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ABSTRACT

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Even though the use of tablet PCs can be advantageous to instructors and students, no research found so far has focused on the issue of how well tablet PC features address varying learning styles of students (e.g. visually oriented vs. text-based learning). According to Felder, "understanding learning style differences is thus an important step in designing balanced instruction that is effective for all students" [22]. Hence, this research explores the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles by taking two approaches: performing a pilot study and distributing a survey. The results from these approaches are evaluated to yield statistically significant conclusions

on how well tablet-based presentation systems encompass the different learning needs of student.

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1. INTRODUCTION

By definition, to learn is “to gain knowledge or understanding of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience” [36]. Learning in the classroom can occur as a combination of students’ personal effort to study class material, the instructor’s attempt to present class material, and the interaction that takes place between instructor and students in the classroom. According to Abowd, there are four common teaching styles that instructors use to convey class material to students: presentation by slides, public notes, private notes, and discussion [3]. Instructors using any of these four teaching styles need some sort of mechanism to present their material. In a more traditional setting, instructors can lecture by writing notes on a chalkboard or a whiteboard. If instructors want to display prepared lecture slides, they can use the overhead projector and write additional notes on top of these overhead transparencies.

With many technological advances, various researchers are advocating towards integration between technology and learning [1-10, 15, 26, 29-32, 37-39, 42, 44, 47-49, 51, 54, 55, 59-61]. Instead of using a regular chalkboard, instructors can write notes on an electronic whiteboard which can be saved for later review. Audio and video of the lecture can be captured and synchronized with the notes to help students have a more comprehensive record of class material. As mentioned by Abowd, “an integrated, multimedia record of an experience can aid in the recall of the meaning or significance of past events” [2]. With the advent of tablet PCs, researchers recognize the potential usefulness of its functions within the classroom. Not only can electronic materials be presented via the computer, tablet PCs allow instructors to handwrite notes on top of the

slides, mimicking manual devices such as the overhead [4]. By allowing lecture slides to be dynamically annotated, the use of tablet PCs can increase student-teacher interaction within the classroom. As Willis has concluded, the capabilities of tablet PCs can help instructors and students carry out their needed tasks in the learning environment [61]. Such tasks include note-taking, creating and giving presentations, document mark-up, teaming and collaboration, and information management.

Even though tablet PCs are useful to instructors and students, no research found so far has addressed the issue of how well tablet PC features match up with student learning styles. In reference to Felder, “understanding learning style differences is thus an important step in designing balanced instruction that is effective for all students” [22]. If tablet PCs are to be used as an educational tool in the classroom, it is important to explore the correlation between tablet PC features and students’ learning preferences. By doing this, some light could be shed on how well tablet PCs address the different learning needs of students.

In this respect, the purpose of this paper is to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

The paper is organized as follows: Chapter 2 defines important terminology, Chapter 3 gives background information on learning styles, tablet PCs, and presentation systems, Chapter 4 states the research topic, Chapter 5 offers related work, Chapter 6 presents the research approach, Chapter 7 describes the pilot study and its results, Chapter 8 addresses the survey approach and its results, Chapter 9 lists the contributions

of this research, Chapter 10 validates the research as a whole, Chapter 11 describes possible future work, and Chapter 12 is the conclusion.

2. DEFINITIONS

Learning Styles

There are a few definitions available when trying to define the term **learning styles**. In his article [23], Felder defined learning styles as a model that “classifies students according to where they fit on a number of scales pertaining to the ways they receive and process information.” Similarly, O’Brien offered his version of learning styles as “traits that serve as relatively stable indicators of how learners perceive, interact with, and respond to the learning environment” [40]. Even though these definitions seem to be pretty good, they do not address the core meaning of “style,” which is defined as “a distinctive manner or custom of behaving or conducting oneself” [36]. To have a style of learning means that students have a specific way of learning that they have grown accustomed to and prefer. Therefore, for the context of this paper, a learning style is defined as follows:

A learning style classifies students according to their preferred method of perceiving, processing, interacting with, and responding to the learning environment.

Specific learning styles will be mentioned in Chapter 3.

Computer-Based Presentation System

The author has not had much luck with finding a definition for a **computer-based presentation system**. Wikipedia defines a “presentation program” as “a computer software package used to display information, normally in the form of a slide show” [46].

However, this definition is nowhere near adequate and refers to a “presentation program,” not a computer-based “presentation system.” As defined by Webster, a presentation is “something set forth for the attention of the mind” [36] and a system is “a group of devices or artificial objects or an organization forming a network especially for distributing something or serving a common purpose” [36]. By aggregating these definitions and noting that this paper focuses on computer-based presentation systems for the classroom, the author offers a definition of a computer-based presentation system as the following:

A computer-based presentation system is a group of computer devices and software working together to help instructors and students perform their needed tasks in the learning environment. As an abbreviation, a computer-based presentation system will be referred to as a presentation system.

Tablet-based Presentation System

Tablet PCs are like extensions of laptops with inking capabilities using a stylus as an input device that allows writing on the screen; more details on tablet PCs will be given in a later chapter. For now, based on the definition of a presentation system, the author defines a **tablet-based presentation system** as follows:

A tablet-based presentation system is a presentation system centered on the use of tablet PCs.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. Learning Styles

There are numerous models to classify students' learning styles. Some of the more popular models are the Kolb's Learning Style Inventory [50], the Myers-Briggs inventory [22, 40], the Soloman Inventory of Learning Styles [37], and the Felder and Silverman Learning Style model [1, 23, 26]. The Kolb Learning Style Inventory describes the four learning stages as concrete experience, reflective observation, abstract conceptualization, and active experimentation. The Myers-Briggs inventory focuses more on how personality types affect learning. The Soloman Inventory of Learning Styles groups learners into four dimensions: processing (active/reflective), perception (sensing/intuitive), input (visual/verbal), and understanding (sequential/global). And finally, Felder and Silverman Learning Style model also uses the same categories as the Soloman Inventory of Learning Styles.

This paper uses Marcia Conner's learning styles model as an assessment tool for students' learning preferences [13]. Although this model seems too focused on the use of sensory channels and lacks some important learning dimensions offered by other models mentioned, the assessment tool is easy to use, concise, and freely available. More details on the reason why this particular model is chosen will be addressed in Chapter 10 when validation of the research is explored. Having said that, Marcia Conner's learning styles model categorizes learners into three dimensions: visual, auditory, and tactile/kinesthetic.

Visual learners

Visual learners learn through seeing. They prefer to look at what they are learning which includes both the instructor and the material being presented. They usually think in pictures and learn best from visual displays such as diagrams, illustrated textbooks, overhead transparencies, videos, flipcharts, and hand-outs.

Auditory learners

There are two types of auditory learners: auditory listener and verbal processor. Auditory listeners learn through listening. They interpret meaning from listening to sounds, intonations, and words. They learn best from verbal lectures and listening to others. They usually enjoy reading because it gives them a chance to hear the story in their mind's ear. On the other hand, verbal processors feel the need to say things out loud in order to comprehend the given information. They learn best from discussions, talking things through, and repeating information aloud.

Tactile/Kinesthetic learners

Tactile/Kinesthetic learners learn through moving, doing, and touching. They learn best through a hands-on approach such as role-playing and participating in cooperative games and simulations. They may get distracted when sitting still for too long because of their need for activity and exploration.

3.2. Tablet PC Features

Tablet PCs have been known as “PDAs on steroids or extensions of laptops with multimodal input options” [61]. The main difference between tablet PCs and regular

laptops is their interaction paradigm; tablet PCs allow pen-based inputs on top of other input options for laptops such as keyboard, mouse, and touchpad. Some tablet PCs are more like slates because they do not have an attached keyboard. There are others that are more like laptops but with the capability of converting the screen into a slate configuration. Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the HP TC4200, a typical example of what a tablet PC looks like.



Figure 1: HP TC4200



Figure 2: HP TC4200 Slate Configuration

Surveying several tablet PCs such as the Lenovo Thinkpad X60 [34], HP Pavilion tx1000 Entertainment [27], Toshiba R400 [53], TabletKiosk's Sahara i440D [52], and the HP TC4200 [28], below is a list of features that typical tablet PCs are currently equipped with.

