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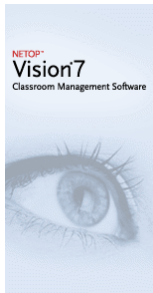
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1 Getting started with Vision

Getting started with Vision



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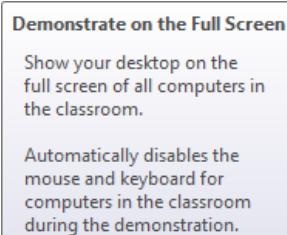
Learn what's new with how Vision looks and works

In Vision7 all commands are available from the Ribbon:



The Ribbon organizes commands into tabs with groups for related commands.

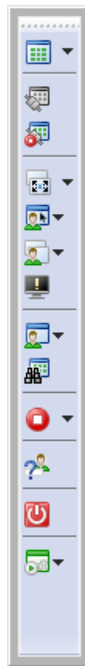
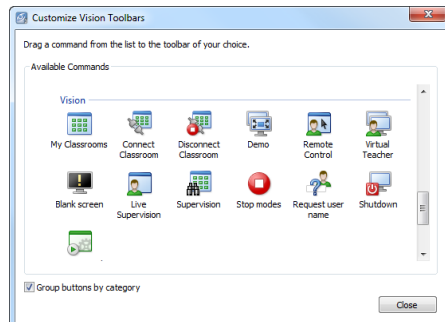
Each command is represented with an icon and a name, and each command also has an extended ScreenTip that explains what the command can be used for, for example full-screen demo:



To maximize the screen real estate displaying student computer thumbnails, the panes known from previous versions, the Vision pane, the groups pane and the monitor pane, have been removed and the functionality integrated elsewhere in the interface.

And if the Ribbon itself takes up too much space, you can switch to full screen and have even more space for student computer thumbnails.

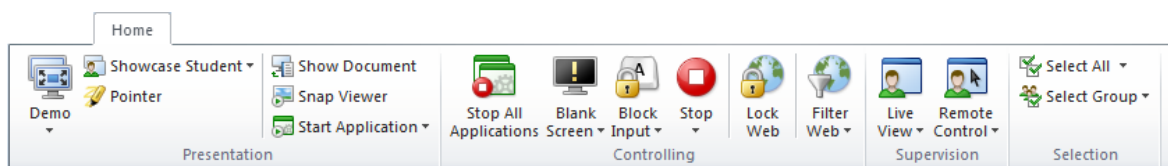
The Vision toolbar has also been improved and the default position is to the right-most of your screen. Like in previous versions, the toolbar layout is highly customizable as is whether you want to use it at all.



All features and functions in Vision7 are available from three tabs:

▼ Home tab

The **Home** tab includes functions that are most frequently used in teaching and learning:

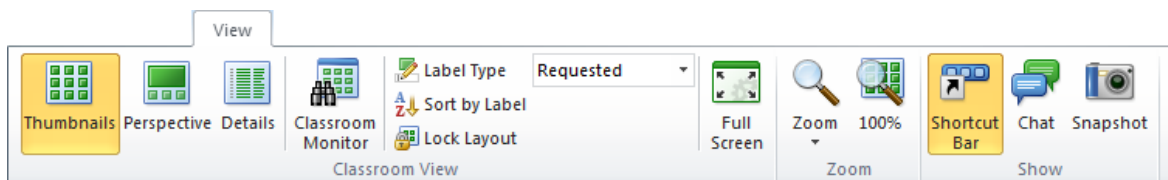


The commands are placed in four functionality groups: presentation, controlling, supervision and selection. One of the basic ideas is that during a typical lesson the **Home** tab includes all commands need, available with a single click.

The **Selection** group includes the functionality that were in the Groups pane in previous versions.

▼ View tab

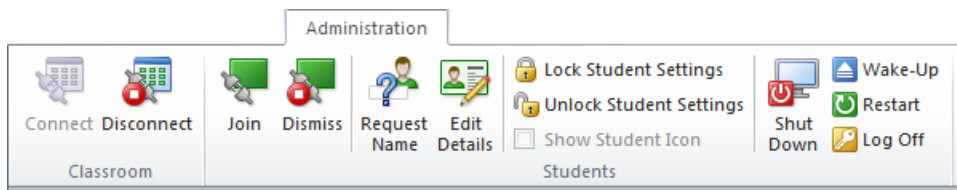
The **View** tab is all about different ways to view student computers. The shortcut toolbar can also be controlled from the **View** tab:



▼ Administration tab

The **Administration** tab is where you manage student computers, typically after a lesson has ended and you would like either to shut down computer or to re-start them

to allow new students to log on:



2 Manage classrooms

2.1 Create a classroom

A classroom consists of the computers that students use during a class. The computers can be located in the same room as the teacher computer or in a separate physical location such as a study hall, library, or computer lab.

When you create a classroom you will be guided through the necessary steps and will be asked to supply this information:

- Classroom name, whether students should be allowed to choose which class they want to join, and whether the classroom definition should be shared between teachers.
- Which computers should be part of the classroom.

▼ **Steps to create a classroom:**

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager** and then click the **New** button.
2. In the **Create Classroom - General information** dialog box, type the name that you want to use for the classroom and review the default settings for student enrollment and for reuse of the classroom definition by other teachers.

Note Whether a classroom is global or personal is a decision that cannot be changed once you have created the classroom. One type cannot be converted into the other.

3. In the **Create Classroom - Classroom Computers** dialog box, browse the list of computers and add the ones you want to use to the list of classroom computers.

The Vision student module must be available on any computers that you want to supervise or control from the teacher computer but you can add computers even if the student software has not yet been installed. Computers that you have included in the classroom without the student module installed will appear with black screens until the software has been installed.

