Classroom Management
for education and training

Key Features:

- New - Student feedback visuals to gauge wellbeing and topic confidence
- New - ‘Easy’ user mode to support technology-shy teachers
- Versions for all leading PC and tablet platforms
- Real-time instruction tools
- Show teacher screen to students
- Interactive student thumbnails
- View/Control students’ screens
- Testing and quiz components
- Audio monitoring/language lab tools
- Internet metering and control
- Application metering and control
- Digital student revision aids
- Printer management
- Hand out and collect work
- Dedicated tablet app for Windows 10
- Dedicated Technicians’ Console

SoftLINK v14

Best Practice Teaching Tools for your Classroom

SoftLINK is the market-leading classroom software solution that supports teachers with a wealth of dedicated assessment, monitoring, collaboration and control features to maximize the benefit of technology-led instruction.

Rising to the challenge and requirements of the modern classroom, SoftLINK provides the ability to organize and deliver lesson content, work collaboratively, and monitor student PCs - ensuring that complete student attention and focus is maintained at all times. There are no hidden extras: all features are included as standard, including dedicated Teacher, Classroom Assistant and Technician modules.

Complete Platform Flexibility

SoftLINK offers its classroom management software across all leading platforms, so if your environment demands it, you can rest assured that a teacher can connect to a full mix of students, each on different platforms.

ACS nearly 50 years ago as a hardware solution provider and have since responded to evolving needs by adding software support for Windows, Mac, Android, iOS, and Chromebooks.
### Classroom Management
- Power on or off all classroom computers from the teacher PC.
- Perform a remote "log off" on all PCs.
- Send a remote "log in" to all student PCs at the beginning of class.
- Blank student screens to gain attention.
- Lock the students' mice and keyboards when instructing.
- Use layouts so the teacher's PC represents the layout of the physical classroom.
- Use individual teacher profiles to deliver the features needed by each teacher.
- Give individual students visual rewards to encourage effort or behavior.
- One click "request assistance" option for teacher needing tech support.
- Reset students' system passwords without IT support.
- Flexible range of connection methods to student devices, including SIS integration (OneRoster and Google Classroom).
- Teachers can choose from three user modes (Easy, Intermediate and Advanced) to make features accessible to suit their level of edtech confidence.

### Printer and Device Management
- Prevent students from printing in the classroom.
- Limit printer use by number of pages.
- Require teacher authorization prior to printing.
- Prevent individual printers from being used.
- Display a real-time print indicator identifying which student is currently printing.
- Show the number of paused print jobs requiring teacher attention.
- Prevent data being copied to or from USB storage and CDR/DVD devices.

### Student Register
SoftLINK offers a powerful Student Registration feature:
- Request standard and custom information from each student at the start of class.
- Print the Student Register, including a total of any rewards or print jobs completed during the lesson.
- Use customized icons for students.

### Student Information Bar
SoftLINK features a Student Information Bar, neatly located at the top of each student screen. This can be set to be always visible, hidden, or to auto-hide.

The Information Bar provides feedback to the student on the current lesson, time remaining, current websites and applications that are available, keyboard monitoring, lesson objectives, and quick access to request help. It is fully configurable by the teacher.

### Hand Out and Collect Files
Distribute files and folders from the tutor PC to multiple student workstations.
- Transfer files to and from a selected PC in a single action.
- Distribute files to multiple PCs in a single action.
- Hand out and automatically collect files with each student's details appended.

### Instruct & Demonstrate

#### Real-time Instruction (Show mode)
- Show the tutor's screen to selected students.
- Show a specific desktop to selected students.
- Show just a selected application to selected students.
- Video Editor allows Replay Files (previous screen recordings) to be edited and exported to common video formats.
- Broadcast a video file to selected students.
- Deliver your presentations optimized for wireless networks.
- Leave a recording of your Show on the student's PC for future review.
- Interact audibly with students while demonstrating a topic.
- Show a student screen (Exhibit mode).

#### Screen Highlighter and Drawing Tools (Annotate)
SoftLINK provides as standard a wealth of screen annotation tools to aid in presenting. These include Line Tools, Arrows, Shapes, Text Highlighters, and more.

#### Virtual Whiteboard
Full page Whiteboard integrated directly within the Tutor supported by a wealth of drawing tools for improved collaboration within the classroom.

#### Internet Co-Browse
Allows a teacher to open selected websites and synchronize these with the browser on each student PC. As a teacher navigates across a website, the student PCs will follow.

#### Group Leaders
A nominated student can be assigned certain tutor rights and act as a group leader until such privileges are revoked. Now includes a visual layout of leaders and their assigned group members.
Monitor & Control

View Students’ Screens in Real-Time (Monitor mode)
- Monitor the entire class in a single view
- Scan through sets of student PCs in pre-defined multiples
- Overlay additional information including active application or active website
- Zoom for optimized high-definition student thumbnails

Tutor and Tutor Assistant apps
In addition to the desktop tutor application for Windows, the native free Windows Tutor app can be installed on Windows tablets and touch-enabled devices. It offers a launchpad for classroom and Office 365 apps, integration with OneDrive for sharing classroom resources and more. Meanwhile the free Tutor Assistant app (Apple iOS and Android devices only) enables them to control and monitor all student workstations while moving around the classroom (V11 desktop Tutor component required).

