

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", "no value," or a point value range of negative 10,000 through 10,000.

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.

Countdown Sound

A Countdown Sound is a sound file used with a Countdown Indicator that gives the audience an audible indication that polling is about to close and that they should respond soon. The acceptable file extensions include: .aiff, .au, .mid, .midi, .mp3, .wav, and .wma.

Criteria

In a ranking slide, 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 a question to the results of a another question.

Device ID

The Device ID is a number that uniquely identifies a response device. For hardware devices, it may be printed on the tag on the back of the device. For ResponseWare, it is embedded in the application.

Essay Slide

An Essay slide asks an open-ended question. ResponseCard IR, XL, and RF users are limited to numerical responses, but ResponseCard XR, and ResponseWare users may provide alphanumeric responses of varying lengths.

Fill in the Blank Slide

A Fill in the Blank slide asks a question or makes a statement with a missing word. Types of responses are determined by the type of device a participant is using. For instance, ResponseCard IR, XL, and RF users are limited to numerical responses, but ResponseCard XR, and ResponseWare users may provide alphanumeric responses of varying lengths.

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.

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.

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.

Participant List

A Participant List is the file used during a session to match participant information with the response device used. Users can customize the type of participant information/data fields to include in the list but every list will include a field for the Device ID.

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 participants' status and information pertaining to the participants' responses to all of the questions. This information includes the total percentage of correct responses, the answers that participants picked, and individual overall points and percentages scored.

Participants

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

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 TurningPoint 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.

Report

Reports present session data in a variety of useful ways allowing you to analyze that data. You can generate reports from a session using Turning Reports.

Reset

To return the response tallies from the audience to zero.

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.

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.

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.

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 the .tpz extension.

Showbar

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

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 the 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 ResponseWare 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 the PowerPoint toolbars that contains the tools for using the TurningPoint software.

WebCT

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