

How to Show a Video via Robotel™ in the Language Lab

Robotel™ is the lab's presentation system. It allows you to "broadcast" video, and/or audio to each student station. You can also use Robotel to send one computer screen out to all the other screens.

Note: To use Robotel, students do not need to turn on their individual computers.

1. Put the videotape in the VCR. Make sure that it is re-wound and cued to the place where you want to start.

In the Control Area, there are 2 computers: Lab Control Computer on the left
Applications Computer on the right

2. To set up the class, use the Lab Control Computer. The right side of the screen has the controls.

- a. Click on ASSIGN (gray button).
- b. Click on PC SOUND (pink button).
(Note: The red dots on the ASSIGN and PC SOUND buttons will blink.)
- c. Click on the rectangles that represent the students where your students will sit.
The A-F pods are the ones most commonly used for classes.
(Note: This step may have already been done.)
- d. Click on the ASSIGN button again. "PC Sound" is now selected as the source.

Now look at the "CALL Switcher Control" area of the screen.

- e. Click on the 3 (small pink button).
- f. Click on SEND SCREEN (gray button).

Now Robotel is sending out to the selected stations whatever is on the Applications Computer.

3. To play the videotape:

- a. On the Applications Computer, click on the WinTV 2000 icon.
Note: You may see a couple of error messages saying ("cannot run multiple instances of a DLL under Win32"). Just click OK both times.
- b. Click on the very small green button in the upper left-hand corner of the screen.
- c. Start the videotape in the VCR by pushing PLAY.

4. To stop the tape and conclude the session:

- a. Press STOP on the VCR to stop the videotape.
- b. On the Lab Control Computer, click on SEND SCREEN to release the students' computers from Robotel.

Note: It is also possible to play a DVD and show it through Robotel.

- a. Set up the class per the instructions in Step 2 above.
- b. Put the DVD in the drive of the Applications Computer. The DVD drive is under the CD-ROM drive.
- c. On the Applications Computer, click on the DVD Station icon on the desktop.
Use its VCR-like controls at the bottom.