Real-time Keyboard Monitoring
Designed to be used in conjunction with application control, this component provides teachers with a real-time insight into student activity and topic understanding. Also provides “target” keywords for tracking student understanding and a full history of keyboard usage by student and application.

Internet Metering and Control
- Monitor all student internet use
- View background websites open on all PCs
- Open and close websites on all selected PCs in a single action
- Record a full history of internet use for the class
- Prevent access to any or restricted websites
- Allow access to approved websites only

Real-time Audio Monitoring and Language Lab Tools
- Listen to and monitor student audio
- Two-way audio chat
- Record audio to file

Student Testing and Quiz
Design tests and examinations with minimum of effort, including text, picture, audio, and video questions.
- Create a library of resources and questions that can be shared
- Create any number of tests using questions from your library
- Now utilize up to 8 different question styles
- Create questions with between 2 and 4 possible answers
- Set examination grading levels
- Track student progress and see question success or failure in real-time
- Auto-mark the test so results are available as soon as it is completed
- Display individual results back to each student
- Deliver results (including highlighting the correct answers) to the class
- Install the Test Designer on a standalone system

Question and Answer (Q&A) Module
Built around current teaching practices for the continual assessment of learning, the Q&A Module enables teachers to reinforce key learning points and instantly gauge student understanding during a lesson. It allows a teacher to verbally ask questions to the class as well as award points to individuals and/or teams. Options include:

First to Answer
The teacher can choose the ‘top x’ fastest responders and the quickest student is asked for their answer. The teacher confirms if it is right or wrong and then has the option to bounce the question to subsequent students.

Enter an Answer
The teacher enters the answer to a question in advance and students are prompted for their answers. Results are instantly displayed to the class.

Pot Luck and Team modes
Students can be selected at random to answer or team play can be introduced.

Peer Assessment
Students give feedback in response to an answer given by one of their classmates. They indicate if the answer given was correct or incorrect and the teacher’s screen displays the results.

Test & Assess

Student Surveys
Find out if your students have understood the content covered during the lesson by conducting an instant survey.
- Create a survey using pre-supplied or custom responses
- See instantly all responses and a summary for the class
- Create groups dynamically based on student responses
- Publish survey results to all students
Tech Console

A classroom management solution is not simply about providing the right tools for each teacher. Equally important are tools to ensure all computers in the school can be managed and maintained so they are always available for teaching. With this in mind, SoftLINK also provides a unique “Tech Console” specifically for Lab Technicians and Network Managers.

Using the Tech Console, you can:
- Monitor all computers across the school network in a single view
- Monitor application and internet use on each student PC
- Transfer files and folders to selected or all computers
- Generate a full Hardware Inventory summary for a selected PC
- Generate a full Software Inventory for each PC, including hotfixes
- Provide direct technical assistance to any classroom teacher
- Display all students and teachers by active class
- Conduct Chat with one or multiple students or teachers
- Broadcast messages to groups or all network users in seconds
- Shows real-time USB memory stick status on all student PCs
- Perform powerful 1:1 PC remote control on any selected computer
- Review individual SoftLINK client security settings remotely
- View and control services, processes and applications running on each PC
- Power on, power off, reboot and login to classroom computers remotely
- View/set Power Management, Windows Update and Security settings
- Launch a local command prompt from the remote system on your PC
- Apply a school-wide set of internet and application restrictions that are “always on”

System requirements:

Learning

Student Journal
During a typical class, all appropriate items relating to the subject can be captured and automatically included in a PDF file for post-lesson review by each student. These include:
- Lesson details and objectives
- Teacher notes
- Individual student notes
- Screenshots from within a presentation (and supporting explanation)
- Virtual Whiteboard screens
- Individual student test results
- URLs of websites used during the lesson
- Copies of any class Chat transcripts
- Add chapters and bookmarks
- Synchronize missing content for absent students

Security

SoftLINK contains a wealth of security features to ensure its correct and authorized use. These include:
- Unique “security key” to make your copy incompatible with other copies
- Restrict connectivity to only systems carrying a matching software license
- Tutor profiles each allowing customized levels of functionality as required
- Use AD profiles to limit which users are able to use the tutor or tech tools
- Use AD profiles to force configurations for both tutor and student
- Control the access and use of portable media devices within the classroom
- Automatically re-apply restrictions on reboot of a student computer
SoftLINK is provided with example Active Directory (AD) templates for easy implementation.

Applied Computer Systems, Inc. (ACS) has been in business since 1971 providing computer classroom management solutions. ACS has nearly 50 years of experience designing, engineering and selling these solutions to businesses, universities, community colleges, government entities, military, and the K-12 sectors. ACS is your one-source provider for both software and hardware products for classroom management. You will find we are easy to work with and we treat every customer as if they were our first.

Customer satisfaction and service are our #1 priority!

Phone: (800) 237-5465
(740) 892-2100
Fax: (740) 892-4838

www.acs-linksystems.com