

Release Notes

SMART Sync 2009

About These Release Notes

These release notes summarize the changes in SMART Sync 2009 SP4 as well as earlier versions of SMART Sync 2009.

Product Information

SMART Sync (formerly SynchronEyes™) is easy-to-use classroom management software that allows teachers to monitor and control their students' computers while facilitating chat, file sharing and group collaboration.

Specifications

Teacher and Administrator Computers

- Pentium® III 600 MHz processor
- 256 MB of RAM
- 100 MB of free hard disk space
- Windows® 2000, Windows XP or Windows Vista® operating system
- 800 × 600 or higher resolution display with 16-bit color quality
- Internet Explorer® Internet browser version 5.0 or later
- DirectX® technology version 7.0a or later

Student Computers

- Pentium III 500 MHz processor
- 128 MB of RAM
- 55 MB of free hard disk space
- Windows 2000, Windows XP or Windows Vista operating system
- 600 × 480 or higher resolution display with 16-bit color quality
- Internet Explorer Internet browser version 5.0 or later
- DirectX technology version 7.0a or later

Network

- 10 Mbps TCP/IP network interface adapter

SMART Sync 2009 SP4 Updates

Highlights

- General
 - SMART Sync supports volume override product keys using the new activation wizard.
 - SMART Sync supports SMART Product Update 4.0.
 - All SMART Sync components support the Arabic language.
 - Multicasting on wireless networks has been improved. As a result, File Transfer and Show Media features perform better on more network types.
 - When a student attempts to connect to a class with a version of SMART Sync Student not compatible with the teacher's version of SMART Sync Teacher, messages appear on both the student's and teacher's screens.
- SMART Sync Teacher
 - The screen capture method switches automatically to allow teachers to view 3D applications without manually switching to redraw hooks or regular capture.
 - The **View** menu includes a **Refresh** option for refreshing the Thumbnails view after a student disconnects from the class.

- SMART Sync Student
 - When a student double-clicks the SMART Sync icon in the notification area, the floating toolbar appears.
 - The *Chat* dialog box includes a **Send** button.
 - SMART Sync is more tightly integrated with SMART Notebook SE (1.6 and later). As a result, collaborative assignment files open in new tabs and students no longer need to manually save their collaboration assignment work.

Resolved Issues

If you include a blank file in a Collaboration assignment, students can now complete and submit the assignment.

Software Component Version Numbers

Component	Version	Date (if applicable)
SMART Sync Teacher	8.1.89.1	June 24, 2009
SMART Sync Administrator Tool	8.1.89.1	June 24, 2009
SMART Sync Class List Server	8.1.89.1	June 24, 2009
SMART Sync Student	8.1.89.1	June 24, 2009
SMART Sync Student Configuration Tool	8.1.89.1	June 24, 2009

SMART Sync 2009 SP2 Updates

Highlights

- The **Advanced** tab in the *Preferences* dialog box includes a new **Multicast transfer rate** slider to provide information on network speed and quality as well as unicast controls for setting the chunk size and milliseconds per chunk for TCP traffic.

Software Component Version Numbers

Component	Version	Date (if applicable)
SMART Sync Teacher	8.0.137.2	February 19, 2009
SMART Sync Administrator Tool	8.0.137.2	February 19, 2009
SMART Sync Class List Server	8.0.137.2	February 19, 2009
SMART Sync Student	8.0.137.2	February 19, 2009
SMART Sync Student Configuration Tool	8.0.137.2	February 19, 2009

SMART Sync 2009 SP1 Updates

Resolved Issues

- Service Pack 1 corrects a problem that deleted the first file submitted by a student on the SMART Sync Teacher computer when the student disconnected or was disconnected.
- Service Pack 1 corrects a problem that caused multiple dialog boxes to appear after a user closed SMART Sync Teacher.

Software Component Version Numbers

Component	Version	Date (if applicable)
SMART Sync Teacher	8.0.122.1	January 21, 2009
SMART Sync Administrator Tool	8.0.122.1	January 21, 2009
SMART Sync Class List Server	8.0.122.1	January 21, 2009
SMART Sync Student	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009
SMART Sync Student Configuration Tool	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009

SMART Sync 2009 Summary

Highlights

- Updated and more modern look and feel
- New Collaboration feature
- Redesigned chat features
- Improved Internet blocking rules

- Introduction of application and Internet blocking rule sharing
- Introduction of SMART Sync Class List Server and Administrator Tool
- Active Directory® directory service integration
- Support for over a dozen languages in the initial release of SMART Sync 2009
- Retirement of the Quiz feature

For more information, see *SMART Sync 2009 New Features* ([document 130520](#)).

Software Component Version Numbers

Component	Version	Date (if applicable)
SMART Sync Teacher	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009
SMART Sync Administrator Tool	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009
SMART Sync Class List Server	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009
SMART Sync Student	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009
SMART Sync Student Configuration Tool	8.0.117.0	January 6, 2009

Known Issues

- If you have the beta version of SMART Sync 2009, you must uninstall it before you can install the final version.
- Don't install SMART Sync Teacher and SMART Sync Student on the same computer.
- An error appears if you install SMART Sync Student on a computer with the Windows Vista operating system and User Account Control (UAC) is enabled.
- In some situations, the SMART Sync Class List Server service doesn't start after installation. You can restart the computer or manually restart the service following the instructions in the *SMART Sync 2009 System Administrator's Guide* ([document 129773](#)).
- After the evaluation period expires, you can no longer modify the teacher's aide (TA) settings.
- Broadcasting of the teacher's screen during a Collaboration session will not work.
- If your network includes both wired and wireless connections, sending files and media can be slow.

- If you send Web pages to students using Internet Explorer Internet browser version 7.0 in the Windows Vista operating system, students receive two Web pages: the one you intended to send and the browser's home page.
- In the Windows Vista operating system, if blocked applications must start other executable (.exe) files to function, application blocking may not work as expected.
- SMART Sync is unable to block games in 64-bit versions of the Windows Vista operating system.
- If you block specific Web pages but allow all others using the Web blocking rules, different messages can appear in the student's browser informing them that Internet access is restricted.
- On rare occasions, students can't view groups that they're allowed to join when using chat in SMART Sync Student.
- If you create a CSV file using Microsoft® Excel® that contains non-English characters, you may not be able to import the file into SMART Sync Administrator Tool. (You can create CSV files that contain non-English characters using other applications.)
- On student computers, the message "You are unable to connect to the teacher" means that the student is disconnected from the teacher.
- If you specify a custom folder for files received from students using UNC (for example, \\schoolserver\teachers\jsmith), SMART Sync Teacher stops responding when you start a collaboration session. To prevent this from happening, use a mapped network drive path (for example, T:\jsmith) instead.
- To view Help in SMART Sync Teacher, you must allow active content stored on your computer to run in Internet Explorer Internet browser.

Contact Us

If you experience difficulty with your SMART product, please contact your local reseller before contacting SMART Technical Support. Your local reseller can resolve most issues without delay.

NOTE

To locate your local reseller, visit www2.smarttech.com/st/en-US/Where+to+Buy.

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