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Using SynchronEyes Software for the First Time

SynchronEyes™ software helps you manage the computers in your classroom, guide learning and interact with students. There are two versions of SynchronEyes software, one version for teachers and one version for students. The following information assumes the teacher version of SynchronEyes software is already installed on your computer, and the student version of the software is installed on your students' computers.

Getting started

When you first open SynchronEyes teacher-station software, your screen will open to the Thumbnails view. The Thumbnails view enables you to see small images of student desktops in your class. Don't worry if you do not immediately see images of the student computer screens because information about connecting to students is provided on the next page.

When you start, the All Students tab will be selected. Because this tab is selected, you can monitor all the connected students in your class at once.

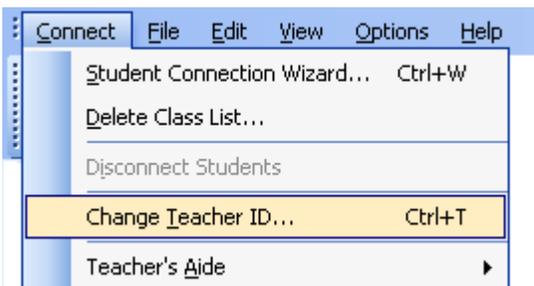*Top-left corner of SynchronEyes interface*

Teacher IDs

Teacher IDs enable students to determine which teacher they are connected to. They also enable multiple teachers to share a computer running SynchronEyes teacher-station software without interfering with each individual's unique profile, student groups or settings.
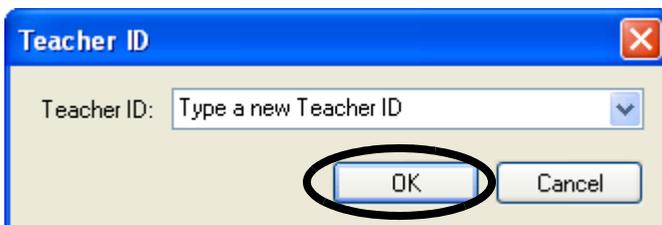
SynchronEyes software automatically opens to the last Teacher ID used. However, you can change the Teacher ID or create a new Teacher ID at any time.

Creating and changing a Teacher ID

1   Select **Connect > Change Teacher ID** to launch the *Teacher ID* dialog box

2   Enter a new Teacher ID into the field, or press the arrow, and select your Teacher ID from the drop-down menu if it is available

> **NOTE:** A Teacher ID can be almost anything. It is recommended you use your name or the name of your class. This method will make it easier for students to determine which teacher they are connected to.
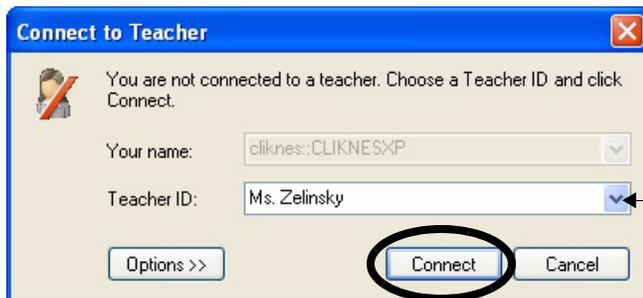
3   Press **OK**, and the title in the top-left corner will change to reflect the new Teacher ID

Connecting to students

There are three different ways for teachers and students to connect using SynchronEyes software. The way in which you connect depends upon how the software was initially installed on the students' computers. If you are unsure of how the software was installed or would like to change the way students connect, contact the person who installed the software on the student computers. The possible connection scenarios are outlined below.

1 *Allow students to browse for and connect to teachers* This scenario is the default setting when your administrator sets up the student computers. It enables students to choose which teacher they connect to. The advantage of this option is that students aren't restricted to connecting to only one Teacher ID. However, it then becomes your students' responsibility to connect to the correct teacher.

To connect, students must double-click on the **SynchronEyes Student** icon on their desktop. When the *Connect to Teacher* dialog box appears, they must then select the proper Teacher ID from the drop-down menu, and then click the **Connect** button.

Students must select the correct Teacher ID from the drop-down list.

2 *Connect to the same teacher every time* This setting might be used in a computer lab or other classroom where the same student will be at the same computer and will connect to the same teacher every time. This setting eliminates the student's responsibility to actively connect to a teacher, and also relieves the teacher of the responsibility of having to connect to the student.

However, this option is not suitable if the teacher computer is going to be used by multiple teachers, with multiple Teacher IDs.

3 *Accept a connection from a teacher* This setting gives you the same flexibility as having the students connect to a Teacher ID (scenario 1), but in this mode the teacher is responsible for connecting to the students. This setting is ideal for a computer lab where there is more than one class *and* more than one teacher.

If this scenario is how the student computers have been set up, select **Connect > Student Connection Wizard** and follow the on-screen instructions.

Once the students are connected to your Teacher ID, you will be able to monitor their desktops in the Thumbnails view.

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