I. Introduction

Valdosta State University has selected an audience response system that allows students to participate in presentations or lectures by submitting responses to interactive questions using a “Clicker” device.

The model used at VSU is the ResponseCard NXT made by TurningTechnologies. It is commonly referred to as a “Clicker”. This model has an LCD display and has available memory and features to record and submit answers for a full length test.

Buying the Clicker

Clickers can be purchased from the VSU Bookstore. Batteries are included and are estimated to last for nine months.

2 ways to use your Clicker

1. During lecture/class presentations, submit answers to polling questions displayed in the instructor’s PowerPoint.  
   - Answers are sent to instructor’s computer and the Clicker software, but the answers are not saved in the Clicker. The instructor may use this method to engage the class during lecture and/or to determine if the class understands the material.

2. During Self Paced exams and quizzes, save answers to the Clicker and transmit answers to the instructor’s Clicker software.  
   - During an exam, the instructor may use this method instead of having students record their answers on a Scantron sheet.
II. Submitting the Clicker Device ID # in BlazeVIEW D2L

After buying a Clicker, you will need to submit the Clicker Device ID # in BlazeVIEW D2L.

1. To submit the Clicker Device ID #, first log into BlazeVIEW D2L and select the course that is utilizing Clicker technology. Once there, select the “Turning Point Registration” link under your content map.

2. You will need to enter your “Device I.D.” This prompt is asking for the Device ID located on the back of the Clicker, underneath the barcode.

3. Type the “Device I.D.” into the provided field. Enter the Captcha text into the next provided field and select .

4. You will be prompted to ensure that all information is correct for your final submission. Double check the “Device I.D.” and click on . Your registration is now complete.
III. Changing the Room Channel

Clickers operate via radio frequency. Rooms are set to a specific frequency channel. If the room channel is not posted in the room, students can obtain the channel number from the instructor.

1. Press the “Channel Button”

2. You will see the following display

3. The display will show your current channel, and ask for the new channel (Your instructor can provide the room channel). Input the room channel then press the enter button

4. The following confirmation will be displayed.
IV. Submitting your answers during a PowerPoint presentation

During a PowerPoint presentation, an instructor may take a moment to engage your class with questions for which you will respond with your Clicker.

As long as the interactive polling slide is open (as indicated in green above), you may submit your response, and change your selection. The last answer that is selected before the polling closes is sent to the polling software on the instructor’s computer. This method does not save your answers to the Clicker.

1. There is no ON button.
2. Simply select and press your answer.
   Only press one of the numbered keys. Do not press any other buttons.
3. Verify answer. Students will receive confirmation on the LCD display when an answer is selected.

The Clicker has a very efficient power saving feature. The screen will power off after a few seconds of non-use.

Just make your selection from the numbered key pad.
V. Using Clickers for Testing

Test Mode for NXT

The NXT automatically goes into test mode as long as TurningKey is being used to administer the test and polling is open.

1. Press any key on the keypad to power on the screen

2. The screen will display test information

5. If there is more than one version of the test, students will be able to insert the test version number and press enter.

6. You will be asked to confirm the test version.

7. The test question numbers will then show on top of the screen.
8. The Response Card NXT will automatically know what type of answer is required.

9. Once the numbers are displayed for the questions, press the desired answer choice then press enter. The screen will display the selected answer and a smiley face will confirm that the answer was received.

10. Press enter to move on to the next question. Continue the above steps until your test is complete.

**Changing Your Test Answers**

If answers have not been submitted, students can change answers at any time.

1. Use the up arrow to scroll to other questions, the left and right arrows to scroll backwards or forward and the down arrow to return to answering questions.

2. Press the desired answer choice. Immediately after changing your answer, your display will show a smiley face to indicate your answer was stored.
Submitting Your Test Answers

*Please Note: Students only get one chance to send answers to the instructor’s Clicker software, so be sure to review and record all answers.

When finished recording answers, submit your test answers with the Clicker.

1. Students will see a graphic indicating that the test is complete. To confirm test submission, press OK.

2. Once “OK” is pressed, the screen will display the following.

3. Go to the instructor’s computer to confirm the submission.
Clicker Testing Stations

There are three locations on campus where students can test Clickers to verify that it is working properly:

1. IT Helpdesk: Odum Library 2nd floor, main entrance
2. Decision Center: 1st floor Pound Hall, Langdale College of Business.

Caring for your Clicker

Do not drop the clicker
Do not get it wet
Do not sit on it
Do not poke the number pad with a pen or pencil

The battery should last for the entire semester – it is supposed to last for 9 months