- Core hardware including a processor, memory, hard drive, graphics card, and typically no optical drive (which is often available in a docking station)
- Windows Vista Operating System
- Various connectivity options include the modem, Ethernet, IR, Bluetooth, WLAN, and WWan
- USB ports, PC Card slots, headphone and microphone jacks
- Built-in stereo speakers and microphone
- A stylus and an attached eraser
- Fingerprint reader to log into your computer
- Touch screen or pressure-sensitive active digitizer, or both

- External DVD drive
- Buttons located on the screen bezel for navigation and screen rotation
- Screen size ranging from 10.4” to 14.1” [61]
- Weight ranging from 2.6 lb to 8.4 lb [61]
- Battery life ranging from 3 hours to 9 hours [61]

3.3. Presentation Systems

Abowd mentioned in his paper that pen-based laptops, PDAs, tablets, or palmtop PCs are less intrusive and allow for more natural handwritten note-taking [3]. For this reason, many presentation systems make use of these tools. Table 1 lists a few of these pen-based devices and the corresponding software that is used in various presentation systems.

Hardware	Software
Tablet PCs	Colligo [12, 61] Corel Grafigo 2 [14] Dyknow [7, 17] GoBinder [25] OneNote 2007 [41] PhatWare PhatPad [43] Power Presenter [45] EverNote [18] Classroom Presenter [4-6, 31, 32, 49, 51, 56] Ubiquitous Presenter [16, 60] Windows Journal [62] iClass [44] Lecturer’s Assistant [10] eFuzion [42] Virtual MultiBoard [48] Livenotes [30]
PDAs	NotePals [15] ActiveClass [47] PhatWare PhatPad [43] eFuzion [42]
Electronic Whiteboard	ZenPad [2, 3, 9] iClass [44]

Table 1: Hardware for Presentation System Software

Presentation systems have much functionality that aids teachers and students in the classroom. With the combination of hardware and software listed above, each presentation system offers at least one of the following features:

Features of Presentation Systems:

Annotation

- instructor annotations
- student annotations
- electronic whiteboard

Feedback

- instructor feedback
- student feedback

Recording

- audio recording
- video recording

Tools

- screen capture
- handwriting recognition
- annotation tools
- history of ink strokes
- export notes
- organize notes

Navigation

- slide navigation

Collaboration

- Networking

This list is not a comprehensive list of features offered by every possible presentation system; however, it does capture the essential aspects of a typical presentation system.

For the sake of this paper, a presentation system is distinguished by the kind of software that it uses. Hence, for better organization, Table 2 groups presentation systems by the features that they offer. The subsections that follow will provide more explanations on what these features are and how they can be utilized in the classroom environment.

Presentation System Software	Features	Presentation System Software	Features
Colligo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Feedback • Student Feedback • Networking 	Lecturer's Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Feedback • History of Ink Strokes
Corel Grafigo 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Export Notes • Screen Capture • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Networking 	iClass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Audio Recording • History of Ink Strokes • Annotation Tools • Video Recording • Electronic Whiteboard
Dyknow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Instructor Feedback • Student Annotations • Student Feedback • Screen Capture • History of Ink Strokes • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools • Electronic Whiteboard • Networking 	OneNote 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Audio Recording • Export Notes • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Video Recording • Electronic Whiteboard • Networking • Organize Notes
GoBinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Export Notes • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Organize Notes 	eFuzion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Instructor Feedback • Student Annotations • Student Feedback • Annotation Tools
Windows Journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Export Notes • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools • Electronic Whiteboard 	ZenPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Audio Recording • History of Ink Strokes • Video Recording • Electronic Whiteboard
PhatWare PhatPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Audio Recording • Export Notes • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools 	Livenotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Electronic Whiteboard • Networking
ActiveClass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Feedback • Student Feedback 	NotePals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Handwriting Recognition • Organize Notes
EverNote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Annotations • Export Notes • Screen Capture • Handwriting Recognition • Annotation Tools • Organize Notes 	Power Presenter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Export Notes • History of Ink Strokes • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation
Classroom Presenter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Student Feedback • Export Notes • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Electronic Whiteboard 	Virtual MultiBoard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Annotations • Student Feedback • History of Ink Strokes • Annotation Tools • Video Recording • Electronic Whiteboard
Ubiquitous Presenter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor Annotations • Student Feedback • History of Ink Strokes • Annotation Tools • Slide Navigation • Electronic Whiteboard 		

Table 2: Available Features for Presentation System Software

3.3.1. Instructor Annotations

Instructor annotations can be split into two types, those that transmit to students and those that do not. Usually when instructors lecture in class, they have the ability to write additional notes on top of the slides if they were to use a pen-based device. These handwritten notes can either be accessible to only the instructor and projected on a screen for students to see, or these notes can be transmitted wirelessly to students' own copy of the slides on their devices and can be saved by the students for later review. Additionally, instructors have the option of writing notes on top of prepared slides or on top of blank slides. Also, instructors can make private notes such as writing on work submitted by students or for personal use. With these distinctions, Dyknow, Classroom Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, eFuzion, and Virtual Mutliboard are all examples of software that allows instructors to annotate on top of prepared slides that can be transmitted to students' electronic devices. Power Presenter, ZenPad, iClass, and Lecturer's Assistant allow instructors to annotate on top of slides but not transmit. Finally, Corel Grafigo 2 and PhatWare PhatPad act as a sort of "whiteboard" which let instructors annotate on top of blank slides and not be transmitted to students.

3.3.2. Instructor Feedback

Instructor feedback allows the instructor to communicate with his/her students electronically. During class, students can submit questions in the form of an inked slide or quick notes and instructors can reply to these questions in the same manner. Colligo, Dyknow, eFuzion, and ActiveClass have this capability, but only Dyknow can provide instructor feedback even when class is not in session.

3.3.3. Student Annotations

Student annotations comprise of students taking notes with their pen-based devices during lecture. Students either have access to lecture slides before class starts and they can write additional information on top of these slides, or they can take notes on blank slides in the style of a regular notebook. Corel Grafigo 2, PhatWare PhatPad, EverNote, NotePals, and Windows Journal offer students the ability to freely take notes on blank slides. Dyknow, GoBinder, Power Presenter, OneNote, Classroom Presenter, iClass, eFuzion, Virtual MultiBoard, and Livenotes support students taking notes on top of lecture slides. Student notes are usually kept private on their own pen-based devices and are not transmitted to the rest of the class. However, Dyknow does allow students to take control of the lecture and broadcast their writings to the rest of the class if needed.

3.3.4. Student Feedback

There are two types of student feedback, feedback to instructors and feedback to the class. Often times, instructors would like to test students' understanding of the topics being discussed in class. They could either poll the class for student reactions or pose some questions for students to answer. From here, students can submit an inked slide to the instructor with their answers, opinions, or questions about the class so far. Colligo, Dyknow, Classroom Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, eFuzion, Virtual MultiBoard, and ActiveClass have this feature available. In addition, Dyknow, Classroom Presenter, and Ubiquitous Presenter give instructors the ability to project some of students' submissions to the rest of the class. Furthermore, Lecturer's Assistant allows students to use their

tablet PC to take control of the projection screen. They can write, draw, or point to certain elements on the screen when asking questions about the lecture slides.

3.3.5. Audio Recording

Sometimes having an audio recording of the lecture can be helpful for students. Also, if the audio is synchronized with the lecture slides, students can listen to the recording and know exactly what the instructor said at a specific place in the slide. PhatWare PhatPad, OneNote, ZenPad, and iClass have this capability. OneNote and ZenPad also let students search through the audio by keywords.

3.3.6. Export Notes

Notes created using any kind of software are more useful when they can easily be viewed by many people. To do this, it is important to be able to export notes from the application and convert them to a more common format like HTML, JPEG, or TIFF. Corel Grafigo 2, GoBinder, PhatWare PhatPad, EverNote, Power Presenter, OneNote, Classroom Presenter, and Windows Journal allow students to export their notes to other formats.

3.3.7. Screen Capture

Corel Grafigo 2, Dyknow, and EverNote let students select portions of any application or Web site and save it as an image. The image can be inserted into the notes and students can write additional notes on top of it.

3.3.8. History of Ink Strokes

Whether it is instructor annotations or student annotations, it is very useful for students if the notes can be replayed stroke-by-stroke. This helps students understand the chronology of the marks to aid in the recall of information. Dyknow, Power Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, ZenPad, iClass, Lecturer's Assistant, and Virtual MultiBoard all have this feature implemented.

3.3.9. Handwriting Recognition

Dyknow, GoBinder, EverNote, PhatWare PhatPad, OneNote, and Windows Journal let students search through handwritten notes for keywords. PhatWare PhatPad, OneNote, NotePals, and Windows Journal can also convert handwritten notes to printed text.

3.3.10. Annotation Tools

It is useful to provide students and instructors with annotation tools like varying thickness of pen and highlighter, different ink colors, and an eraser. Dyknow, GoBinder, PhatWare PhatPad, EverNote, Power Presenter, OneNote, Classroom Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, iClass, eFuzion, Virtual MutliBoard, and Windows Journal have these tools. Also, some systems like Corel Grafigo 2, GoBinder, and OneNote have drawing tools for drawing basic shapes and forms. Other than handwritten notes, Dyknow, EverNote, OneNote, and Livenotes allow students to enter typed text when taking notes.

