SlateCast – Getting Started

What is it?

SlateCast is a purpose-built screen sharing tool within *Slate* that gives you, as the teacher, the ability to share or 'cast' your screen to a central display, directly to students, or both simultaneously using your mobile device. You control everything from your device and can access lesson notes or other pages within *Slate* without sharing with the main screen.

Where do I get it?

When you log in to *Slate*, you will be prompted to switch over to the new version which includes the new *SlateCast* tool. If you do not switch to the new version, you will not be able to access *SlateCast*.

How do I use it?

Starting a *SlateCast*

1 Log in to your *Slate* account on your mobile device (phone, tablet, laptop — whichever device you want to wander the calssroom with) by visiting **origoslate.com**.

2 Select the *Stepping Stones* lesson or *Slate* resource you would like to broadcast and open it in the Resource Viewer.

3 Select the *SlateCast* icon on the bottom left of the Resource Viewer pane (see arrow) to start your *SlateCast*. Your unique case-sensitive *SlateCast* codes will appear in the control panel pop-up.
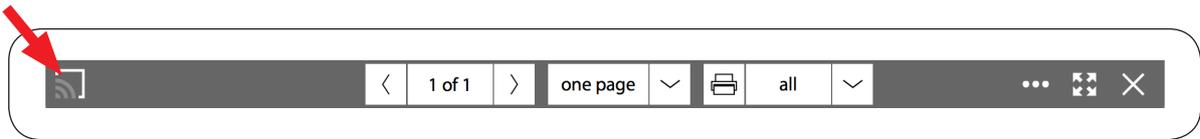
4 Use the Resource Viewer pane buttons as you usually would to teach your lesson.

To cast your screen directly to an interactive whiteboard or main classroom screen:

1 From your desktop or laptop (whichever device is connected to your interactive whiteboard or main screen), visit **origoslate.com/slatecast**.

2 Type the **Presenter** access code that appeared in the pop-up when you first selected the *SlateCast* icon after logging in to *Slate* via your mobile device. Then enter your name and select **join**. Your mobile device screen will now display on the main screen as well.
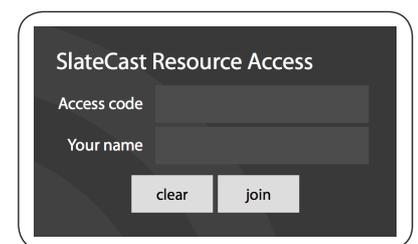
To cast your screen directly to your students' laptops or tablets:

1 Ask your students to visit **origoslate.com/slatecast**. They do not require a *Slate* account.

2 Ask your students to type the **Viewer** access code that appeared in the pop-up when you first selected the *SlateCast* icon after logging in to *Slate* via your mobile device, (you can increase the size of the code for your class to see by selecting next to the code) then add their name and select **join**. Your device screen should now show on theirs as well.
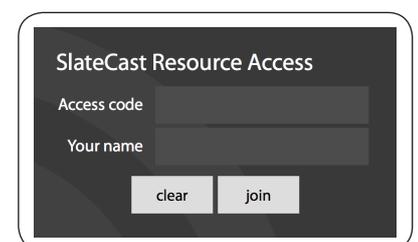
Managing your *SlateCast*

***SlateCast* control panel** *(only available on the device from which you initiated the **SlateCast**)*
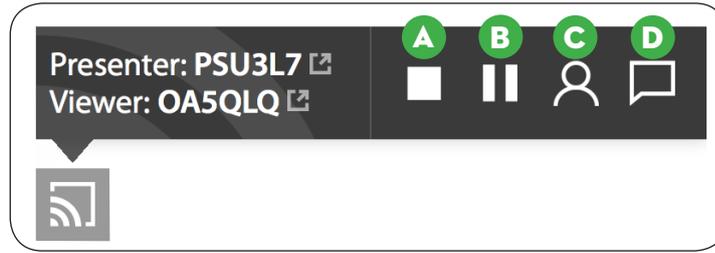
A Terminates the *SlateCast* session and disconnects anyone who has logged in using a **Viewer** code.

B Pause the *SlateCast* (see instructions below).

C Allows the teacher (mobile device or presenter) to see who is currently viewing the *SlateCast* session.

D Allows messaging among *SlateCast* participants (more on this below).

Pause *SlateCast* (to access lesson notes or other pages within *Stepping Stones* without sharing with the student/viewer)

1 While casting to your main screen and/or student devices, select the pause button on your *SlateCast* control panel. This will give students/viewers control of the resource and allow them to go forward/back between the pages of that resource.

2 The teacher/owner can now select the **X** in the bottom right of their Resource Viewer and can privately move through *Slate* resources and *Stepping Stones* lesson pages.

3 To return back to your *SlateCast*, select ▤ ➜ 🖳 ➜ return to resource.

SlateCast for Interactive *Slate* Tools (*Flare*, *Fundamentals Game Boards*, *Zupelz*, *Big Book Tools*)

1 Share a *Slate* tool with students/viewers.

2 To demonstrate any *Slate* interactive tool use your computer/laptop connected to the main screen while casting (you will not be able to control the tool from your mobile device).

3 Students/viewers can interact with the tool at any stage once the teacher/owner casts the tool in step 1.

4 To stop students from seeing the tool, either select stop to stop casting completely, or move to a different resource and cast.

Communicating between users

For students/viewers to send a message to the teacher/session owner:

1 Select the chat icon 🗩 on the bottom left of the screen, type a short message and press enter.

For teachers/session owners to send a message to one or all viewers:

1 Select the chat icon, 🗩, from your *SlateCast* control panel.

2 Type a short message, select an individual or select all to send to all viewers, and press enter.