You can choose to deploy remotely from the teacher module or you can choose one of the other installation methods. See the Vision Installation Guide for details and instructions.

When you have completed the steps in the Create Classroom wizard, you can connect to the computers in the classroom and supervise student work, remotely control machines, share screens, lock keyboards, and so on.

2.2 Change a classroom

When you have created a classroom you can always go back and change classroom properties at a later time. You can change these items:

- Classroom name.
- Comments.
- Whether the classroom is the default one.
- Which student computers are part of the class.
- Whether students can choose which class they want to join.
- What should happen if another student computer tries to connect to the classroom.

Note

Whether a classroom is global or personal is a decision that cannot be changed once you have created the classroom. One type cannot be converted into the other.

▼ Change a classroom:

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager**.
2. Select the classroom you want to change and click the **Edit Classroom** button.
3. Make the necessary changes and click **OK**.

2.3 Delete a classroom

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager**.
2. Select the classroom you want to delete and click the **Delete** button.

2.4 Connect to a classroom

Vision automatically connects to the classroom set as the default one started. When Vision is installed a global classroom named "Classroom" is automatically created and used as the default one. When you create a new classroom you can make that the default one and Vision automatically connects to it when started.

If you later want to make another classroom the default you can change the setting from **Classroom properties**:

1. On the **File** tab, click **Classroom Manager**. Select a classroom and click **Edit Classroom**.
2. Select or clear the **Make this Classroom my Default Classroom** checkbox.

Next time you start up Vision you will automatically connect to the classroom which is now the default one.

Tips

- One classroom is always the default one, the one in bold.
- In the **Manage Vision Classrooms** dialog box, right-click a classroom and select **Set as Default Classroom** to change which classroom connects automatically.
- Only one classroom can be connected at a time, the one with the normal connect icon:



▼ Connect to a classroom which is not the default one

If you want to connect to a classroom which is not the default one, you can select it from the **My Recent Classrooms** list:

- Click the **File** tab and then click the name of the classroom you want to connect to.

If the classroom you want is not in the list of the ones that have been used recently, click **Classroom Manager** to see all classrooms. Then select the classroom and click the **Open** button.

2.5 Share a classroom between teachers

A classroom definition created by one teacher can be used by other teachers. This means that when a teacher has created a classroom with, for example, 25 of the 40 computers in Computer Lab 01B, the next teacher who has a class in Computer Lab 01B can just use the classroom definition as if he or she had created it.

There are two requirements to sharing a classroom definition between teachers:

- The teacher who creates a classroom to be shared must be logged on with administrator rights.

If the teacher is logged in under a specific user account, any classrooms created are visible to that teacher only.

- The classroom must be defined as global when it is created.

A classroom defined as personal cannot be converted to a global one and vice versa. When you are logged in with administrator rights any classroom you create is global by default.

Another way to share a classroom definition is to export it from the teacher computer where the classroom was defined and import the definition to the computer that will be using the definition.

▼ Export a classroom:

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager**. Select a classroom and then click the **Export** button.
2. In the next dialog box, type an appropriate name, select a location for the classroom definition file and click **Save**.

You can now send the file to another teacher or copy it to a portable device like a USB stick and bring the stick on a different teacher computer. The file must be imported on the other teacher computer.

▼ Import a classroom:

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager** and then click the **Import** button.
2. Locate the classroom definition file (.mecrd) and then click **Open**.

Any running classroom is stopped and you must choose whether to import the definition as a global or as a personal classroom, and whether you want to replace any the existing classroom list or just include the new definition in the existing list.

After the import Vision starts up again with the default classroom.

2.6 Invite a student to join the classroom

If you have a classroom defined and running with, for example, 25 out of 40 available computers in Computer Lab 01B and an additional student joins the lab, you might want to include the student computer that he or she is using so that you now have 26 computers in the classroom. You do this by inviting the student computer to join:

- Select the computer in thumbnails view and on the **Administration** tab in the **Students** group click **Join**.

The student computer is now included in the classroom temporarily.

Exclude unused computers

The opposite might also be the case: your classroom is defined with 25 computers but only 20 students are actually present so you might want to exclude the non-used computers. You do this by dismissing the unused computers:

- Select the unused computer in thumbnails view and on the **Administration** tab in the **Students** group click **Dismiss**.

2.7 Alternative to static classrooms: open enrollment

By default any classroom you create is set up to have fixed student computers included, namely the ones you select when you create the classroom. This works well where the physical environment is also static, for example a computer lab with students sitting at all computers to participate in the same lesson.

Open enrollment classrooms is an alternative to this: open enrollment allows teachers to send an invitation to join class over the network. Students can accept the invitation and join the classroom at any time without disturbing other students or the teacher. Students can also leave at any time. Open enrollment typically works well with older students, like for example colleges, where students are allowed to join and leave class individually.

Prerequisites to using open enrollment: The classroom must be created as an open enrollment classroom and each student computer must be set up to allow open enrollment.

▼ Create a classroom that allows open enrollment:

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager** and then click the **New** button.
2. On the **General Information** page, make sure that this option is selected:
"Open Enrollment Classroom - students choose which class to join"
3. Continue with the next pages in the **Create Classroom** wizard to finalize the classroom definition.

If you have already created a classroom and you want to change to open enrollment, you can click the **Edit Classroom** button instead of the **New** button in step 1 above. If you change the classroom to use open enrollment, the student computers you have added to your classroom will be removed from the list.

▼ Set up student computers to allow open enrollment:

You set open enrollment on student computers when you install the student module on the computer. In the installation process, make sure to select the "Permit Open Enrollment for these student computers" option.