3.3.11. Slide Navigation

Sometimes students want access to all of the lecture slides so that they can freely navigate through the material without having to depend on the pace of the lecture. Corel Grafigo 2, Power Presenter, Classroom Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, GoBinder, OneNote, and Livenotes give students navigation tools to navigate through the slides without having to depend on what slide the instructor is lecturing on.

3.3.12. Video Recording

Using external cameras, OneNote, ZenPad, iClass, and Virtual MultiBoard permit recorded video of lectures to be synchronized with audio recording and lecture slides.

3.3.13. Electronic Whiteboard

Electronic whiteboards give students and instructors access to blank slides to write or draw on. Dyknow, Classroom Presenter, Ubiquitous Presenter, ZenPad, iClass, Virtual MultiBoard, and Windows Journal have this option. OneNote and Livenotes allow for a shared whiteboard where students and instructors can synchronously write on the same blank space.

3.3.14. Networking

There are times when it is helpful for students to be wirelessly connected to one another and share a note-taking medium so any writings done by one student can be seen by others. Corel Grafigo 2, Dyknow, OneNote, and Livenotes give students this

capability. Colligo also lets students chat, share files, folders, printers, and internet connections.

3.3.15. Organize Notes

There are a few tools that allow students to organize their notes into categories, sorted by date and subject. These tools are GoBinder, EverNote, OneNote, and NotePals. GoBinder, EverNote, and OneNote also let students flag certain key concepts so that they can be located easier.

4. RESEARCH QUESTION

An interesting research topic is to validate the effectiveness of using tablet PCs in the classroom. More concretely, the research needs to address how well tablet PCs satisfy the different learning needs of students. By understanding the relationship between tablet PCs and learning styles, it could potentially allow for more efficient use of tablet PCs in the classroom. Because tablet PCs offer a variety of functionality, this paper focuses on the use of tablet PCs in presentation systems. Therefore, given the presented learning styles model, presentation system features, and tablet PC capabilities, this paper explores the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

5. RELATED WORK

5.1. Importance of Learning Styles

Differences in learning styles and personality types can affect how well students perform in the classroom. Based on a study composed of 83 engineering students, O'Brien found that 72% of these students are Sensing type while 28% are Intuitive based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator [40]. However, traditional teaching often favors the Intuitive type; hence, Intuitive students have significantly higher grades than Sensing students.

Similarly, Felder explored the effects of personality type on engineering student performance [22]. 116 students participated in the study to explore how well students perform in the class based on personality differences. As a result, the study revealed that Intuition, Judging students had a B average grade. Intuition, Perceiving students had a B- or C+ average. Sensing, Judging students had a C average. And Sensing, Perceiving students had a C- or D+ average. This shows that differences in personality types do have an effect on students' achievements in the classroom. Furthermore, the study concluded that courses with more cooperative, hands-on learning can improve Extraversion, Sensing students' learning.

In addition, students can either succeed or fail in the classroom depending on their learning style. According to Felder, most engineering students are visual, sensing, inductive, active, and global learners [23]. However, Felder claimed that most engineering education is auditory, intuitive, deductive, passive, and sequential. Hence,

“These mismatches lead to poor student performance, professorial frustration, and a loss to society of many potentially excellent engineers [23].”

As evident, an effective learning environment needs to be designed with an awareness of and address students’ differences in learning styles and personality types.

5.2. Learning Styles and Software

There are various computer systems that have been developed using learning styles as a foundation for design criteria. An example of such a system is the Adaptive Educational System based on Cognitive Styles, also known as AES-CS [54]. AES-CS is a Web-based learning tool that can adapt to student’s learning needs. A student first interacts with the system to generate a profile that will categorize him/her as either a field independent or a field dependent learner. A field independent learner is analytical, introverted, and needs self-defined goals. A field dependent learner is global, extrovert, and needs goals to be defined externally. Once the student’s learning model has been established by the system, the system will present the learning material in a manner that best fits that student’s learning preferences. The use of AES-CS has been evaluated by five teaching experts and ten students. Everyone seemed satisfied and thought the system was easy to use and understand.

A similar tool to the AES-CS is the Interactive Teaching Tutorial or ITT for short [1]. This is an online learning tool that applies Felder and Silverman’s learning style which consists of four learning dimensions: active/reflective, sensing/intuitive, visual/verbal, and sequential/global. Users of the system first take a questionnaire to

determine their learning style. The system will then adapt to this style and display information accordingly. 25 students were surveyed after using this system. Most of the students thought that ITT was useful and they would be willing to use it if it was available. However, the study mentioned that students felt the generated learning style did not match their own preferences when learning and they also felt that the system could use some further improvements.

Yet another example of these types of programs is the Adaptive Hypermedia Educational System or AHES [26]. AHES is an interactive software for educational repositories which collect teaching material to be used in the classroom. On first use, the system asks users 16 questions to categorize their learning style based on Felder and Silverman's learning model. From there, the program continues to refine this categorization through user interaction with the software. No evaluations were reported in this study to show how students reacted to the use of this program.

Finally, another example of these systems is the four teaching tutorial programs developed at the University of Michigan; these programs are Pressure/Temperature, Multiphase Systems, Mass Balances, and an Encyclopedia of Chemical Engineering Equipment [37]. These programs try to address the needs of all learning styles by providing components that might seem useful to each type. The study uses Soloman's inventory of learning styles based on four dimensions: Processing (active/reflective), perception (sensing/intuitive), input (visual/verbal), and understanding (sequential/global). Having surveyed 143 students, the study reveals that the use of

multimedia in the classroom is effective in addressing the learning styles typically neglected by traditional teaching methods.

When reviewing the systems mentioned, one common deficiency of all these studies is their system evaluations. These evaluations are based on very small numbers and they are conducted mostly by the developers themselves. Therefore, the results could be skewed towards the developers' expectations and the conclusions cannot be validated due to the small sample size. This leads to the idea that perhaps a more effective study would involve a larger group of participants who have no relations to the product being tested. Even then, such a study might not be the optimal solution but it offers an approach worth investigating.

5.3. Evaluation of Current Systems

Based on the research found, there are three main factors that are being determined when evaluating presentation systems: student reactions, student behavior, and student performance.

5.3.1. Student Reactions

When evaluating presentation systems, many researchers try to determine how students are reacting to the use of these systems. Berque surveyed 117 students and found that overall, students enjoyed using DyKnow. They felt that it enhances their understanding, helps them take better notes, be more attentive in class, and they would definitely recommend classes that use DyKnow to others [7]. Similarly, Anderson surveyed 1000 students and found that the use of Classroom Presenter increases students'

attention and understanding in the classroom and they would encourage instructors to make use of this system [4]. In addition, Kam surveyed 21 students who have used Livenotes and found that students overall felt that Livenotes assisted their learning [30]. 66% of these students thought that the system allowed them to take more comprehensive notes and to be more attentive in class.

Many researchers have performed more general analyses of student reactions to using certain presentation systems. For example, Simon surveyed 18 students and concluded that the students had a positive reaction to using Classroom Presenter [49]. Abowd surveyed 24 students and found that students also had a positive reaction to using ZenPad on the tablets but a negative response to using palm top PCs because of the small screen [3]. In addition, students had a positive reaction to using Lecturer's Assistant [10], eFuzion [42], and Virtual Multiboard [48].

5.3.2. Student Behaviors

Often times, researchers want to see how the use of presentation systems affect the way students behave in the classroom. Subhlok noticed that when using Classroom Presenter, access to lecture slides with synchronized audio recording reduces the time that students spend on reading the textbook [51]. However, 65% of the students still use both textbook and the slides to study for their midterm and final. Another study was done by Denning, who put together mock lectures with students using tablets and laptops with Ubiquitous Presenter [16]. From his work, Denning found that pen-based devices allow for more collaboration when used in groups compared to using PCs.

ZenPad is another good example of a presentation system that was evaluated based on student behaviors [2]. The system was deployed in 12 courses and students were videotaped, interviewed, and questioned. As a result, Abowd found that out of 165 students, 70% of these students did not feel like having access to class notes encourages them to miss class. 58% of students said that their note-taking practices have changed since they spend more time in class listening to lecture and not have to worry about writing down notes. Instructor's annotations are automatically captured by the software and will be made available. Similarly, Kam reported that without the use of Livenotes, students spend 92.4% of their time in class on taking notes; however, when using Livenotes, students spend 53.6% on note-taking and the rest of the time on commentary, asking questions, giving answers, and participating in class discussions [30]. Also, students seem to be more active in the classroom when they are allowed to submit electronic questions to instructors during class time [47]. Ratto showed that with the use of ActiveClass, students submit an average of eight questions per class period. The system also allows other students to vote on the importance of the submitted questions. And on average, students make about 40 votes per class period.

