



Observables Tracker – How To Use this Unit

Teachers often set behavioral expectations or set rubric and learner outcomes that they track. This information can provide a very useful tool for teachers to use with students and with parents when discussing the factors that influence their marks and contribute generally to school success. Often, they track these on a sheet of paper and tally up the results. The Observables Tracker allows teachers to digitally gather this information and report on it all in one program.

Activity 1:

The Observables Tracker tool automates the classroom data gathering process by allowing teachers to **Create** classes and observables/learner outcomes. After classes are created it allows them to choose a class and instantly **Record** student outcomes. Once learner outcomes are recorded the program generates **Reports** that can show progress or trends related to these learner outcomes.

With the Observables Tracker, any behavior can be tracked like lates or incomplete work, off task behaviors, etc. Tracking learner outcomes in math and recording whether the student is beginning, developing, or proficient in a math outcome is also possible. This is especially useful if you use rubrics in your classroom.

How to Use this Activity:

Click on the Download link. The database will download and an installation window will appear. Ensure that you check to see where the program is going to be saved (it should automatically be set to save on your Desktop) and click the **"Install"** button. A folder called **"Observables Tracker"** will be installed. Open the folder and double-click on the **"Observables Tracker Start.exe"** icon.

The program may take a while to load.

A login window may appear. Simply press Enter or chose **"Guest Account"** and click OK (no password is required).

Once the program loads, please read the directions for use in the **Introduction** section.

Note:

The download file is compressed or "Zipped". It is set to automatically expand. The compressed file is an "executable" file (.EXE file). Some networks will not allow these files to be downloaded. Please email dmc@inlets.net if you have problems downloading the file within your network.