Wimba Live Classroom—
Wimba is passionate about employing technical innovation to give persons with special needs or physical disabilities equal access to a quality education. Their collaboration software is designed to meet or exceed globally recognized accessibility guidelines, as defined in Section 508 (http://www.section508.gov/) of the Rehabilitation Act (U.S. Government), as well as W3C-WAI (http://www.w3.org/WAI/) and SENDA (http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2001/ukpga_20010010_en_1).

Notable examples include:
• Voice-activated video switching
• Real-time closed captioning support
• Closed-captioning preservation
• Playback in full-featured archives
• Telephone-only participation and instruction
• Keyboard-only navigation and interaction
• Accessible content creation software

What do you want to do?
I am a current student at the University of Houston with an active Blackboard account. I would like to join my professor and classmates on an online discussion using Wimba Live Classroom.

1.1
- Go to http://www.uh.edu/blackboard
- Log into Blackboard

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- Depending on how your course is organized, look for the Live Classroom icon “ ” and click on it.
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- Once you have entered the “Live Classroom” area, connect a web camera and/or microphone to help communicate with your professor and peers.

- If you do not own a web camera or microphone, you can still participate through instant messaging or by calling the phone number provided.

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- Once everything is connected, choose to run the “setup wizard”.

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- A “Wimba Classroom Setup Wizard” will open.

- Click “Start” and follow the directions.
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- Once the wizard is complete, the window will close.
- Now you are ready to click on “Enter this Room”.

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- A new window will open. Please be patient as it loads.
- Once the Live Classroom environment has successfully loaded, you will hear 3 audio clicks.

1.8
Become familiar with the “Live Classroom Tools”
- A) Press and hold down the “Talk” button to be heard and/or seen by everyone in the session. A shortcut is to hold down the “Ctrl!” button on your keyboard.
- B) Volume Settings
- C) Video chat. To turn on your
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video capabilities, make sure to open the eye icon “

- D) List of participates in the online live classroom discussion.

- E) Instant text messaging area

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- Once the online live classroom discussion is over click on “Exit” to close the program.

Congratulations! You have now completed this tutorial.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this tutorial please contact Blackboard (http://www.uh.edu/blackboard) or the CITE Lab Help desk (713-743-9833).