If you want to change this setting later, you can either run the deployment wizard again and choose the Install/Update option, or you can go to each student computer and change the setting:

1. Make sure that you have unlocked student module setting (from the **Administration** tab).
2. Right-click the student icon on each student computer and click **Properties**.
3. In the **Vision Preferences** dialog box, in the **General** section, select the "Allow student module to connect to Open Enrollment" option.

▼ Using open enrollment:

1. Create a classroom and make sure that you have selected the Open Enrollment option as described above.
2. Connect to the classroom.

When you connect to an Open Enrollment classroom, Vision sends an invitation to the students on your network whose computers are configured to use Open Enrollment.

Students see the invitation in the notification area at the far right in the taskbar. From there, they click the invitation to open the **Advertised Open Enrollment Classrooms** window that lists your class and computer name. Students double-click your class name to join it.

When students have joined the class, you can see their screen and use the features as you would in a static classroom.

▼ Add or change a password to an open enrollment classroom:

You can require students to enter a password in order to access your open enrollment classes. This protects your classroom from unauthorized students attending your class.

1. On the **File** tab click **Classroom Manager** and then click the **New** button.
2. Select an existing classroom and click **Edit Classroom**.
3. On the Connectivity tab, click **Change Password**.
4. Type your new password, and type it again in the confirm dialog box.

3 Presenting to students

3.1 Demonstrate to students

You can share what is on your screen with the students in your classroom in three different ways:

- **Full-screen demonstration** which takes up the entire student screen so that the content on your screen is all the students see. Also, their keyboards and mice are locked and cannot be used to control their computers.
- **Windowed demonstration** which shows your screen in a window on the student computers so that student can choose whether they want to see the demonstration. Also, students still have control of their keyboards and mice.
- **Minimized demonstration** which makes your desktop available as a button on the taskbar on all computers in the classroom. Students can continue working; they have access to the demonstration but are not required to view it and they remain in control of their mouse and keyboard.

All commands are available on the **Home** tab in the **Demonstration** group.

3.2 Use a student computer to demonstrate

Instead of sharing what is on your own screen with the entire classroom you can choose a student computer and share that screen instead:

- Select a student computer and on the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Showcase Student Computer**.

The student screen shows on all classroom computer, including yours, and all other student keyboards and mice are locked. The student's screen takes up the full screen; to change to taking up only a window, use the **Windowed** command on the **Demo** button.

3.3 Send a message to students

During class, for example before you do a presentation to the student, it might be useful to be able to tell them that they should be prepared to view a presentation. You can do this by sending a message to all students or only to selected students.

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Chat** menu, click **Send message**.
3. Type your message, select the students who should receive the message and click **Send**.

In a different situation, for example if you were giving out home assignments, it might be useful to be able to attach a file to the message. To attach a file, click the **Browse** button to locate and attach the file before you send the message.

See also

[Chat with students](#)

[Ask students a question](#)

[Send and collect files from students](#)

3.4 Share a document with students

You can share a document located on your computer with the student in your classroom. This can be used to demonstrate or to distribute information, for example an assignment.

When you share a document, a copy of the document opens on each student computer and the students each have a copy to update and edit.

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Open Document**.

3.5 Start a program on student computers

You can start an application or open a specific Web page on all student computers, for example to demonstrate something or just to help students get started. To start on some student computers, select the relevant student computer thumbnails first.

1. On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Start Application** and then **Start Application**.
2. Drag a program shortcut from the **Start** menu, or a Web address from the browser address bar, to the **Open** field and click **OK**.

If you know the program name, you can also choose to type it, for example "notepad" or "winword".

Note

In order to use this feature, programs must be located in the same location on the teacher and the student computers.

▼ Add applications that you frequently use:

If there are programs or Web pages that you use on a regular basis, you can add each to your own list on first use and then simply select the program or shortcut from your list the following times.

To add to your own list:

1. On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Start Application** and then **Manage Applications**.
2. In the **Manage Applications** dialog box, select an application in the list to the left and click the button with the arrows to add it to the list to the right. Repeat this until you have added the application you want to add and then click **OK**.

You now have one or more applications added to your applications list and when you next want to start one of them on your classroom you can simply select it.

▼ Limit students' access to other applications: kiosk mode:

When you select the application you want to share with your class, you can let students have general access to their computers while they use the application, or you can choose that they should only be allowed to use the application that you start. The first option is called **Standard** mode and the second one is called **Kiosk** mode. Your choice will likely vary depending on the teaching scenario.

For example, if you start Microsoft Office Word in **kiosk** mode, students are limited to

using that application. The students see only Microsoft Word on their desktop. They do not have access to other applications: the Start menu is not available; the task bar at the bottom of the screen is locked; and students cannot launch Windows Explorer to search for program executable files. Kiosk mode gives students the tools they need without distractions.





You can start each application that you have added to your own custom list in either **Standard** mode or in **Kiosk** mode: next to each application in the list, there is an icon for each mode. Click the relevant icon to choose application mode **Standard** or **Kiosk**.

3.6 Highlight, magnify or zoom during a presentation

When you are doing a presentation or demonstration to the classroom, a wide range of different tools are available to help make the presentation better:

- Draw attention to areas of your using arrows and other shapes. For example, use **Arrow**

left 

- Highlight an area of your screen using **Oval spotlight** 
- Magnify or zoom areas of your screen using **Oval magnifier**  or **Zoom** 
- Hide areas of your screen that student should not be seeing using **Cover** 

All tool are conveniently located on a single toolbar:


- On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Pointer**.









