

## Technology Description: *Digital Ink*



### What is digital ink?

Would you like to sketch labels on your PowerPoint slides as you present? Do you enjoy giving chalkboard lectures but appreciate the powers of PowerPoint? The School of Medicine has installed tablet computers with digital ink capabilities to let you annotate PowerPoint during presentations in the M104, M106, M112, and M114 classrooms. Digital ink allows you to use a pen to add ink anywhere on your slides in a variety of colors, erase it as needed, and save the results into your file to distribute after your session.



### What are examples of successful digital ink usage?

1. Human Anatomy lecturers start with PowerPoint files containing rough outlines, but fill in and label nerves, bones, muscle and other structures as students follow along with colored pencils and paper
2. Team learning facilitators jot down learners' ideas on the tablet computer, adding new slides as necessary, and save the results to post online

### How do I use digital ink?

Digital ink is a simple component built into recent versions of PowerPoint. Bring your PowerPoint lecture on a USB memory stick and plug it into a podium. Start your slideshow like normal, and press the "PEN" button on the monitor when you want to use the pen to write.

Contact EdTech (650-723-6952 or [EdTech-info@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:EdTech-info@lists.stanford.edu)) to schedule a one-on-one training session on digital ink to help plan how to use it in your sessions.