


A green chalkboard with two pieces of pink chalk and some faint white chalk markings. The chalk is positioned in the lower-left quadrant. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green with some white chalk lines and a large, faint white number '2' visible in the upper right.

# Illuminate Tips & Tricks

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Start each lesson with a review of lesson objectives, a review of academic vocabulary, and a fun, engaging warm up!

# **#1 BEST OPENING PRACTICES**

# Start your lesson with an engaging warm up



- **Just for Fun**
  - *Provide a fun activity for early birds to get them engaged and interacting.*
- **Assess or Review**
  - *Start with a warm-up related to the lesson to assess prior knowledge or review last month's lesson.*
- **Quiz Manager**
  - *Utilize the quiz manager to create a warm up or post test.*
  - *Class scores are immediate and students receive immediate feedback.*
  - *Detailed instructions for creating a quiz can be found on the Elluminate website*
    - **“Recorded Training, Quick Reference Guides, and User Guides”**
      - <http://www.illuminate.com/Training/Documentation/Detail/118/?id=227>

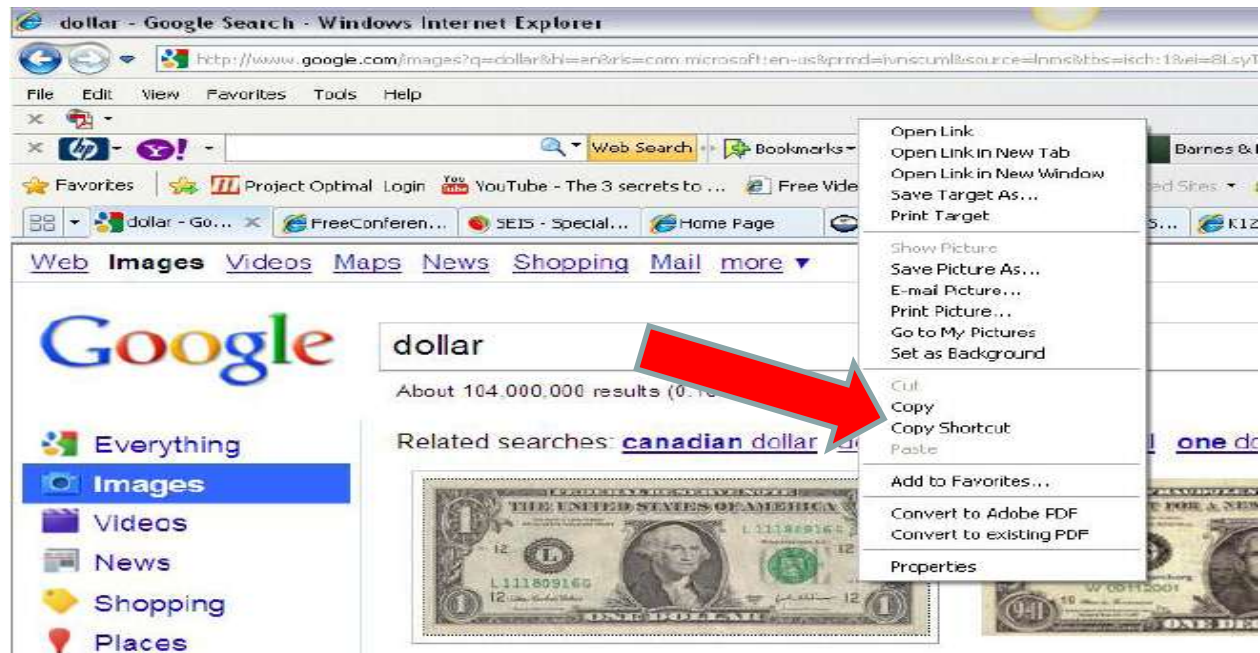


# **#2 HOW TO CREATE INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD ACTIVITIES**



# Getting images

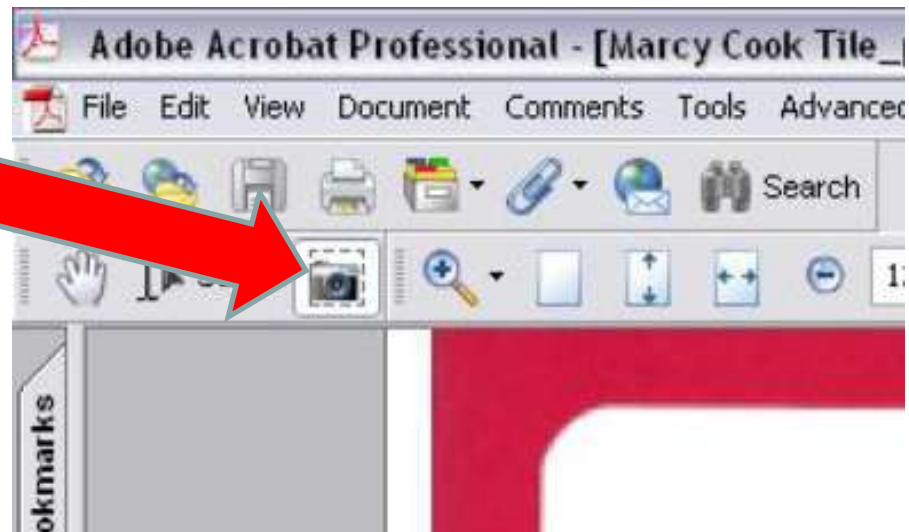
- **Where Can I Get Images?**
  - *Clipart*
  - *PDF Documents*
  - *Internet*
    - Images can often be copied directly from websites and pasted onto Elluminate whiteboard to be resized.



# The power of the PDF

- **Snapshot Tool**

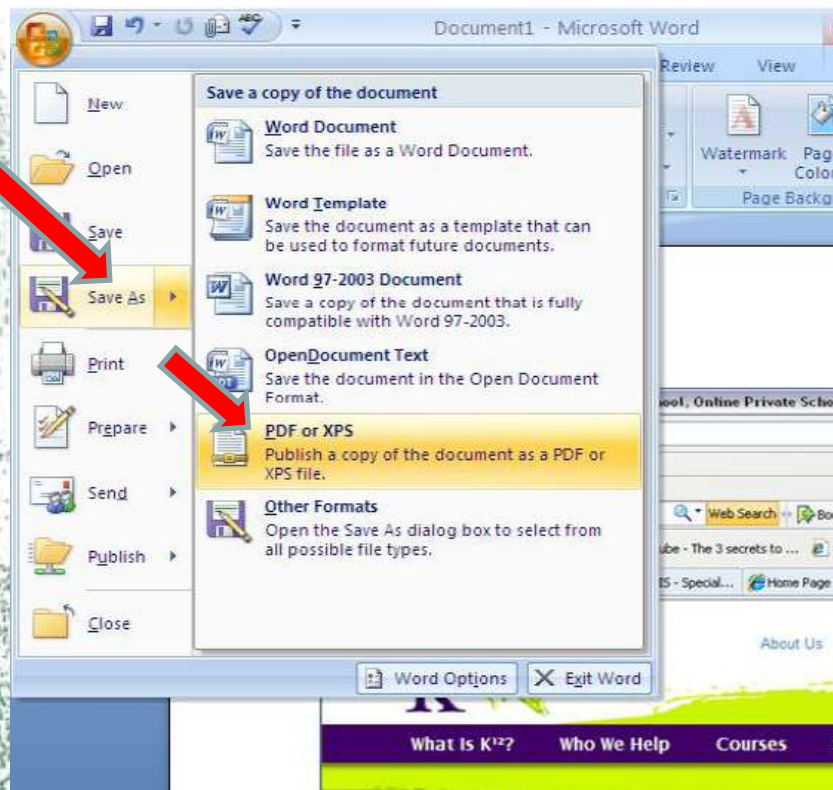
- *Capture a snapshot of exactly what you want!*
- *Image can be pasted into your Word, PowerPoint, or directly on the Elluminate whiteboard.*
- *Images can be easily resized and manipulated.*