▼ Tips for using the presentation tools:










- Most tools have a shortcut menu with commands to make changes, for example color and size, to the object you just created: right-click the object to open the shortcut menu.
- You can modify the shape and size of most objects by right-clicking a shape and dragging it in any direction.
- Use the **Move objects** button to move transparent objects.
- Double-click a graphic, for example a right arrow, to create a copy of it. Exit repeat mode by right-clicking or by clicking the button again on the toolbar.
- Open a shortcut menu to customize the toolbar itself by right-clicking anywhere on the toolbar









▼ Overview of toolbar buttons:






Icon	Function	Description
	Arrow Left	Inserts a red arrow on your screen.

Icon	Function	Description
	Highlighter	Changes your mouse pointer to a highlight tool, which you use to draw on your screen. Use Properties on the toolbar to make changes to color or line thickness.
	Pen	Changes your mouse pointer to a pen tool that you can use to draw entire lines or you can click once at the start and end points of the desired line. You can also modify the selection color and many other properties at any time from the shortcut menu: right-click on a drawn line and select the option you want.
	Text	Inserts text at any location. Draw a frame at the approximate location where you want to insert the text and then type the text. Right-click to open a shortcut menu and make any changes to the text.
	Transparent rectangle with border	Inserts a transparent, framed rectangle around the selected portion of the screen. Use Properties on the toolbar to make changes to color or size.
	Rectangle outlined	Inserts a rectangle border on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Oval outlined	Inserts a circular border on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Filled rectangle	Inserts a rectangle on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Transparent rectangle	Inserts a transparent rectangle on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.

Icon	Function	Description
	Filled oval	Inserts a oval shape on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Transparent oval	Inserts a transparent oval shape on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Transparent oval with border	Inserts a transparent oval shape with border on your screen. To remove the shape or modify the color, right-click on the rectangle and select the option you want.
	Add ClipArt button	Opens a window where you can select a graphic to add to the toolbar; you can add files of types: emf, bmp and jpeg. When you have added graphic to the toolbar, you can use it just like you use the arrow.
	Erase selection	Deleted the selected object from the screen. Select by drawing a frame around the object you want to remove. Use this button to erase individual objects, such as arrows or highlighted areas.
	Erase all	Delete all objects you created using the drawing and highlight tools.
	Numbering	Numbers every new object that you draw on your screen. For example, if you highlighted three areas on your screen, they would be numbered 1, 2, and 3 in the order you made them. Use Properties to change the font or position of the numbers. Click the Numbering button to turn on and off.
	Move objects	Enables you to move any objects you have created.
	Cross	Adds a cross.

Icon	Function	Description
	Exclamation mark	Adds an exclamation mark.
	OK	Adds a check mark.
	Oval spotlight	Turns your mouse pointer into a spotlight. As you move your mouse, the area you point to lights up and the rest of the screen is dimmed. To change the size of the spotlight, right-click and drag the spotlight to the size you want. Right-click to turn off the spotlight.
	Laser	Turns your mouse into a laser pointer. Use the mouse to draw the pointer in the size you want. Right-click to stop the laser pointer.
	Cover	Inserts a narrow frame at the edges of your screen that you can drag to cover up areas of the screen. Use this to cover areas that you do not want students to see. To change the color or reset the frame, right-click on the cover and select the option you want. To turn the cover off, right-click and select Exit.
	Freeze screen	Stops any movement on the screen. Menus and buttons are not available; only the toolbar functions remain active. Right-click or press ESC to exit this mode.
	Zoom	Select an area to zoom in on and see this area on the full screen. When you zoom, a small window representing your entire screen opens so that you can see which area of the screen you are zooming in on. Click anywhere in the small window to zoom in on a different area of the screen. Right-click to turn off Zoom .
	Rectangle magnifier	Inserts a rectangle that magnifies a selected portion of your screen. This feature is useful for text on the screen that your students cannot easily read. Use Properties to change the magnification level or

Icon	Function	Description
		size of the rectangle. To turn the magnifier off, right-click and select Exit .
	Oval magnifier	<p>Inserts an oval shape that magnifies a selected portion of your screen.</p> <p>This feature is useful for text on the screen that your students cannot easily read.</p> <p>Use Properties to change the magnification level or size of the rectangle. To turn the magnifier off, right-click and select Exit.</p>
	Snapshot	<p>Opens the Screen shots window where you can select options to capture your entire screen, a section of your screen, take camera shots (cam), create scans (all scanners), import and export of graphics (.bmp, .jpg) and export in HTML.</p> <p>After you take the shot a small window opens to display the image. You can save these screen shots and access them again at any time.</p>
	Properties	<p>Opens the Properties window where you can change the characteristics of all Pointer features. For example, you can change the color of the highlighter or the initial size of the arrow.</p>

3.7 Group student to work with only part of the classroom

A group is a subset of student computers within a classroom. When you select a group, only the student computers included in that group are selected. You can use groups to apply a Vision feature, like for example **Blank Screen** or **Lock Web**, to a portion of your class.

Create a group

1. On the **View** tab, select **Thumbnails** view and make sure that the **Home** tab is the active one.
2. Select the computers you want to include in the group and in the **Selection** group, click **Select Group** and then click **New Group From Selection**.
3. Type a name for the new group and click **OK**.

To add or remove student computers from a group, you need to delete the group and then re-create it; if the student computers in the group are selected when you delete the group, it is easy to add or remove computers and then create a new group based on the selected computers.

4 Controlling student computers

4.1 Take remote control of a student computer

You can take control of a student computer in order to demonstrate a procedure, or to start or close a program for that student.

Vision connects to the student computer and opens the **Remote Control** window, which displays the student's screen. The student does not have access to the mouse or keyboard while you have remote control of the computer, unless you grant the student access.

Start remote control of a student computer

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Supervision** group, click **Remote Control** and in the list select the computer you want to control.

Stop remote control of a student computer

- In the **Remote Control** window, click the **Stop** button.