5.3.3. Student Performance

Other than evaluating student reaction and behavior, some researchers want to test whether or not presentation systems can actually improve students' performance in the classroom. In a study done in spring 2006, Koile made use of Classroom Presenter in two courses [31]. Before the first midterm, Class A used tablet PCs with Classroom Presenter while Class B did not have access to these tools. On average, Class A scored 80% while

Class B had 76.4%. After the first midterm, Class A gave Class B the tablets. Therefore, Class B now uses the tablets with Classroom Presenter while Class A no longer has access to these tools. Both classes took their second midterm and this time, Class A scored an average of 78.5% and Class B scored 85.3%. Also, results from the study showed that students who submitted an average of 3.5 electronic feedbacks to instructors per class scored an average of 89.6% on the second midterm. Students who submitted an average of 1.1 feedbacks scored 75.5% on average. These results are statistically significant.

Another study was done by Kurtz using Classroom Presenter as well [32]. In fall 2005, students were taught using traditional learning methods. During spring 2006, the same course was being taught with the same instructor using Classroom Presenter and students using OneNote. As a result, Kurtz showed that students' project grades are higher during spring quarter than fall quarter. Also, students' overall course grades for spring quarter are 9.5% higher on average than fall quarter.

5.4. Research Motivation

As mentioned in the previous section, researchers have been evaluating presentation systems based on student reactions to using the systems, the impact the systems have on student behaviors, and how well the systems can enhance student learning. However, none of the research found so far has evaluated how well presentation systems can address the needs of different learning styles. Again, it is important to consider different learning styles in the classroom in order to create an unbiased, well-

balanced environment effective for all students. Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to explore the relationship between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

6. RESEARCH APPROACH

The two approaches that this research takes are performing a pilot study and administering a survey. More details on the structure of these approaches and the results yielded can be found in the next two chapters. Before continuing to these chapters, it is important to mention the features for tablet-based presentation systems. As described in Section 3.3, there are numerous features for presentation systems in general. However, it is not feasible to include all of these features in the study given the patience of the participants involved and the tablet PC capabilities. As outlined in Section 3.2, most tablet PCs are not equipped with a built-in webcam or video recording equipment. Therefore, the video recording feature for presentation systems can be left out when trying to evaluate tablet-based presentation systems. Below is a list of all the features that will be addressed when evaluating tablet-based presentation systems.

Features of Tablet-Based Presentation System:

Instructor Annotations

1. Using the tablet PC, instructors can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas
2. Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC

Instructor Feedback

3. Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture

Student Annotations

4. Handwriting student digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC
5. Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with student annotations

Student Feedback

6. Sending instant electronic questions to the instructor during lecture
7. Sending anonymous electronic questions to the instructor during lecture
8. Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically
9. Instructor shares students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC

Voice Recording

10. Recording instructor's voice during lecture
11. When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructor's voice are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during class
12. Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructor's voice to text

History of Ink Strokes

13. Reviewing the notes in the order that instructor/students wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke
14. Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture

Handwriting Recognition

15. Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text
16. Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words

Electronic Whiteboard

17. Having access to blank slides to take additional notes

Slide Navigation

18. Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on

Annotation Tools

19. Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC
20. Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen
21. Changing to different color ink when taking notes

Networking

22. Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students

7. PILOT STUDY

During winter 2007, a group of Cal Poly students, consisting of Natalia Alarcon, Khang Duong, Bryan Estrada, Andrew LeBeau, along with the author as the project leader, performed a study of learning techniques in the classroom. The team evaluated the effectiveness of tablet PCs as a learning device, and specifically the Classroom Presenter software package. The team wanted to assess how the use of this presentation system affects student performance, student behavior in the classroom, and the needs of different learning styles. In order to do this, two mock lectures were held. The following sections outline the specific structure of the study and the results of the experiment.

7.1. Procedure

The data collection procedure consisted of two independent lectures with one instructor and several students. Both lectures used the same slides and covered a topic: the sport of fencing. This topic was chosen so that no student would have a significant background knowledge advantage over any other student. This is true because no students raised their hands when asked if they are familiar with the topic of fencing. At the end of both lectures, all students took a short quiz. Both lectures were approximately 30 minutes long and the quiz featured 13 multiple choice questions about the material covered in the lecture. All students were made aware that they would be taking a quiz on the lectured material before the classes began.

7.1.1. Control Group

The first lecture was the control group, consisting of 10 students from various majors, and was modeled after the traditional learning environment. The instructor used a tablet PC to display slides using Classroom Presenter software. Slides were displayed using a computer projector. Each student was given a printed copy of the slides and was encouraged to take notes if they felt necessary. They did not have access to tablet PCs. The instructor annotated notes on the slides using the tablet PC and asked the students to respond to questions at specific points. At the end of the lecture, students were given about 5 minutes to review their notes and prepare for the quiz. Then the students' notes were collected and the quizzes were passed out. Students were given as much time as needed to complete the quiz.

7.1.2. Experimental Group

The students in the second lecture were the experimental group, consisting of 5 students from various majors, and used tablet PCs. The instructor used the same materials as the first lecture, but each student had a tablet PC displaying the slides using Classroom Presenter software. The students were given a brief tutorial on how to use the Classroom Presenter software before the lecture started. During the lecture, instructor annotations were very close to what they were during the first lecture. The same questions were asked by the instructor at the same points. Students were encouraged to use the electronic submission capability at one point near the end of the lecture, but during all other points, students were free to respond to questions in any way they desired. After the lecture, students were given about 5 minutes to prepare for the quiz. Just before the quizzes were

passed out, the students were asked to save their notes and their tablet PCs were collected.

7.1.3. Other Data Collected

Before the lecture, students were given a Memletics learning style test that consisted of 70 multiple choice questions [35]. This test was used for an analysis of the test results after the experiment. During the lecture and quiz, each student was assigned a number that was linked to his or her quiz score and the notes that he or she took. Additionally, each question asked or answered by a student was noted by members of the research team in the back of the room for a comparison of classroom interaction versus quiz performance. No video recordings were made to track student behavior. However, four team members sat in the back of the lecture room to fill out pre-structured tables outlining the frequency of the following metrics:

- Hand raises. This metric counted the number of hand raises per student.
- Questions. This metric counted the number of questions per student.
- Answers. This metric counted the answers given aloud per student.
- Distractions. This metric counted the number of distractions per student, which can include talking amongst themselves, looking around, and falling asleep.
- Comments. This metric counted how many times a student made a comment.

After the lecture and quiz, for the experimental lecture group only, students were given a questionnaire about general tablet PC presentation software and which features the students perceived as useful/helpful. Not all of the features in the questionnaire were available in the Classroom Presenter software, but many of them were. The list of features is shown in the previous chapter.

7.2. Results

Having carried out the experiment described above, below are the results that the team extracted from the data that was collected.

7.2.1. Student Performance

One of the main purposes of the experiment was to test if Classroom Presenter enhances learning in the classroom. More specifically, the quiz questions only deal with retention and not analysis of information; therefore, this experiment is testing whether or not Classroom Presenter enhances retention in the classroom. As a reminder, Koile has shown in his study that the use of Classroom Presenter does improve students' learning [31]. However, this experiment was done without having knowledge of Koile's findings. Therefore, the experiment was carried out without any biases or preconceived expectations for certain results to occur.

When the experiment took place, students who used tablet PCs for the first time were very excited about the new technology. They seemed more interested in playing around with the tablet PCs than learning the material. From this observation, the team

first predicted that students who use tablet PCs would do worse on tests than students who only use papers and pencils.

However, the test scores proved this assumption to be false. On average, students who used Classroom Presenter (Group A) scored 71% on the quiz while students who did not have access to tablet PCs (Group B) scored 66%. The highest score for Group A was 84.6% while the highest score for Group B was 76.9%. The lowest score for Group A was 53.9% while for Group B was 38.5%. Based on the results, students using Classroom Presenter have test scores 5% higher than students not using the software on average. The difference between the highest scores of the two groups is 7.7% and the difference between the lowest scores is 15.4%. Even though Group A performed better than Group B on the quiz, it can not be concluded that the use of Classroom Presenter improves students' grades. The difference between scores could be due to one group having more capable individuals than the other. Also, students using tablet PCs can be more motivated and attentive during lecture because they were given a toy to play with. Moreover, the small sample size limits the author from making any conclusive claims based on the results.

