Winsent Messenger

What is it?
Currently available in LL 228 and MRC 166, Winsent is an instant messaging service that provides an easy and efficient way to interact with students in the classroom.

What is its purpose?
To send one-way messages to individual learners as well as the entire classroom. Valuable uses for library instruction and workshops include the ability to:

- Alert computer users the workshop is beginning shortly.
- Interact with students during independent research.
- Send search tips in real-time.
- Reinforce key points made in the lecture component.

How do I access it?
On the desktop of the instructor’s computer, locate the Specialized Applications folder.

Click on the Winsent program.

When prompted, enter the following password: W!n$nt!

*You cannot copy and paste the password into dialog box. You will not see your text when typing in the password. Hit enter after typing the password.

The program will open and you can access it by clicking on the Winsent icon located in the lower right-hand toolbar.

Choose either “Tec Classroom” to send a group message to the entire class, or an individual computer (“TEC08”) to send to a single student’s computer. See next page for example image.
Select all or an individual computer:

Once sent, students will then see the message popup instantly on their screen.

Limitations

- The current version available only supports sending messages one-way. Students cannot reply to messages you send them.
- The version also does not support the ability to provide hyperlinks in messages.