4.2 What you can do on a remotely controlled student computer

When you take remote control of a student computer, you can use a number of features to help you assist and interact with your students.

In the Remote Control window you can:

▼ Share the student screen with the rest of the class:

As you demonstrate a task on a student computer, you can show what you are doing to the entire class:

- From the Remote Control window, click the **Remote Control with Demo** button.

The student screen that you are remotely controlling shows on all classroom computers.

To change the size of the demonstration window on the classroom computers, click **Full-screen** or **Windowed** on the **Demo** drop-down menu.

▼ Adjust how the student screen appears on your computer:

You can adjust the appearance of the student screen that appears on your computer:

- Click the **Fit to window** button to resize the student screen to fit the entire **Remote Control** window.
- Click the **High quality mode** button to make details on the student screen easier to see. The **High quality mode** button is available after you select the **Fit to window** button.

▼ Lock and unlock the student computer:

When you have remote control of a student computer, by default, the student

cannot use their mouse or keyboard. If you want to allow the student to use their mouse and keyboard during the remote control session, you can unlock the keyboard and mouse:

- In the **Remote Control** window, click the **Do not share control of student's mouse and keyboard** button.

To take control of the student's mouse and keyboard, click the same button again.

▼ **Copy and paste text to and from the student computer:**

When you have control of a student computer, you can copy text from the student's clipboard and paste it to your own. Conversely, you can also copy the text from your clipboard and paste it to the student's.

Copy text from a student's clipboard

1. On the **Remote Control** window, click **Edit - Copy from User Clipboard**.
2. Paste this text to a document on your computer.

Paste text to a student's clipboard

- On the **Remote Control** window, click **Edit - Paste to User Clipboard**.

The text that is currently on your clipboard is pasted to the student's clipboard and the student can paste this text to a document on his or her computer.

▼ **Move files between your computer and the student computer:**

In the **Remote Control** window you can drag files and folders between your screen and a student screen:

- Locate the file or files you want to move and use a drag-and-drop operation to move from one computer to the other.

Note that large files may take more time to transfer.

Tip

If you want to send and collect files from more than one student computer, you can use the Chat function. See [Send and collect files from students](#).

4.3 Block Internet access

You can control student access to the Internet so that students can only use the Web when appropriate in a teaching and learning situation.

To lock student access to the Internet:

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Controlling** group, click **Lock Web**.

When a student next tries to access a home page, a message displays on the student's screen saying that Internet access is temporarily blocked.

To remove the lock, click the button again.

If your student are going to use specific Internet sites you can choose to create a list of

sites that students are allowed to use and exempt these sites from the general blocking, see [Create allow lists](#).

4.4 Create and apply an allow list

A site list is a list of Web pages that students are allowed to access, an allow list. By creating allow lists of the Web pages that you use in various teaching scenarios, you can quickly limit student Web access to the sites that are appropriate to each lesson.

1. On the **Home** tab, in the **Controlling** group, click the **Filter Web** button and then click **Site List Manager**.
2. In the **Site List Manager** window, on the **File** menu, click **New Site List**.
3. In the **New name** field, type a name for your new allow list.

The name will appear in the **Filter Web** menu and we recommend that you choose a name that is descriptive of the usage of the Web sites in the list, for example "French Revolution" or "Ancient Egypt" if these were topics the class should work with

4. Add Web sites to the list.

You can add a Web site by typing the Web address in the Address bar, or by dragging an address from an open browser window.

If you are editing a list which is currently active on student computers, updates are immediately applied to student computers.

When you have added the addresses you want, close the **Site List Manager** window. The list is now available in Vision.

Apply an allow list

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Controlling** group, click **Filter Web** and then click the list you want to apply.

Now students in the classroom have access only to the sites in the list; changes are applied immediately to students.

A small yellow badge on each student thumbnail indicates that a site list has been applied.

Students and allow lists

When a site list is applied to student computers, the restrictions of the site list are immediately enforced. If a student is accessing a Web site that is not included in the site list, the block page will appear in the student's browser. The block page has a list of all site list links so that the student will know where he or she is permitted to browse on the Web.

If a student wishes to see the block page to see site list links, clicking the Home button in the Web browser will also show the page.

4.5 Lock student computers

You can lock the mouse and keyboard and show a predefined image on student computers to get their attention.

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Controlling** group, click **Blank Screen**.

When you lock student computers, Vision replaces the student's desktop with a Vision

bitmap image which you can customize.

See also

[Customize the Vision blank screen image](#)

4.6 Lock student computer keyboards and mice

You can lock the mouse and keyboard on student computers to get their attention.

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Controlling** group, click **Block Input**.

This blocks mouse and keyboard but the screen does not change.

4.7 Shut down, log off or restart student computers

From your computer you can shut down, restart, and log off students from the network. This is useful at end of the day or when your class no longer needs to use computers.

▼ Shut down computers:

- On the **Administration** tab, in the **Students** group, click **Shut down**.

▼ Log off computers:

Use this option to let other students log on and use the computers.

- On the **Administration** tab, in the **Students** group, click **Log Off**.

Close down all programs running on the classroom computers and log off the students who are currently logged on. Computers then display Windows' logon screen and are available for new users to log on.

▼ Restart computers:

Use this option to turn off the student computers and then automatically turn them back on. This can for example be useful when you have installed new software or changed computer settings.

- On the **Administration** tab, in the **Students** group, click **Restart**.

4.8 Group student to work with only part of the classroom

A group is a subset of student computers within a classroom. When you select a group, only the student computers included in that group are selected. You can use groups to apply a Vision feature, like for example **Blank Screen** or **Lock Web**, to a portion of your class.