Another important factor that must be considered is Group A had 5 students and Group B had 10 students. The number of students who were using papers and pencils doubled the number of students who were using tablet PCs. This could skew the test results. Maybe the grade distribution would be different had the same number of students for both groups was used. However, taking the average score should alleviate this problem.

7.2.2. Student Behavior

Besides looking at test scores, the team also took notes of how students behaved and interacted in the classroom with or without the use of tablet PCs. Below are some of these observations:

7.2.2.1. Note-Taking

The first noticeable difference between tablet and non-tablet students can be found in student notes. All tablet PC users took notes while only 40% non-tablet PC users took lecture notes. The first question that arises is: does the tablet PC encourage note taking? Classroom Presenter does offer many annotation tools that could encourage students to take more notes. While these numbers can suggest this, the sample size remains too small to draw any solid conclusions. The group may simply have been composed of fervent note takers that are not necessarily representative of a real student population.

Interestingly enough, those that took the most notes did not necessarily do well on the test. Several factors influence this. Those that took many notes may only be regurgitating the instructor's annotations and did not really comprehend the presentation. Also, the test came immediately after the lecture, which is not a standard test delivery method. This may have catered more to a subset of students with stronger lecture comprehension skills.

7.2.2.2. Doodling

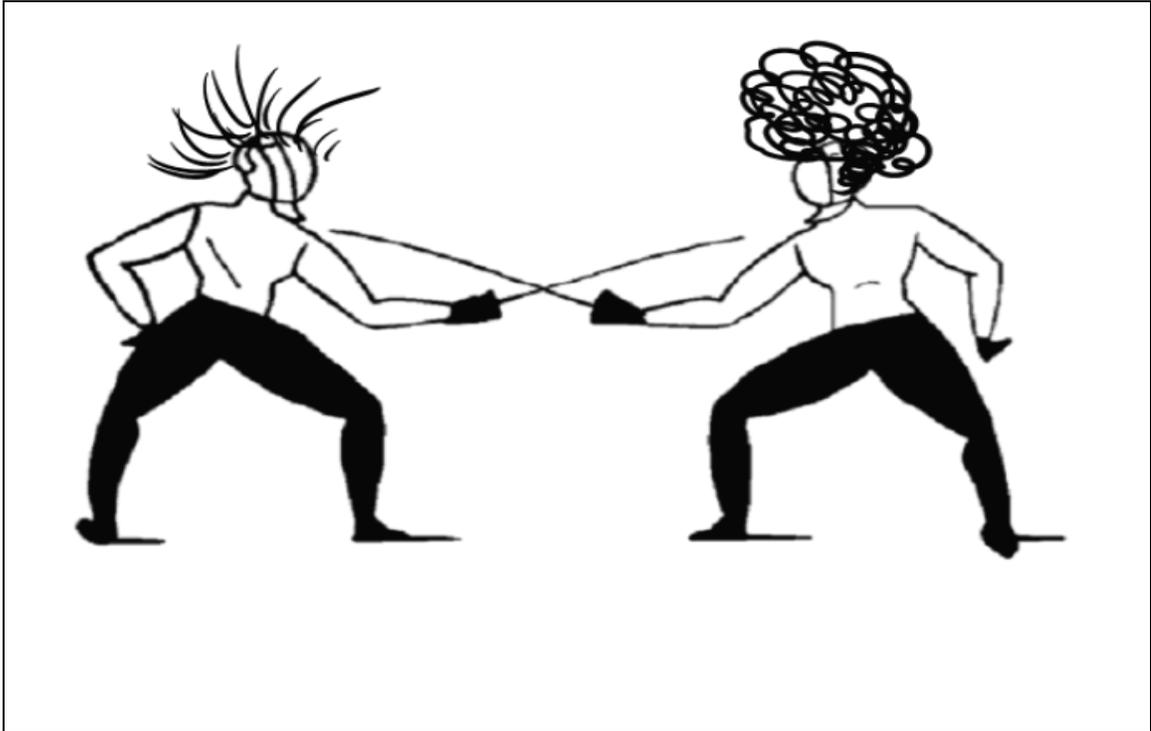


Figure 3: Students Doodling on Tablet PC

Another difference gleaned from the notes showed that while zero non-tablet students doodled on their notes, 40% of tablet PC users drew pictures that did not pertain to the lecture. Figure 3 shows a doodle of a tablet PC student that does not pertain to the lecture. Does the tablet PC encourage doodling? It provides a wider palette of colors than is normally available to a student during lecture, which might tempt the doodler in a student to come out. However, more conclusive evidence requires a larger sample size.

7.2.2.3. Interaction

As mentioned earlier, the team took notes of various student interactions during the two lectures. Figure 4 shows the data collected for tablet and non-tablet using students.

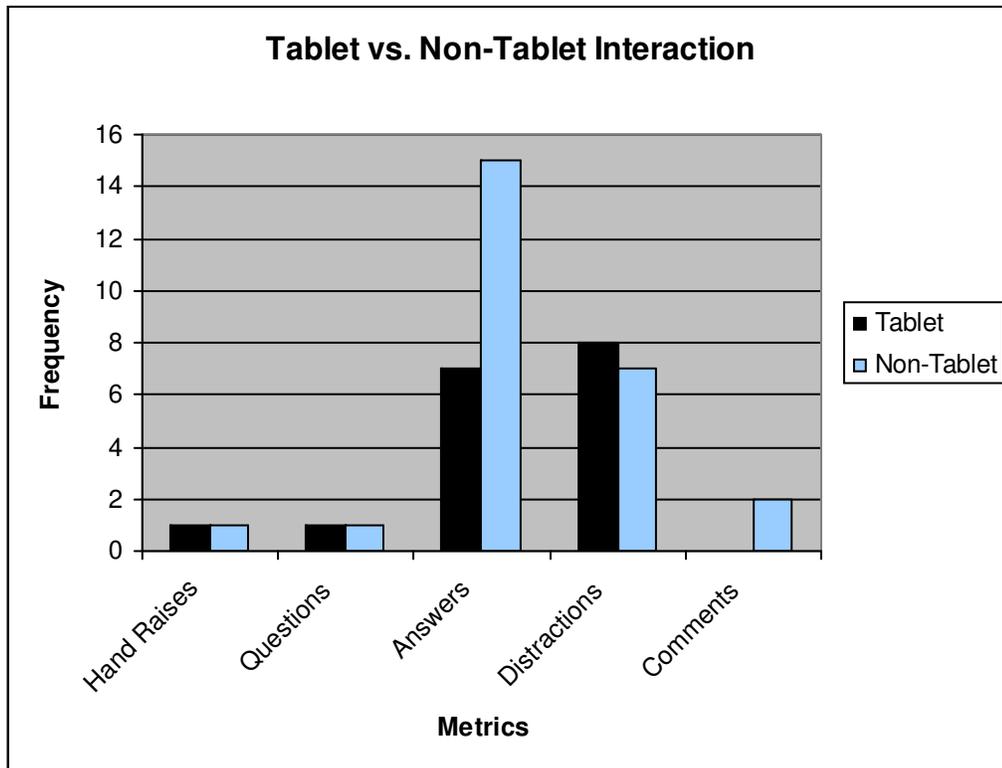


Figure 4: Classroom Interaction for Tablet and Non-Tablet Users

From looking at the data, there were only two tablet using students that submitted electronic feedback to the instructor in the classroom. These two students happened to score the highest out of all the students from both tablet and non-tablet students. This fact does not directly indicate that the feedback submission feature from Classroom Presenter helps students learn better. However, it shows that the software allows students to be

more focused and engaged in the classroom, which could eventually help them learn the material better.

On another note, two students using the tablet PCs were very distracted with using the technology for the first time. They were seen doodling, writing notes to each other, and talking during the experiment. Subsequently, they scored the lowest out of all the students that were using tablet PCs.

There is one student from the non-tablet PC group that performed counter to what is expected. This student answered the most questions during lecture out of all the students in this experiment. But the test score shows that this student only scored 69.2% on the quiz. Even though this score is not bad compared to the lowest score, which is 38.5%, the student did not do as well as expected. Considering the data gathered, it cannot be concluded that more involvement in the classroom would help students learn better. However, this topic is outside the scope of the experiment and this route was not explored any further.

7.2.3. Learning Styles and Preferences

The participants of this experiment were given a learning style test to determine their learning style preference. The Memletics Learning Styles Inventory categorizes learners into 7 categories: visual, verbal, aural, physical, logical, social, and solitary [35]. The test assigns each test-taker a point value for every learning dimension; one dimension could get a higher point value than another dimension depending on how strongly the test-taker prefers to learn in that mode.

