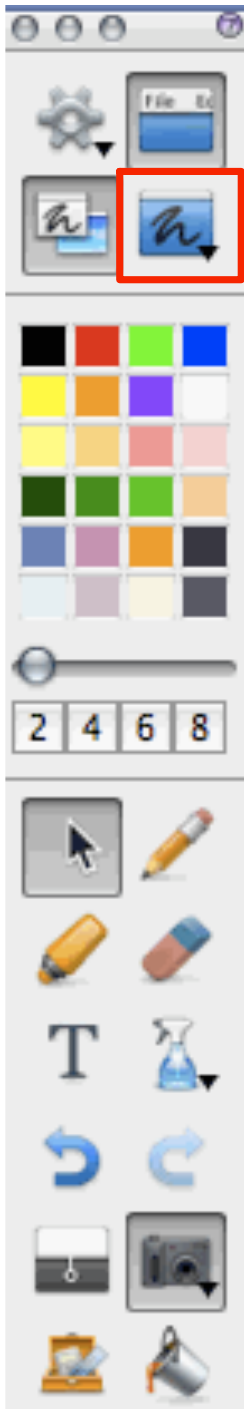


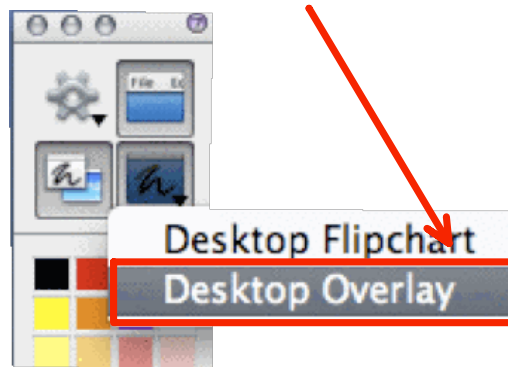
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This is the main toolbar in ActivStudio. To activate the Desktop Overlay, click on this button.

Then choose Desktop Overlay.



This will place a transparency over the desktop of your computer. It will allow you to annotate over the live desktop.

This means you can work with:

- Websites
- Word Documents
- PDFs
- Any application you have open on your computer, with the exception of PowerPoint on the Mac

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Once you have turned on the Desktop Overlay, you will see a narrow gray border which indicates that the overlay is on.

Below is an example of using the Desktop Overlay with a website.

Desktop Overlay

Read this passage about transportation in New York. Complete the chart comparing trade and towns in New York before the canal was built to trade and towns after the canal was built.

Before **After**

Transportation in New York improved during the 1800s. The Erie Canal was one improvement in transportation. Work on the Erie Canal began in 1817. The canal was completed 8 years later. 13,000 boats traveled on the canal in the first year. The canal was a big success. While the trip between Buffalo and New York took 20 days before the canal was finished, that same trip took only 8 days on the canal.

Goods shipped over land cost \$100 a ton before the canal was built. The same amount of goods could be shipped on the canal for only \$10. This led to increased trade along the route of the canal. Lumber and wheat could be shipped east and, in turn, products from the east could be shipped to settlers in the western part of New York.

The increase in trade led to the growth of cities along the canal route. In 1825 when the canal opened, Buffalo had a population of about 2,400 people. That population grew to 10,000 in just 6 years. Rochester had a population of only 331 in 1815, but by 1827 the population had grown to 8,000.