Create a group

1. On the **View** tab, select **Thumbnails** view and make sure that the **Home** tab is the active one.
2. Select the computers you want to include in the group and in the **Selection** group, click **Select Group** and then click **New Group From Selection**.
3. Type a name for the new group and click **OK**.


To add or remove student computers from a group, you need to delete the group and then re-create it; if the student computers in the group are selected when you delete the

group, it is easy to add or remove computers and then create a new group based on the selected computers.

4.9 Lock or unlock access to settings on student computers

By default students do not have access to changing general settings on their own computers; the settings include:

- Vision startup method: whether Vision starts automatically when the student computer starts, and
- Network settings: which network adapter is used on the student computer.

The student can see that access to changing settings is locked from the lock symbol on the icon in the notification area: 

If you want to allow a student to access the settings, or if you need to change these settings yourself, you can unlock access:

- On the **Administration** tab, in the **Students** group, click **Unlock Student Settings**.

5 Supervising students

5.1 Supervise all classroom computers

In the default classroom supervision view each student computer appears as a small thumbnail image.

You can change the size of the thumbnails using the zoom tool at the bottom left of the screen and move the thumbnails to match the physical classroom layout.

You can change the way classroom computers display on the teacher computer from the **View** tab.

Alternative supervise

As an alternative to this way of supervising classroom computers, you can choose **Classroom Monitor**:

- On the **View** tab, in the **Classroom View** group, click **Classroom Monitor**.

The classroom computers display in a separate window that has one or more pages, depending on the number of student computers to display.

5.2 Supervise a single student computer

In situations where you want to get a closer look at how a specific student is doing, you can use Live View: Live View shows the student's computer activity in near real-time. You will not be able to control their mouse and keyboard, but you can lock the student's keyboard and mouse and remotely control their computer.

- On the **Home** tab, in the **Supervision** group, click **Live View** and select the student computer you want to look closer at.

To close the Live Supervision window, click the close symbol in the window.

Tips

- You can also start Live View by double-clicking a student computer thumbnail.
 - When you double-click a Live View of a student computer, you switch to remote controlling the student computer.
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5.3 Different ways to view student computers

When supervising the entire classroom you can choose different ways to display the student computers:

Thumbnails	Thumbnails view shows reduced-size versions of each student computer screen.
Perspective	Perspective view displays your classroom computers in a three-dimensional class layout with a selected computer shown in a larger view above the rest. Computers are arranged at the bottom of the screen according to the layout in Thumbnails view. Vision automatically cycles through the computers and displays each one in a larger view for a few seconds.
Details	Details view is a purely text-based view: a list of student computers with

computer name, Internet access status, student computer status and programs running on each computer.

- Switch between the three views from the **View** tab.

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6 Interacting with students

6.1 Chat with students

During class, for example when students are working on a written assignment, it might be useful to be able to ask students how they are doing - without necessarily interrupting everyone by speaking up. You can do this by starting a chat with the entire class and students can then answer when it fits in with what they are doing.

In other situations it might be more relevant to just address a single student or maybe a small group. You can do this by starting a chat with selected students.

▼ Chat with the entire class:

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Chat** menu, click **Chat with classroom**.
3. Type your message, and then press the Enter key.

On the student screens the message displays in a chat window where student can also reply. As you continue your chat session, the Chat history window displays your discussion.

▼ Chat with individual students:

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Chat** menu, click **New session**.
3. In the **Create chat session** window, type your message, and then press the Enter key.

6.2 Ask students a question

During class, for example when students are working on an assignment on their own, it might be useful to be able to ask them a question about their work or about any materials you may have handed out. This could be to gauge their understanding of the subject matter.

One way to do this is to ask students a multiple choice question.

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **View** menu, click **Question Manager**.
3. In the question window, type your question in the upper part and the answers student should choose between in the lower part.

You will likely also want to set a limit on the time students have to answer the question.

4. Click the **Send Question** button to send to students.

If the session is still open when the students have answered the question, a response window automatically opens and presents the answer distribution.

Tips

- You can save questions and build up a question pool which might be useful if the questions you create are general and suited for re-use. Click the **Load Question** button to retrieve previously saved questions.
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6.3 Get feedback from students

During class, for example when students are working on an assignment on their own, it might be useful to be able to gauge how they are doing without interrupting them. You can do this by asking for their feedback on their own mood, the complexity of the subject matter and the speed with which you are presenting the subject.

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **View** menu, click **Feedback**.
3. In the **Feedback Statistics** window, click the **Force Vote** button.

If the session is still open when the students have given their feedback, a response window automatically opens and presents the answer distribution.

6.4 Send a message to students

During class, for example before you do a presentation to the student, it might be useful to be able to tell them that they should be prepared to view a presentation. You can do this by sending a message to all students or only to selected students.

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Chat** menu, click **Send message**.
3. Type your message, select the students who should receive the message and click **Send**.

In a different situation, for example if you were giving out home assignments, it might be useful to be able to attach a file to the message. To attach a file, click the **Browse** button to locate and attach the file before you send the message.

See also

[Chat with students](#)

[Ask students a question](#)

[Send and collect files from students](#)

6.5 Send and collect files from students

During class you might want to send assignments or other types of files to students and to collect completed assignments from students. You can also choose to collect files from students after a specified period of time, for example after a test which student are allowed to spend no more than 90 minutes on.

When you send a file you browse your computer for the file to send. When a file is delivered to student computers, it is placed in a folder that Vision creates. The default location for files that you send to student computer is: C:\Users\Public\Documents\Chat. If you want to change the destination folder, click **Options** on the **View** menu, go to the **Work files folder definition** tab and click the **Users** button.

When you collect files from student computers, the files are placed in a default location on your computer: C:\Users\<user name>\Documents\Chat\<name of student computer>, for example C:\Users\JohnDoe\Documents\Chat\Computer_05. If you want to change the destination folder on your own computer, click **Options** on the **View** menu, go to the **General** tab and browse for a new path under **Work files path**.