In addition to taking the learning styles test, participants were also given a tablet PC survey. The survey lists the features that a typical tablet-based presentation system would contain and asks participants to rate the usefulness of each feature on a scale from 1 to 5 (the list of features can be found in Chapter 6). By giving participants both the survey and the learning styles test, the team was trying to see how well features from tablet-based presentation systems match the needs of different learners.

Based on the data collected from both questionnaires, an average rating of every tablet-based presentation system feature was calculated for each of the learning styles. The calculation is done using a weighting system. The formula is the following:

Given:

- $T(x)$ be student x rating of a feature
- $L_s(x)$ be the learning style score in the area s of a student x
- u_r be the r^{th} user in a group

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n T(u_i) \times L_s(u_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n L_s(u_j)}$$

The above formula definitely has very little to no statistical validity due to its small sample size but it seems to be sufficient for the scope of the experiment. By using this formula, every participant's data could contribute to the analysis and no data had to be excluded; this is important given the small sample size of the experiment. The function seems to make sense when put into context of the experiment. Given a scenario where

Student A rates Feature 1 to be a 4 and he/she scores a 10 on the visual learning dimension. And Student B only scores a 5 on the visual but rates Feature 1 to be a 2. When trying to find an average rating of Feature 1 for visual learners, the rating from Student A should count more towards the average than Student B since Student A has a stronger preference for visual learning. The author understands that this method offers little confidence in the results yielded; however, this is the best approach given the project's limitations. Furthermore, the author has consulted with Dr. Ulric Lund, a statistics professor at Cal Poly, regarding the use of the formula above. Even though the formula cannot be claimed as a statistically valid approach, Dr. Lund advised that this formula can be used to explore the possible outcomes from the collected data.

From looking at the yielded average rating of each feature, the variance in the ratings for different learning styles was not very significant. So in order to extract more interesting information, the team decided to concentrate the analysis on extremes. For each tablet PC feature, only the learning style that gives the highest or lowest rating for those features is considered. Table 3 summarizes these findings.

Features	Highest Rating	Lowest Rating	% Difference	
Instructor Annotations	1	Solitary	Social	1.58
	2	Physical	Social	2.63
Instructor Feedback	3	Social	Solitary	7.84
Student Annotations	4	Solitary	Visual	4.8
	5	Logical	Visual	2.44
Student Feedback	6	Social	Physical	5.16
	7	Social	Physical	7.26
	8	Solitary	Visual	4.28
	9	Social	Aural	6.16
Voice Recording	10	Logical	Solitary	8.43
	11	Logical	Solitary	7.99
	12	Logical	Solitary	9.25
History of Ink Strokes	13	Solitary	Logical	6.36
	14	Aural	Physical	4.57
Handwriting Recognition	15	Aural	Solitary	1.57
	16	Logical	Solitary	4.06
Electronic Whiteboard	17	Aural	Solitary	1.86
Slide Navigation	18	Aural	Social	2.53
Annotation Tools	19	Aural	Verbal	0.92
	20	Solitary	Logical	3.54
	21	Aural	Social	3.23
Networking	22	Social	Physical	5.76

Table 3: Pilot Study Overall Results

7.3. Analysis

Because the purpose of this paper is to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles, the analysis of this experiment will mainly focus on this aspect. As seen in Table 3, participants with different learning styles do not have significantly different preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems. The following features exhibited the greatest difference (7% and above) between their maximum and minimum preference ratings:

- Feature 3: Ability to receive instant electronic feedback from the instructor
- Feature 7: Ability to send anonymous electronic questions to the instructor
- Feature 10: Ability to record instructors voices during lecture
- Feature 11: Synchronization of recorded instructors voices with the current slide/notes
- Feature 12: Ability to translate instructors voices to text

In addition, when viewing participants' ratings for all features, the following features are found to be most useful by all learning styles:

- Feature 15: Automatic conversion of handwritten notes to printed text
- Feature 16: Ability to search through handwritten notes for specific keywords
- Feature 18: Ability to navigate through lecture slides independently of the instructor

The features that are found to be the least useful for participants regardless of learning styles are:

- Feature 8: Ability to take real-time quizzes and to submit them electronically
- Feature 9: Ability to view other students electronic submissions on their own tablet

Attention should be brought to the fact that the sample size of this experiment was very small. Therefore, the findings from this study cannot be taken as significant and

valid until further work is done with more participants. In addition, the formula used to calculate the weighted average rating of each learning style cannot be taken as a statistically sound method of analysis. Also, many participants who took the Memletics Learning Style Inventory test had a very hard time finishing because the test was 70 questions long. Having uncovered so many issues during the pilot study, there is a definite need for employing a different approach to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles. This approach needs to involve a much larger sample size, a statistically valid method of analysis, and a shorter learning style test. Having gained experience from doing the pilot study, the next chapter presents the survey approach to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

8. SURVEY

A survey offers a good method to gather large amounts of information on a certain topic. It is easy to distribute to people in spite of geography, especially online surveys. As seen from the pilot study, the small sample size does not allow the author to have much confidence in the validity of the results. Hence, the second approach of the research is to administer an online survey to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

8.1. Tools

There are a few tools needed when performing an online survey. Below lists the tools that were used and the reasons behind choosing these tools:

- Vovici – Vovici, formerly known as WebSurveyor, is a free online surveying tool that allows users to create and administer surveys on the Web. It is easy to use and is definitely effective for the scope of this study.
- Marcia Conner’s learning style test – This is a 12-question-long test that assesses students learning styles. Because participants are more willing to fill out the survey if there are fewer questions involved, this short version of the learning style test seems to be a good choice. It also helps that the test is free and the author received permission to use it as part of this study. However, the author is aware that this learning style model seems to be limited in scope compared to other models available.

- Excel – Data exported from Vovici is saved as an Excel spreadsheet. From here, data analysis can be done using Excel functions. VBA for Excel was also used to determine participants' learning styles, among other things.
- Minitab – Minitab is a statistics software. It allows cross tabulation of data and the application of the chi-square test for data analysis.

8.2. Participants

This study mainly targets college students; therefore, the survey was first distributed to students at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. These students vary in major and have an age range representative of college students. The survey was given to students from CSC 110, a general computer applications course where various majors and age groups can take the class. The survey was also given to CPE 484 and CPE 482; these are upper division computer engineering courses consisting of mainly computer science or computer engineering students. Cal Poly students vary in their knowledge of tablet PCs. Some have never used a tablet PC before while others use it on a daily basis.

In addition, the survey was also distributed to students at the University of Pacific. As a fact, every entering pharmacy student there must purchase a tablet PC to be used in the classroom. Hence, distributing the survey to these students would yield more valid results because they have had experience with using the tablet PCs in the classroom environment. In large due to this group of students, 75.1% of the participants submitting the survey answered yes to having experience with the use of tablet PCs in the classroom.

Besides students from CPE 484 and CPE 482, all other students taking the survey were given the incentive of earning extra credit. Students from CSC 110 were given an extra three points added on to their midterm if they were to fill out the survey. And students from UOP were given one extra point added to their final. One could question whether or not the incentives cause the students to produce valid information. This question will be addressed in a later section.

8.3. Procedure

The first step to administering a survey is to create the survey itself. The survey is composed of two parts: the first part tests a participant's learning style using Marcia Conner's learning style model and the second part asks the participant to rate the usefulness of tablet-based presentation system features on a scale from 1 to 5 (The list of features can be found in Chapter 6). The entire survey can be found in Appendix A. If a participant gives a rating of 3 or less, then the rated feature is considered not useful to the participant. But if the participant gives a rating of 4 or more, then the feature is considered to be useful to that participant. Once the survey has been created, it is published online using an online surveying tool.

The first survey was submitted on 3/12/2007 and the last survey was submitted on 4/18/2007. Within this one month period, the author tried to distribute the survey to as many students as possible. As a result, a total of 421 surveys were submitted. Due to the time constraints of the quarter, data collection officially ended on 4/27/2007 and the survey was taken offline.

There are two phases to analyzing the data collected. The first step was to determine the dominant learning style of each participant. It should be mentioned that for each participant, Marcia Conner's learning style model assigns a point value to each of the three learning dimensions. The dimension with the highest number is the dominant learning style of that participant; however, sometimes the highest number can be the same for two or more dimensions. In this case, the data collected for these participants are omitted from the overall analysis of the study. Therefore, 43 surveys were left out and only 378 surveys were included in the analysis of the data collected.

Having assessed participants' learning styles, the next step is to test the correlation between their learning styles and their ratings for the tablet-based presentation system features. In order to produce statistically sound results, the chi-square significance test is used. For each feature, a chi-square test is applied to show if there is any or no association between participants' learning styles and their preferences for the use of tablet-based presentation systems. The results of this study are shown in the next section.

