# Download the Software

A SMART Board is one of the most widely used brands of an inactive whiteboard in the field of education. To use the SMART Board with all its functionality you must create your slides using the SMART Notebook Software. Download the 45-day free trial at <https://support.smarttech.com/downloads>.

# Training Modules

Check out these [SMART training modules](https://training.smarttech.com/en/courses/sde/getting-started-desktop) by Smart Tech. This Course is called Getting Started – Desktop. The following sections are recommended:

1. SMART Notebook: Launch video and view both sections, *I’m new to SMART Notebook* and *Explore the Software*.
2. Pedagogical Strategies: Pick any subject as they all review the following features: *reveals, labels, cloner tool, building interactivity, how to insert a video, and recording.* The answer to the Knowledge Check is suite.smarttech.com

Now that you have had an overview, here are some additional resources.

1. [Learn the basics](https://support.smarttech.com/docs/software/notebook/notebook-18/en/using/get-started/learn-the-basics.cshtml): explore tool bar features
2. [How to add basic content to a page](https://support.smarttech.com/docs/software/notebook/notebook-18/en/using/creating-lessons/adding-text-to-pages.cshtml): watch video
3. [Using the SMART Exchange](https://support.smarttech.com/docs/software/exchange/en/about-smart-exchange/default.cshtml)
4. [Connecting Student devices](https://www.smarttech.com/training/getting-started)

# Create your slides

Each slide should be interactive and include various features such as the magic pen, a reveal, matching game, or link to a web page. Explore various SMART Notebook features such as the basic tools, Gallery Essentials and the SMART Lab. Be sure to check out the SMART EXCHANGE at [exchange.smarttech.com](https://exchange.smarttech.com/)

# Set-up in the classroom

1. Power on the projector from the wall panel.
2. Switch to VGA or HDMI input, whichever you are choosing to use.
3. When the screen is projecting properly, plug the USB cord from the display panel into the laptop.
4. Hit the power button on the SmartBoard panel.
5. Orient the SmartBoard by pressing the button underneath the crosshair sign. Follow the on-screen instructions.
6. When completed, drag the stylus across the board. The ink should be following closely to the pen. If not, try restarting the SmartBoard and re-connecting the USB cord.
7. The SmartBoard comes with two pens/stylus and an eraser. These can be used in Smart Notebook. \*Dry erase markers should NEVER be used on the SmartBoard\*