# The power of the PDF

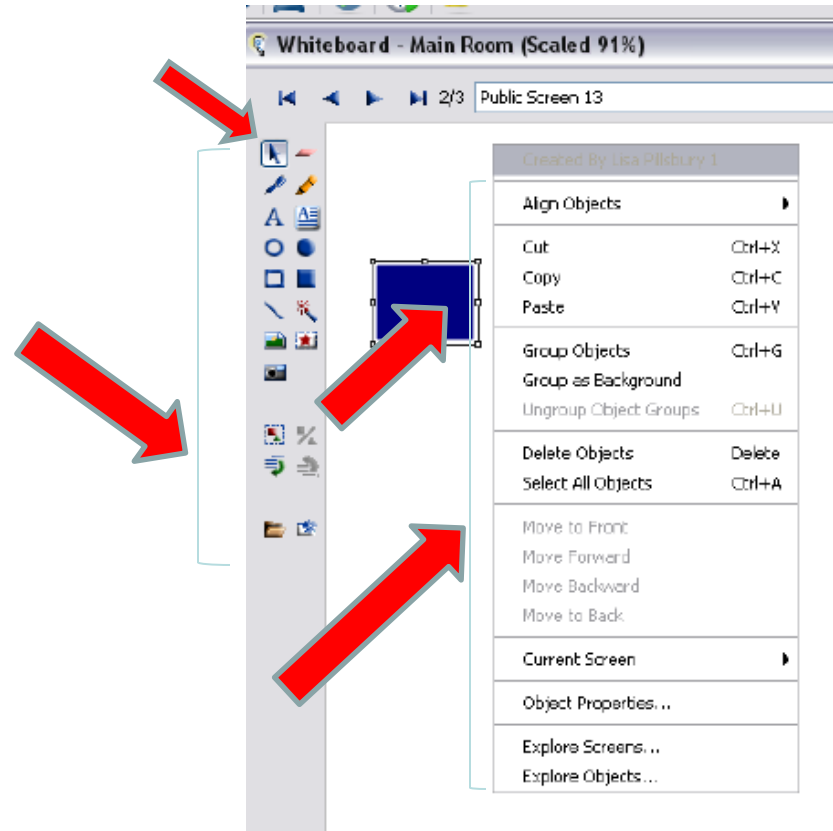
- **Save to PDF**

- *Most documents can be converted to PDF format.*
- *Entire web pages can be saved as a PDF.*