Compare and contrast New York before the canal to New York after the canal was built..	
How alike?	How different?
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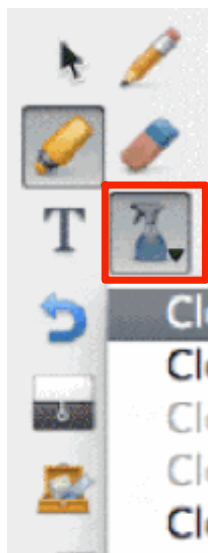
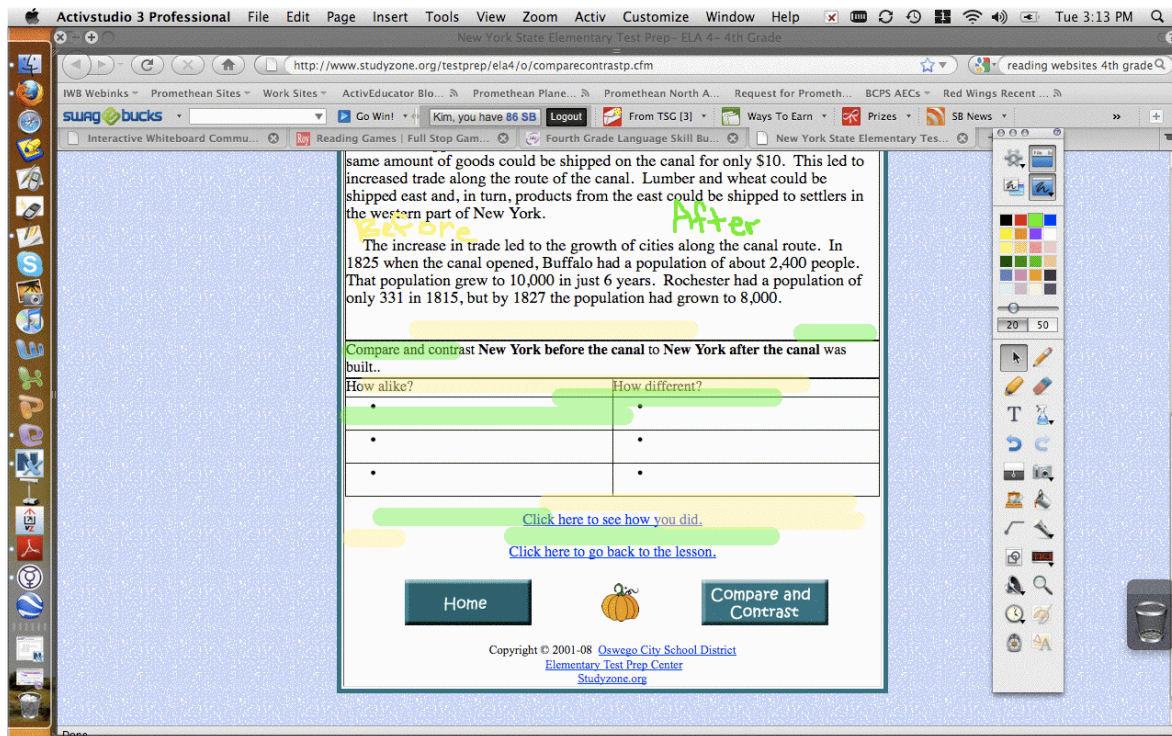
Annotations made over the website with the ActivStudio pen and highlighter.

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When using the Desktop Overlay, you will need to clear annotations as you move from one page to another, or as you scroll up/down or left/right within a document.

In the example below, we scrolled down on the page, but the annotations stayed in the same spot on the screen.

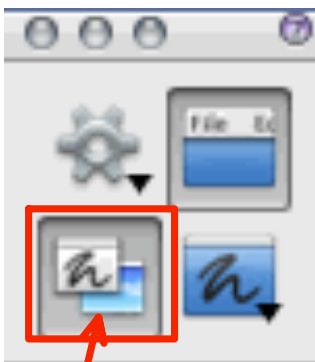


The easiest way to clear annotations is to click on the spray bottle and select Clear Annotations.

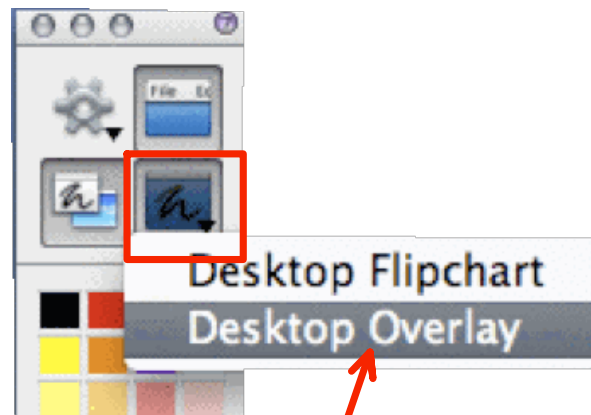
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If you want to flip back and forth between a flipchart and the Desktop Overlay, you would click the Hide/Show Flipchart button to bring up the flipchart and then use the Desktop Annotate button to go back to your desktop.



Click here to show your flipchart. This is the Show/Hide Flipchart button.



Click here and select Desktop Overlay to return to the transparency on your desktop.