▼ Send a file to students:

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Chat** menu, click **Send message**.
3. Type a message to accompany the file you want to send and click the **Browse** button to locate the file to attach.
4. Select the user to receive the message and the attached file and click the **Send** button.

The file is now distributed to the selected user and placed in the default folder.

▼ Collect files from students:

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Edit** menu, click **Collect**.

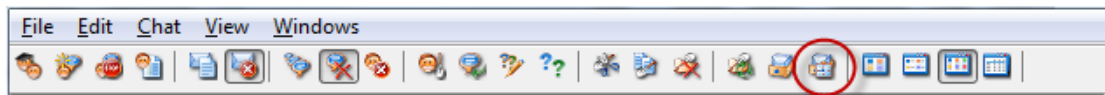
In the **Collect files** dialog box you must initially choose whether or not you want to delete files after collection and then the file transfer from student computers to yours happens automatically. The collected files are saved in the default work folder.

Note

The folder you collect from on student computers is created when you first send a file. This means that you have to send a file (just once) for the folder to be created.

▼ Collect files from students after a specific time period:

1. On the **View** tab, in the **Show** group, click **Chat**.
2. In the **Chat** window, on the **Edit** menu, click the Timed Collection button on the toolbar.



3. In the **Collection time** window, select the students whose files you want to collect after a specific time period.
4. Click the **Set time** button to set how long (hours, minutes, seconds) students have to work with their files before they are collected automatically.

The students see a counter on their screen telling them how much time is left before files are collected.

6.6 Start a program on student computers

You can start an application or open a specific Web page on all student computers, for example to demonstrate something or just to help students get started. To start on some student computers, select the relevant student computer thumbnails first.

1. On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Start Application** and then **Start Application**.
2. Drag a program shortcut from the **Start** menu, or a Web address from the browser address bar, to the **Open** field and click **OK**.

If you know the program name, you can also choose to type it, for example "notepad" or "winword".

Note

In order to use this feature, programs must be located in the same location on the teacher and the student computers.

▼ **Add applications that you frequently use:**

If there are programs or Web pages that you use on a regular basis, you can add each to your own list on first use and then simply select the program or shortcut from your list the following times.

To add to your own list:

1. On the **Home** tab, in the **Presentation** group, click **Start Application** and then **Manage Applications**.
2. In the **Manage Applications** dialog box, select an application in the list to the left and click the button with the arrows to add it to the list to the right. Repeat this until you have added the application you want to add and then click **OK**.

You now have one or more applications added to your applications list and when you next want to start one of them on your classroom you can simply select it.

▼ **Limit students' access to other applications: kiosk mode:**

When you select the application you want to share with your class, you can let students have general access to their computers while they use the application, or you can choose that they should only be allowed to use the application that you start. The first option is called **Standard** mode and the second one is called **Kiosk** mode. Your choice will likely vary depending on the teaching scenario.

For example, if you start Microsoft Office Word in **kiosk** mode, students are limited to using that application. The students see only Microsoft Word on their desktop. They do not have access to other applications: the Start menu is not available; the task bar at the bottom of the screen is locked; and students cannot launch Windows Explorer to search for program executable files. Kiosk mode gives students the tools they need without distractions.

You can start each application that you have added to your own custom list in either **Standard** mode or in **Kiosk** mode: next to each application in the list, there is an icon for each mode. Click the relevant icon to choose application mode **Standard** or **Kiosk**.

6.7 Invite a student to join the classroom

If you have a classroom defined and running with, for example, 25 out of 40 available computers in Computer Lab 01B and an additional student joins the lab, you might want to include the student computer that he or she is using so that you now have 26 computers in the classroom. You do this by inviting the student computer to join:

- Select the computer in thumbnails view and on the **Administration** tab in the **Students** group click **Join**.

The student computer is now included in the classroom temporarily.

Exclude unused computers

The opposite might also be the case: your classroom is defined with 25 computers but only 20 students are actually present so you might want to exclude the non-used computers. You do this by dismissing the unused computers:

- Select the unused computer in thumbnails view and on the **Administration** tab in the **Students** group click **Dismiss**.

7 Customizing your classroom

7.1 Add information to thumbnails

In addition to customizing the name displayed under thumbnails for all computers, you can also add custom comments for each computer.

1. Select the student computer you want to add a comment to.
2. On the **Administration** tab, in the **Students** group, click **Edit Detail**.
3. In the properties dialog box, type a comment and click **OK**.

The comments are show in **Details** view only.

7.2 Demo, blank screen, remote control and appearance options

Vision is highly customizable and can be modified to match your teaching needs as much as possible. Most customization is done from the **Vision Preferences** dialog box:

- On the **File** tab, click the **Preferences** button.

The dialog box has a section of each of the areas that can be customized.

▼ General:

In the **Request Student Names** section, type the message that you want to display when you click **Request Name** to ask students to type their names.

If you do not type your own personalized text here, the system's default text is used. The name a student types is typically used to display beneath his or her screen in thumbnails view.

▼ Demo:

Options to customize the demo window:

Auto Scroll when teacher moves mouse	When this option is selected, the demo window on student computers will automatically scroll when you move your pointer outside the Demo window area
Display Student Toolbar during windowed demo	Students use this toolbar to customize how the Demo window appears on their computers.
Demo Window caption	This option applies to demonstrations that you run in Windowed Demo mode. Type the text you want to appear in the heading of the students' Demo window.
Capture Screen from selected Monitor	This option is used when multiple monitors are installed. Select the monitor that you want to demo from.

