audience using Response Devices.

presentation session

See session.

radio frequency (RF)

Radio frequency devices use radio waves to transmit information. Some of the response devices that work with TurningPoint use radio frequency technology. RF devices do not require a direct line of sight. The RF response devices use two-way communications, so the response device can confirm that a response was received by the receiver.

ranking

A ranking is an exercise in which items are compared on 1–3 criteria and ranked. You can set up a ranking in TurningPoint using the Ranking Wizard.

receiver

A receiver is a device that attaches to your computer to receive IR or RF signals from response devices.

reset

To return the response tallies from the audience to zero.

report

Reports present and analyze the data from a session in a variety of useful ways. You can create reports from a session using the Report Wizard.

response

A response is the signal received from a participant during polling. The response usually corresponds with one of a list of answers on the slide.

ResponseCard

A ResponseCard is a type of hardware response device that use infrared (IR) or radio frequency (RF) signals to communicate a participant's response.

Response Counter

A Response Counter is an object on a TurningPoint slide that gives a visual indication of how many of the participants have responded to the question.

Response Grid

A Response Grid is available from the ShowBar and is used to show which participants have responded to a question.

Response Table

A Response Table is an object on a TurningPoint slide that shows which participants have responded to a question.

ShowBar

The ShowBar is a toolbar that provides activation buttons for polling, monitoring, and viewing responses during the slide show.

session

A session is a run-through of an interactive presentation where an audience has submitted responses to some or all of the questions.

session file

A session file is created to store the results and other data when you run a session. Session files are usually stored in My Documents > TurningPoint > Sessions and have extension .tpz.

slide show

A slide show is a presentation created in PowerPoint, which may or may not include TurningPoint slides.

speed scoring

Speed scoring scales the number of points a participant receives for responding to a question correctly by how quickly the participant responded.

standard

A standard is any framework for evaluation of participants. You can assign standards to slides in a

TurningPoint presentation to compare participants' performance to a standard.

Statistic indicator

A Statistic indicator is an object on a TurningPoint slide that shows the mean (average), median, standard deviation, or variance of responses after polling has closed.

Text Messaging

Text Messaging is a feature for sending messages to participants using vPad during a presentation.

TurningPoint slide

TurningPoint slides are slides in a PowerPoint presentation with the ability to dynamically display information based on the responses of an audience.

TurningPoint toolbar

A series of menus and buttons displayed below to the PowerPoint toolbars that contains the tools for using the TurningPoint software.

vPad

A vPad is a software version of a response device that is set up for use using the Reponse Device Wizard. It can be installed on a networked desktop or laptop computer or a PDA.

WebCT

WebCT is a software product that is popularly used by educational institutions to facilitate e-learning systems.

WebCT Wizard

The WebCT Wizard is a tool that guides you through the process of connecting to an institution's WebCT server.

XML

XML is a markup language for text files, similar to HTML, that is used by TurningPoint for storing session data and as an import format for the TurningPoint parser.

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