

# Introducing TeamSpot™

## *Accelerating Performance with Walk-Up Collaboration Technology*

Computer labs, libraries, group study areas – even hallways – are being reconceived as places for interactive group activity and collaborative innovation. Growing laptop ownership rates, widespread wireless networking availability, and project-based learning pedagogies are fueling a revolution in the design of these learning spaces.

Tidebreak's TeamSpot 3 is the cross-platform digital infrastructure powering these spaces with advanced team collaboration capabilities. Tidebreak's cutting edge software tool, forged from technologies invented at one of the world's foremost academic research institutions, addresses the needs of "Millennial" students in their project work by:

- Supporting collaboration activities with group-specific functionality
- Enabling students to multi-task in real-time

- Helping teams to maximize performance and achieve their goals

Research has shown that delays of even a few seconds to switch cables or email files can impede the flow of ideas in highly collaborative work. TeamSpot enables true user interaction across computers and mobilizes digital information with "drag and drop" simplicity to provide a unique and critical performance advantage over other solutions.

TeamSpot goes beyond restrictive single function desktop sharing by adding powerful capabilities that outperform traditional hardware and software solutions. With TeamSpot, students can:

- Develop and edit deliverables on a common screen from their laptops
- Easily move files and objects between computers through "drag and drop"

- Copy and paste URLs, images, or text snippets across computers
- Project laptops onto a common display without cabling/re-cabling
- Automatically create a "take-away" archive of shared documents and information
- Work on parallel tasks and then rapidly integrate their results

TeamSpot dramatically changes the group collaboration dynamic. It removes barriers to interaction, increasing productivity while actively engaging the team.

Coupling powerful capabilities with an intuitive user experience, TeamSpot is the advanced turnkey solution that accelerates team performance.

Institutions around the world use our technology, including:

- Emory University
- MIT
- RWTH Aachen University
- Stanford University
- Stockholm Inst. of Education
- University of Michigan
- USC
- University of Washington
- Yale University



**Features/Benefits of TeamSpot.** TeamSpot evolved from research into the unique requirements of team collaboration. TeamSpot embraces an “ad hoc collaboration” philosophy that reduces complexity and administrative overhead. A software solution, TeamSpot requires no special hardware and is compatible with all major software applications for Windows and Macintosh OSX. Some of TeamSpot’s most significant features are described in more detail below.

**Common Workspace.** Each TeamSpot uses a common display connected to a resident computer (Windows PC or Macintosh), creating a digital workspace where group activities take place. TeamSpot Host software runs on the resident computer and brokers communications among client devices.

- TeamSpot Host automatically distributes Client software via an integrated web service
- Secure socket-layer (SSL) encryption protects transactions
- Room-aware authentication requires unique per-user, per-instance access code
- Automatic context-based help screens introduce users to TeamSpot features
- TeamSpot Host can report usage data to on-site collection server

**PointRight Feature.** Democratic control of the common workspace from personal laptops eliminating distracting cabling changes or control handoffs

- Users can access and control common workspace simultaneously
- Seamlessly transfer keyboard and mouse inputs to target computer without switching keyboards or mice
- Mini-panel shows alerts when users take control of the Common Workspace

**CrossWarp Feature.** Information immediacy through intuitive, rapid information sharing among the team. Just “drag and drop” to transfer items to other computers.

- Send URLs, files or folders to a single computer or send to all computers in group
- Store in “take-away” archive that users can download at end of session
- Prompt for permission to accept incoming files.

**CrossPaste Feature.** Universal copy and paste functionality across all computers enables group editing of documents.

- Copy text or bitmap images on one computer and paste into another computer.
- Transfer content across multiple computers using standard copy and paste control mechanisms
- Compatible with popular applications such as Microsoft Office® or Apple iWork™

**Session Archive Feature.** Collects, organizes and distributes information shared during a TeamSpot session. Enables users to view stored information in real time via web page.

- Freezes information on screen without effecting active applications
- Save annotations to session archive for later distribution and retrieval
- Works with PointRight to annotate the common screen from any computer in the TeamSpot

**Desktop Sharing Feature.** Project any laptop screen on the common display via software, no cables required.

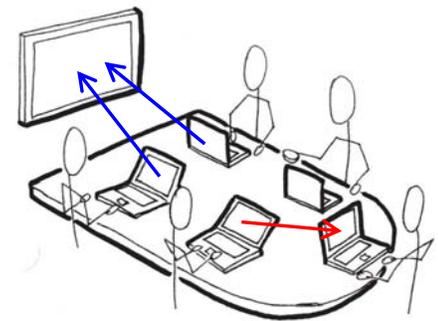
- “Push” source desktop to any public display with just a couple of clicks
- Works over existing network connection
- Both interactive and view-only sharing supported
- Block or allow desktop sharing streams from other team members’ computers

**Positive Presence Feature.** TeamSpot panel shows a list of all participants currently active in the TeamSpot.

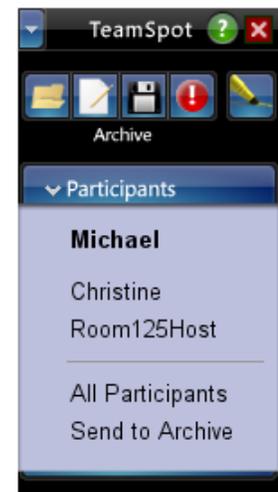
- Highlights name when a user first joins the session
- “Drag and drop” items on a user’s name to initiate CrossWarp action
- Collapses to take less space on the desktop when not in use

**Flexible Licensing.** TeamSpot licensing plans enable broad use and easy deployment across any number of users.

- One Host license per TeamSpot location
- Unlimited Client licenses provided with each package at no additional charge
- Software provided for both Windows and Macintosh operating systems, and can be freely mixed within installations
- Host software can be installed and brought online in less than 20 minutes



Team members can easily redirect information and interact across multiple devices, allowing them to work in parallel and quickly integrate the results of their efforts.



The intuitive TeamSpot panel. You can see who’s connected to the TeamSpot, transfer files by dropping onto a name, save files to the session archive, or even share your desktop with someone else. Need assistance? Context-sensitive online help is one click away.

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