▼ Blank screen:

1. In the list to the left in the **Vision Preferences** dialog box, click **Blank Screen**.

2. Select the **Image** tab or the **Text** tab, depending on what you want to student screens to show when you use **Blank Screen**.

On the **Image** tab, you can browse to a file in bitmap (.bmp) format show a different image than the default Vision one.

On the **Text** tab, you can write any text and use formatting tools to define its properties.

▼ Remote Control:

Options to customize the Remote Control window:

Auto Scroll	<p>Select the Auto Scroll check box to point your mouse to the areas of the Remote Control window that you want to see. The window scrolls automatically.</p> <p>Clear the Auto Scroll check box to use only the scroll bars to view different areas of the Remote Control window.</p>
Enable Drag and Drop file transfer during Remote Control	<p>Select this option to make the file transfer feature available. With this feature enabled, you can drag files and file folders between your screen and a student screen in the Remote Control window.</p>
Share control of Student's mouse and keyboard	<p>Select this option to allow student access to their mouse and keyboard while you have remote control of their computer.</p>

▼ Network:

To be able to change these setting, you need to have Administrator credentials. Click **Edit Network Preferences** to enter credentials and Vision enable the dialog box options.

Network type	<p>Select whether your computer connects through a wired or a wireless connection, and select the corresponding network card.</p>
Network adapter	
Use IP multicast for Demo	<p>The default multicast address is 233.1.1.1.</p>
Automatically start computers upon connection (Wake-on-LAN)	<p>When this option is selected, all student computers in the classroom are tuned on when connecting to the classroom.</p> <p>The option is selected by default.</p> <p>To prevent student computers from being turned on automatically, clear this option.</p>
Use broadcast for Vision Classroom Connections	<p>If the connection process of your classroom takes very long or is not successful, you can enable broadcast to see if that speeds up the connection process.</p> <p>If the option is selected, the teacher module makes use of broadcasting the classroom announcement to the student computers in the classroom. Broadcast traffic is very low</p>

and is turned off as soon as all student have successfully connected to the teacher computer.

If the option is cleared, Vision relies on the name resolution process of your local network. This name resolution process may be slow in some environments.

▼ **Appearance:**

Interface colors

Clear the **Default** check boxes to be able to change the color the text shown underneath student computer thumbnails. The **Active Text** is the text color of the currently selected student computer thumbnail.

Being able to change the text color can be useful if, for example, you choose a background color which is different from the default white background,

Background color

Click **Gradient** and then click **Top** and **Bottom** to choose two colors for the background; the colors smoothly transition from one to the other.

Background image

If you prefer to have a specific image as your background instead of a background color gradient, select **Background image** to enable the image selection, image position and image alignment.

Update time

Type a refresh interval for the student computers in your classroom in **Thumbnails** view, and for student computers in **Classroom Monitor** view.

The refresh rate must be between 3 and 10 seconds.

7.3 Automatically start student computers

When you have one or more classrooms set up and start up the teacher computer, you may experience that the student computers in the default classroom start up automatically. This happens when the student computers in your default classroom support Wake-on-LAN.

To prevent student computers from turning on automatically when you turn on the teacher computer, you must change the Wake-on-LAN setting on the teacher computer:

1. On the **File** tab, click the **Preferences** button.
2. In the **Vision Preferences** dialog box, select the **Network** section and clear the "Automatically start computers on connection (Wake-on LAN)" option.

As the notice in the dialog box explains, you need to provide Administrator credentials to be allowed to change this setting.

8 Glossary

Below is a list of central Vision terms with a brief explanation of their meaning.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

allow list	An allow list is a list of Internet sites that students are allowed to visit. When an allow list is applied, access to all other sites are blocked. This means that an allow list, or a site list, is a way to filter Internet access, for example to ensure that students use only authorized Web sites when solving an assignment.
classroom	<p>A classroom is a collection of computers that students use during class.</p> <p>A classroom can include student computers located in the same room as the teacher computer as well as computers located in a separate physical location such as a study hall, library, or computer lab.</p> <p>When you have created a classroom you can connect to the computers in the classroom and supervise student work, remotely control machines, share screens, lock keyboards, and so on.</p>
default classroom	<p>The default classroom is the one that the teacher computer automatically connects to when Vision starts up.</p> <p>When Vision is installed a global classroom named "Classroom" is automatically created. You can use this classroom as a basis and add student computers, or you can create a new one from scratch.</p>
global classroom	If several teachers use the same computers during their classes, they can share classroom setup. For several teachers to be able to share classroom setup, the classroom must be defined as Global . This is the default setting when a new classroom is created provided that you are logged on as an Administrator. Global classrooms can be accessed by any teacher who logs on to the teacher computer. If you are logged on under a specific user account, any classrooms you create are Personal and can be used by you only. You cannot convert one type into the other so it is important to choose the appropriate setting when you create the classroom.
group	A group is a subset of student computers within a classroom. When you select a group, only the student computers included in that group are selected. You can use groups to apply a Vision feature, such as Blank screen or Lock Web, to a portion of your class.
open enrollment	<p>Open enrollment classrooms is an alternative to the default static classrooms.</p> <p>Open enrollment allows teachers to send an invitation to join class over the network. Students can accept the invitation and join the classroom at any time without disturbing other students or the teacher.</p>
site list	See allow list

thumbnail	A thumbnail is a reduced-size version of a student computer's display.
wake-on-LAN	<p>Wake-on-LAN is a computer networking standard that allows a computer to be turned on or woken up by a network message. In Vision, student computers in a classroom can be automatically turned on when the teacher computer connects to them.</p> <p>This is enabled or disabled from Vision Preferences: On the File menu, click the Options button.</p> <p>Note that the student computer network interface needs to support WoL for this to work as parts of the network interface need to stay on.</p>
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