

Interactive Polling Overview

During a presentation, you can help keep participants engaged by asking them interactive polling questions. You may also use polling to test people's knowledge and obtain valuable feedback. Wimba Classroom offers simple Yes/No polling and more advanced polling for different types of questions.

Yes/No Polling

Yes/No polling is a great tool to ask simple yes or no questions and obtain instantaneous feedback that all participants can see. Presenters can verbally ask a Yes/No question, type the question through text chat, or present a slide that asks the question.

There are many potential uses for Yes/No polling. For example, you can verbally ask a Yes/No question at the beginning of the presentation to ensure that all participants can hear your audio. Participants who can hear you would click the **Check (Yes)** button. You (or an assistant) can then easily identify which participants were having difficulty and troubleshoot with them directly.

Yes/No polling could also be used to ask for participants' opinions on a topic, to understand your participants' background knowledge on the topic you will discuss, to take a vote, or to ensure that participants have retained the knowledge you have given them.

To Conduct Yes/No Polling

1. Verbally pose a question and request that participants answer **Yes** or **No** by clicking the appropriate button. The answer each participant chooses will appear next to his/her name in the Participant Area. A tally of results will also appear within the **Room Pulse**.
2. To reset and clear a Yes/No poll, click the **Actions Menu** and select **Clear Yes/No**. You will reset the answers from all participants, so that you may ask another Yes/No question.

Advanced Polling Overview

Wimba Classroom's advanced polling features allow you to ask more in-depth questions to participants.

Polls are created within the Administration Tools (or within a Course or Section if using a Course Management System integration) and are presented as slides in a live presentation.

Participants respond by typing their answers or selecting the appropriate choices. Results can be displayed on the fly for some types of polls. There are three types of advanced polls you can use:

- [Multiple Choice Poll](#) - responses can be displayed on-the-fly, using the polling controls that presenters see to the left of the slide. Ask a single question and have participants select one or more responses.
- [Open Ended Poll](#) - Responses can be displayed on-the-fly, using the polling controls that presenters see to the left of the slide. Ask a single question and have participants type their answer in a text box.
- [Questionnaire](#) - Responses *cannot* be displayed on-the-fly, but can be accessed through the Administration Tools (or within a Course/Section, if using a Course Management System integration) after the presentation. Present several multiple-choice and open-ended questions in one form.

Multiple Choice Polls

Multiple-choice questions are displayed in the **Content Frame**.

Participants (and presenters) may respond by selecting one or more response choices and clicking the **Submit** button. Users receive a confirmation message after submitting their responses. The default confirmation message is *Thank you. Your response has been submitted.*

Multiple choice questions can be restricted to allow only one response choice per user, or set to allow multiple responses per user. The question shown above is restricted to only one response. When set to allow multiple responses, the radio buttons next to the response choices, are replaced by check boxes.

When a multiple choice question is presented, the left edge of the **Content Frame** displays the polling controls to presenters, which contain two important components.

- Responses - This upper area provides the number responses that have been submitted and the portion of the group (as a percentage) that has responded. The **Responses** display automatically updates as new responses are submitted.
- Results - This lower area provides tools for you to work with the poll responses.

To Publish Multiple Choice Responses

1. Click the **Preview** button to view the results as they come in. Note that your participants' screens do not change when you click **Preview**. You may click the **Preview** button an unlimited number of times, to preview the latest results.

The table of results shows the number of participants that have selected each response choice, along with the portion of those responding (as a percentage) that have selected each choice.

Questions can be configured in the Administration Tools (or via content tools, associated with your room, if using a Course Management System integration) to either display results anonymously (as shown above), or include participant names and individual responses (as shown below).

2. Once you are ready to publish these responses to all participants, click the **Publish** button. All users see these results in the Content Frame. In addition, a snapshot of these responses is automatically saved as a slide in the Snapshots Content Folder. This feature gives you the ability to show poll results later in a presentation.

Note: Once poll results are published, the **Preview** and **Publish** buttons are no longer available. In addition, participants are no longer able to respond, even if they haven't finished selecting their responses.

Open Ended Polls

Open-ended polls are displayed in the **Content Frame**.

Participants (and presenters) may respond by typing in the response field and clicking the **Submit** button. There is no character limit for open-ended responses. Users receive a confirmation message after submitting their responses. The default confirmation message is *Thank you. Your response has been submitted.*

When an open-ended question is presented, the left edge of the **Content Frame** displays the polling controls to presenters, which contains two important components.

- **Responses** - This upper area provides the number responses that have been submitted and the portion of the group (as a percentage) that has responded. The **Responses** display automatically updates as new responses are submitted.
- **Results** - This lower area provides tools for you to work with the poll responses.

To Publish Open Ended Responses

1. Click the **Select** button to choose which responses to display when the results are published, and whether to include respondents' names with the responses. Selections are made by placing checks in the checkboxes that appear on the slide and clicking the **Submit** button. Note that your participants' screens do not change when you click **Select** or **Submit**.
2. Click the **Preview** button to view what your selections will look like. Note that your participants' screens do not change when you click **Preview**. You may click the **Preview** button an unlimited number of times, to preview the latest results. The preview shown here does not include respondents' names.
3. Once you are ready to publish these responses to all participants, click the **Publish** button. All users see these results in the Content Frame. In addition, a snapshot of these responses is automatically saved as a slide in the Snapshots Content Folder. This feature gives you the ability to show poll results later in a presentation.

Note: Once poll results are published, the **Preview**, **Publish**, and **Select** buttons are no longer available. In addition, participants are no longer able to respond, even if they haven't finished selecting their responses.

Questionnaires

Questionnaire polls are collections of multiple-choice and open-ended questions that are presented on a single slide. Questionnaires are generally used for surveys, quizzes, or evaluations.

Questionnaire responses are not available for immediate previewing and publishing, but response data may be retrieved using the Poll Results reporting function in the Administration Tools (or associated with your room, within a Course/Section, if using Course Management System integration).