8.4. Results

For each tablet-based presentation system feature, a bar graph shows the ratings given by the three types of learners. Also, a chi-square test was applied to test the association between learning styles and the ratings of these features. A chi-square test is a statistical test that compares observed data with expected data according to a specific hypothesis. The test calculates a p-value (a probability percentage) to determine the null hypothesis, which states that there is no significant difference between the expected and observed result. Within context of this research, the observed data is the learning styles

and the expected data is the ratings of the features. By using the chi-square test, the author hypothesizes that the ratings of the features are not dependent on varying learning styles if the p-value is greater than 0.05. If the p-value is less than or equal to 0.05, then there is a statistically significant pattern to the way students rate the features depending on their learning styles. The following sections will only talk about the chi-square test results; actual Minitab output can be found in Appendix B.

8.4.1. Feature 1: Using the tablet PC, instructors can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas

Most visual, auditory, and tactile learners agree that allowing instructors the ability to handwrite additional notes on top of slides is a useful feature. Only 8.75% of auditory, 10.34% of tactile, and 5.83% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.401 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.418. The p-value indicates that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 1.

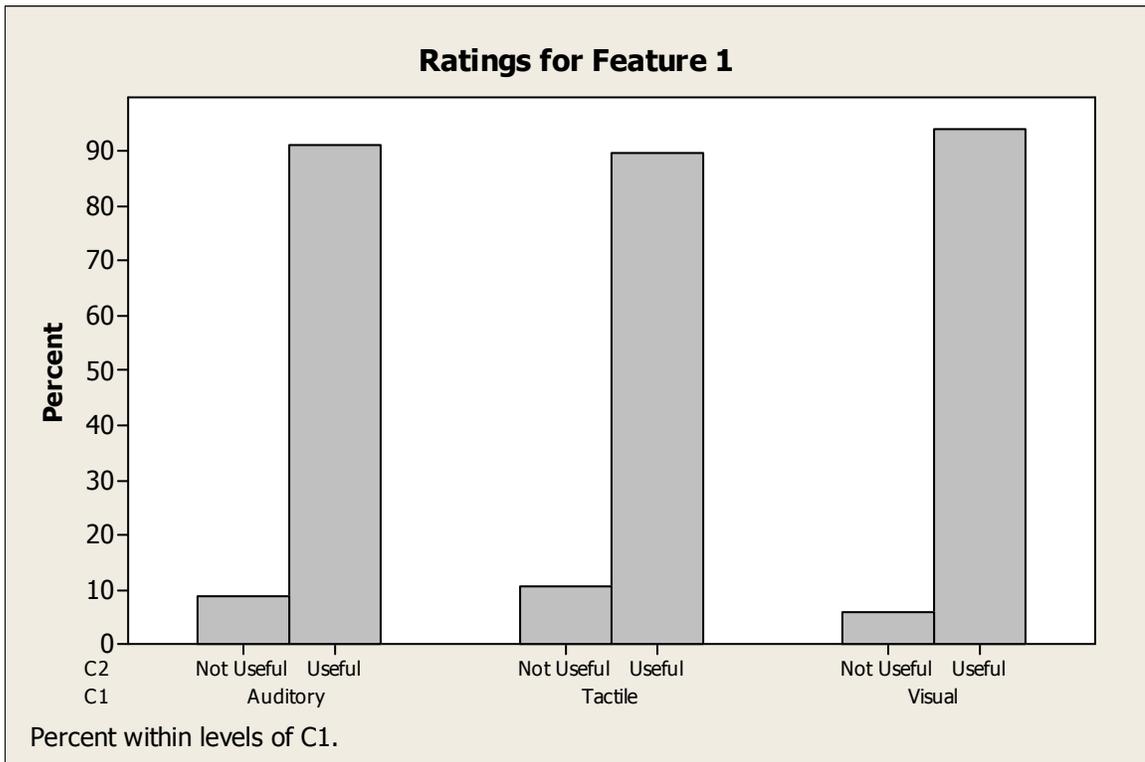


Figure 5: Feature 1 Ratings

8.4.2. Feature 2: Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC

For the ability to save instructors' handwritten notes, most visual, auditory, and tactile learners feel that this feature is useful. Of all the auditory learners, 13.75% rate this feature as being not useful. 17.24% of tactile learners and 15.83% of visual learners also feel that this feature is not very useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.845 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.843. This shows that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 2.

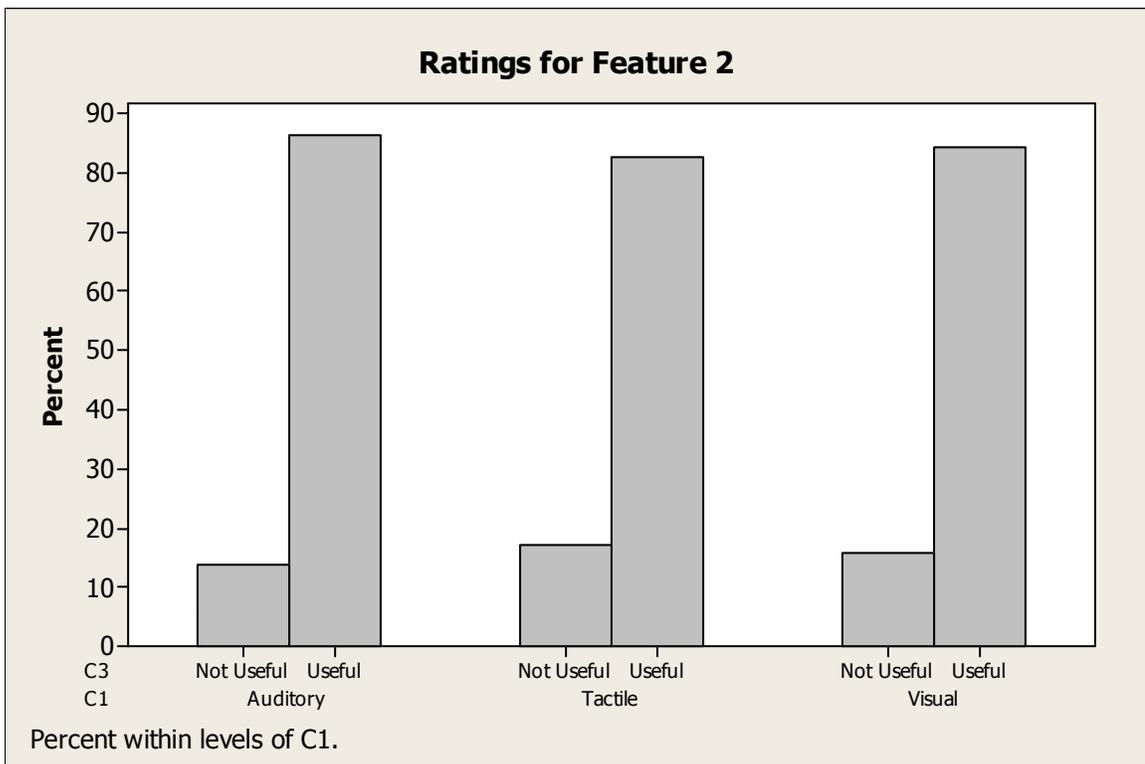


Figure 6: Feature 2 Ratings

8.4.3. Feature 3: Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture

The graph below shows 68.97% of tactile learners feel that allowing instructors to send electronic feedback to students during class is not useful. 53.75% of auditory learners and 52.50% of visual learners also feel that this feature is not useful to them. There is definitely a split in preferences for auditory and visual learners. However, it is apparent that tactile learners feel more strongly about the usefulness of this feature. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.074 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.068. Based on the test, the p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 3.