# White board tools

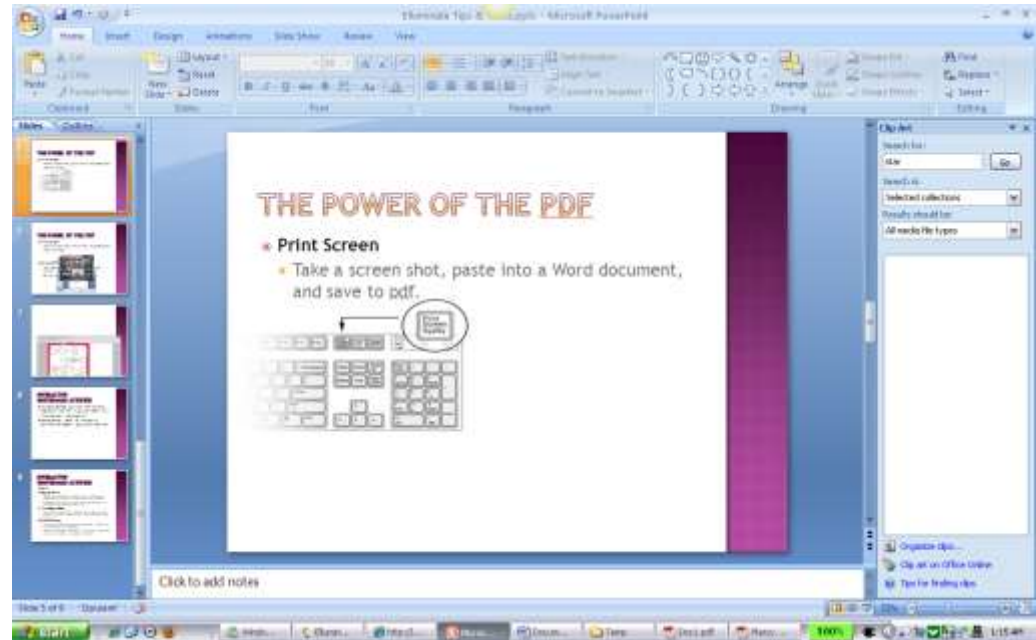
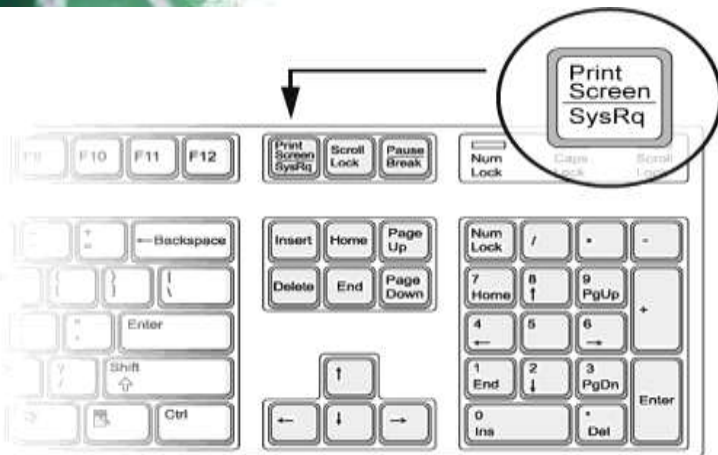
- *Use the tools to create and manipulate objects put onto the white board.*
- *Right click is your friend!*



# Take a screen shot

- **Print Screen**

- *Take a screen shot, paste into a Word document, and save as a PDF file or paste directly into your Word or PowerPoint document or onto your Elluminate whiteboard.*



# Creating Interactive whiteboard activities Demo

- Five minute demonstration on how to create and manipulate objects in Elluminate.
  - <http://www.screencast.com/users/Lisa2011/folders/Jing/media/1f976411-7c98-420e-bd9e-fcb5c42d6066>



# Be creative & have fun!

- *Look at your favorite manipulatives, activities, curriculum, printables, and games for inspiration.*
- *A digital world is literally at your fingertips.*
- *Ideas for interactive activities are endless!*





## #3) Successful Elluminate sessions start with the preparation of the ppt.

- Keep it to a minimum on each slide. Better to spread it out over more slides than squeeze many topics or lengthy ones onto 1 slide.
  - *It also helps to vary slide layout throughout the presentation.*
  - *This helps to keep their attention- change of scenery is good for those who loose focus quickly.*



## #3) Successful Elluminate sessions start with the preparation of the ppt. (Cont.)

- Add pictures and animation to your presentations to help them visualize the topic or just for fun!
  - <http://www.animationplayhouse.com/>
  - <http://www.xmasfun.dk/christmasanimations/christmasanimations.php>
  - <http://www.fg-a.com/>



## #4) Use breakout rooms for various activities.

- You can use them for many purposes- even for fun!
  - *I used them for our “Pumpkin Carving Contest” during our Fall Celebration and for our “Gingerbread Decorating Contest” during our Holiday Celebration.*

## #5) Scavenger Hunt-

- There are many ways you can do this- you can include clues throughout your presentation or you can create slides designated for the purpose.
- How I do it:
  - *After I complete my ppt, I convert it to a pdf and saved it.*
  - *Then I add the clues or scrambled letters throughout the ppt. slides.*
  - *Then once presentation is loaded into Elluminate I can take snapshots of the pdf file and paste them into the whiteboard presentation to cover up the clues or letters*
  - *Students need to click on the image and move it to find the clue or letter.*
- This does take some time, but it is lots of fun!

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**Any Questions?**