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Doceri Resource Page

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What is Doceri?

Doceri is an iPad/PC/Mac application that permits the annotation and complete control of a computer screen without having to remain tethered via a keyboard and mouse. Doceri permits users to move about freely in spaces, still use available computer resources, and enjoy more rich interactions with audiences.

In addition to giving users a full mouse and keyboard for remote computer control, Doceri permits users to annotate anything that can be displayed on a computer screen: movies, Powerpoint presentations, web pages, PDFs, and documents is a small set of examples. Doceri can also generate, project, and permit users to draw on a whiteboard, maps, axes, graphs, musical staff, and more. All annotations can be "rewound" from the last input to the very first input. Additionally, annotations are automatically saved and can be exported for sharing via e-mail, Blackboard, or the larger web.

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How is Doceri being used?

The features and facilities described above can be harnessed for a variety of purposes in many different settings. If there is at least a remote possibility that Doceri might be useful for your efforts, Educational Technology Services recommends that you write course-support@hamilton.edu or call x4877 to set up a conversation with an Educational Technologist to tailor solutions for your and your students' needs.

Here are a few examples of how Doceri has been used at Hamilton:

- To control and annotate Powerpoint slides to add additional layers of information and explanation based on feedback from students;
- To enable faculty to freely walk around the classroom, which seems, anecdotally, to alter classroom dynamics;
- To enable students to "share" the Doceri iPad and input information that is instantaneously visible to the rest of the classroom and can be easily preserved and shared;

- To enable examples to be worked through in tandem with other resources displayed on the computer screen--e.g. harmonic analyses in Music classes, molecular exploration in Chemistry, solving mathematical equations in Economics, exploring maps in Classics;
- Annotation of YouTube videos;
- Dynamic step-by-step explorations of procedures that utilize the "rewind" feature.

Doceri has also been used by faculty participants in the ITS Tablet Evaluation program. ITS provides for short- and long-term loans of iPads to Faculty, who then share their experiences on a blog. Entries about Doceri have been posted, which can be read here: http://tablet.hamiltoncollegeblogs.com/index.cfm/Doceri

Finally, we invite you to submit your own ideas, stories, and questions about Doceri by using the comment box at the bottom of this webpage.

Doceri also created a helpful short guide--and a marketing tool--reporting how teachers have used Doceri in their classrooms.

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Who is using Doceri?

NOTE: Hyperlinks in this section lead to pages that contain information about how an individual uses Doceri for their purposes.

Faculty using Doceri:

- Anne C. Feltovich - Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics
- Christophre Georges - Professor of Economics
- Paul Hagstrom - Professor of Economics
- Susan A. Mason - Director, Education Studies Program and Oral Communication Center
- Sharon W. Rivera - Associate Professor of Government
- Barbara J. Tewksbury - Upson Chair for Public Discourse and Professor of Geosciences
- Paul (Gary) G. Wyckoff - Professor of Government and Director of the Public Policy Program
- Karen Brewer, Professor of Chemistry

Staff using Doceri

- Ted Fondak, Educational Technologist
- Nikki Reynolds, Director of Educational Technology Services

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How to start using Doceri

Doceri must be installed on both an iPad and the computer you wish to control:

On an iPad

- There are two versions of Doceri: At-No-Cost and Paid. The At-No-Cost application can be downloaded immediately from the Apple App Store (click link in the preceding sentence) and functions in a manner virtually identical to the paid version of Doceri. The At-No-Cost version applies a relatively unobtrusive watermark to all interactions.
- The Paid version of Doceri costs $30, which simply removes this watermark.
    - You may, of course, autonomously purchase and immediately use the paid version by

upgrading in the app itself.
- You may also elect to use departmental funds to purchase Doceri; if this is desirable, please e-mail the Desktop Integration Services team in ITS (dis@hamilton.edu) to request the paid version of Doceri be installed on the iPad.
- (Note: iPads from the Tablet Evaluation program are eligible to have Doceri installed on them at any time)
- Once the license has been purchased, it resides on the iPad and will be applied to any computer on which you use Doceri.

On a Computer

- The PC and Macintosh versions of Doceri Desktop, the computer software that connects to the iPad Doceri app, have been installed on all classroom computers--after downloading Doceri on the iPad, simply log in and look for Doceri Desktop in the Applications repository on either operating system.
- You may also download and install Doceri Desktop at no cost on your personal or Hamilton-issued computer: simply visit the Doceri Download Page and choose the appropriate download for your operating system.

The Tablet Evaluation Program

As mentioned above, ITS has a short- and long-term Tablet Evaluation program for faculty interested in exploring the use of iPads in connection with their courses. The intent of the program is to help faculty explore ways of improving the learning / research environment for their students without the burden of purchasing costly, unproven hardware for purposes of experimentation. Concordantly, Doceri is available on the Tablet Evaluation Program iPads.

To find out more about loaning an iPad and testing Doceri, please contact the Educational Technology Services team at 859-4877, or email us at course-support@hamilton.edu.

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Additional Resources

Hamilton-specific Resources

- A video recording of a presentation by and conversation with Professor of Government Gary Wyckoff, an avid Doceri user, about how he and his students use Doceri in the classroom. Topics include: board work, annotation, classroom dynamics, sharing, methodologies, and more. Among the participants were several members of the faculty.
- The ITS Tablet Evaluation Blog, which contains posts by Hamilton faculty about their use of Doceri and Mobile Technology for teaching and learning.

Textual Information

- The Doceri Website
- The Doceri blog contains posts by teachers about their use of Doceri in classrooms and for specific projects.

Videos

- A nine-minute introductory video by Paul Wagner, IT Director of the W.A. Franke School of Business.
- A number of short introductory, "how-to," and sample lesson videos from Doceri--a great place to begin exploring how Doceri might be used in classroom scenarios.

Miscellaneous

- Some faculty and staff use the Padlette(TM) to more comfortably carry the iPad.

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