

## iClicker vs iClicker2 Implementation in Chemistry

There are now two iClicker systems:

- iClicker: 5-part multiple-choice capability
- iClicker2: multiple choice plus alphanumeric capabilities including numeric answers, short answer, and ranking of choices.

A full description of each can be found at [iClicker.com](http://iClicker.com). The price difference to the students is small, \$5-\$7 more for the iClicker2.

*As long as you are sticking with multiple-choice questions*, testing by the college and colleagues in our department indicates:

- iClicker2 remotes work with the old iClicker bases
- the regular iClicker remotes work with the new iClicker2 bases

Currently, iClicker2 DOES NOT work with Quest. The software for this new system to interact with Quest has not been fully developed or tested. Hence, if you wish to use the Quest software, you will need to stick with the older iClicker system base units.

Current plans for our department: All iClicker bases that reside in classrooms will be replaced with iClicker2 bases, except for Welch 2.246.

What you need to know/do:

- **If you plan to use only multiple-choice and do not use the Quest iClicker software:** Your students can use either type of remote and you will be fine with either type of base.
- **If you plan to use the alphanumeric functionality:** your students will need the iClicker2 remotes and you will need an iClicker2 base. You will need to use the iClicker2 software, not the Quest software.
- **If you plan to use the Quest iClicker software:** Your students can use either type of remote but you will need the older iClicker base unit.

Software:

- It is best to use the software from a flashdrive that you take with you, rather than having the software on the classroom computer.
- If you plan to use the iClicker2 functionality, you will need the latest version of their software, available at [iclicker.com](http://iclicker.com).
- If you plan to use just the regular multiple-choice functionality, you can use the new or older software.

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Getting more help:

- *What if my room doesn't have the base unit I need?* Contact Greg Browning (471-1567) and he can get you a base unit to use.
- *What if I run into other issues or questions regarding the iClicker hardware in the classrooms?* Contact Zane Hughes at [classroom@cns.utexas.edu](mailto:classroom@cns.utexas.edu) or 232-9173.
- *How do I learn more about using iClicker in the classroom?*  
<http://ctl.utexas.edu/workshops-and-events/workshops/teaching-with-technology-workshops/>
- *What if I have other general questions about using iClicker?*
  - See the basic Classroom Response System document posted on this website.
  - Contact Stacy Sparks at [ssparks@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:ssparks@mail.utexas.edu).