



LiveScribe Smart Pen

What is it?

The LiveScribe is a pen-sized computer that has the ability to capture handwriting and audio. The result is a video file that can playback the captured writing and recording. There are also options to only view the writing, listen to the audio or create a PDF of written work.

Why is it Important?

The Live Scribe makes it easy for instructors to create videos with step-by-step instructions using pen and paper. The resulting video file can be posted to the web allowing easy access for students. This increases the opportunity to engage and interact with students.

Pros...

- Increased student learning. The resulting video file allows students to review classwork on demand for increased retention and practice with course materials.
- Supports a variety of learning styles and provides students who need additional interaction with course materials a chance to interact with it in a different way.

Cons...

- LiveScribe requires use of their proprietary notebooks in order to capture recordings. Users can print their own for slight cost savings, but ultimately, a notebook must be used.

How to Get Started...

- Training and Development has two LiveScribe pens for faculty use. These pens are available for checkout at the Help Desk in Beatty Hall.
- After checking out a pen, install the software and complete the tutorial to orient yourself to using and writing with the pen.
- Make you first demonstration. Limit this demonstration to “show” rather than “tell” (e.g. completing an equation, drawing a figure, etc.).

Web sites to visit...

LiveScribe - visit <http://www.livescribe.com> to download LiveScribe Desktop and to access additional learning materials online.

LiveScribe User Blog. Learn more about how faculty are using the pen in their classes. See <http://www.edlivescribe.com/> for more information.