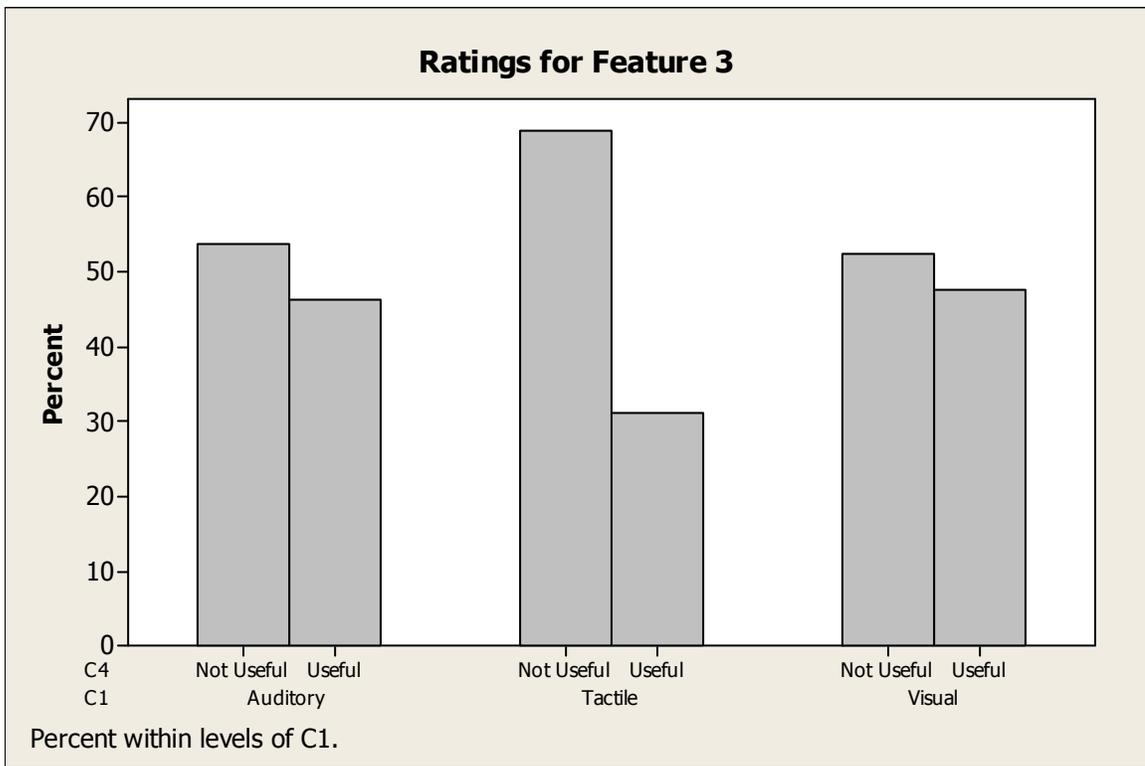


Figure 7: Feature 3 Ratings

8.4.4. Feature 4: Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC

Most visual, auditory, and tactile learners rate the ability to handwrite their own notes to be useful. Only 15.00% of auditory, 15.52% of tactile, and 8.75% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.156 and the p-value for Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.166. Statistically, there is no significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 4.

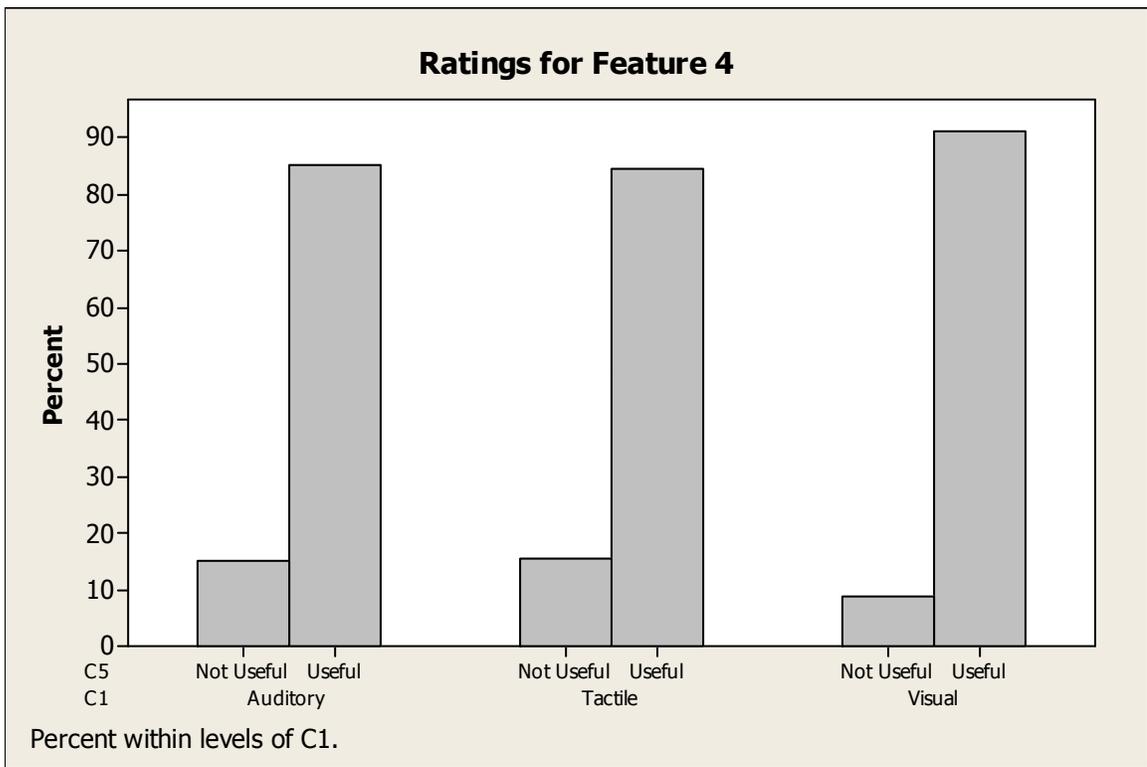


Figure 8: Feature 4 Ratings

8.4.5. Feature 5: Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations

Most auditory, tactile, and visual learners feel that having separate views to distinguish instructor annotations from student annotations is a useful feature. 31.25% of auditory, 37.93% of tactile, and 29.58% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.469 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.478. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 5.

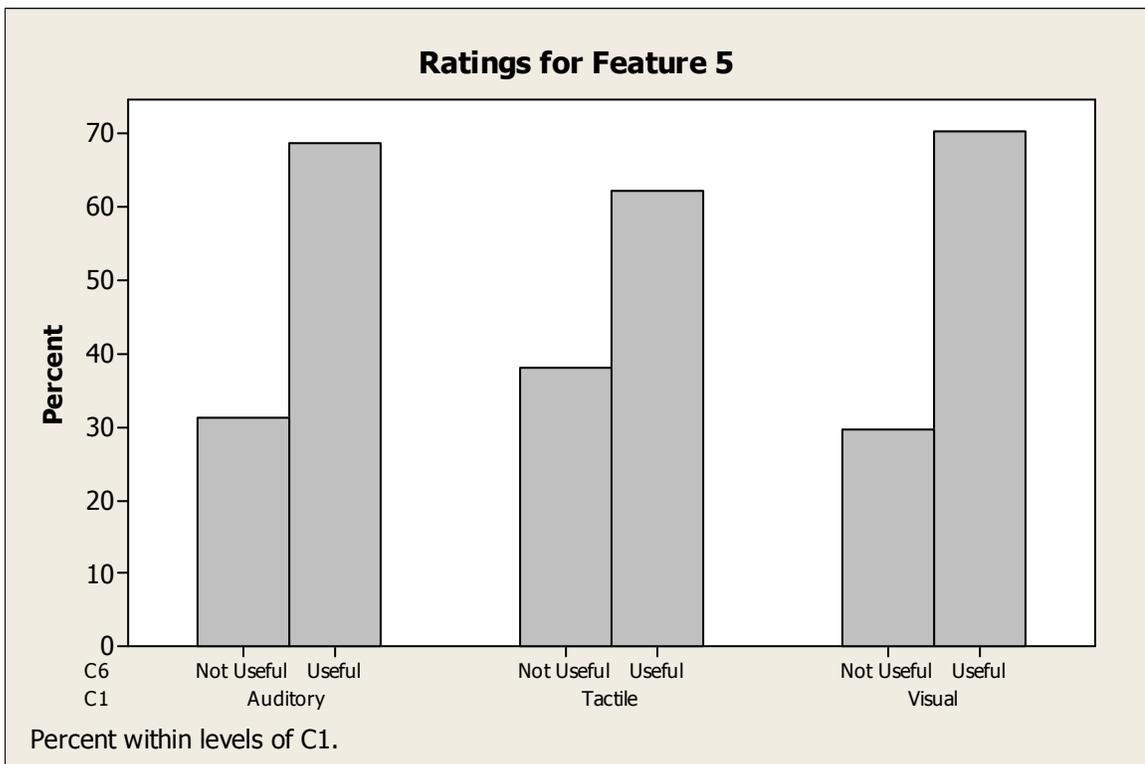


Figure 9: Feature 5 Ratings

8.4.6. Feature 6: Sending instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture

Surprisingly, the majority of visual, auditory, and tactile learners feel that the ability to send questions to instructors is not useful. Of these learners, 35.00% of auditory, 39.66% of tactile, and 33.33% of visual learners feel that this feature is useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.660 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.664. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 6.

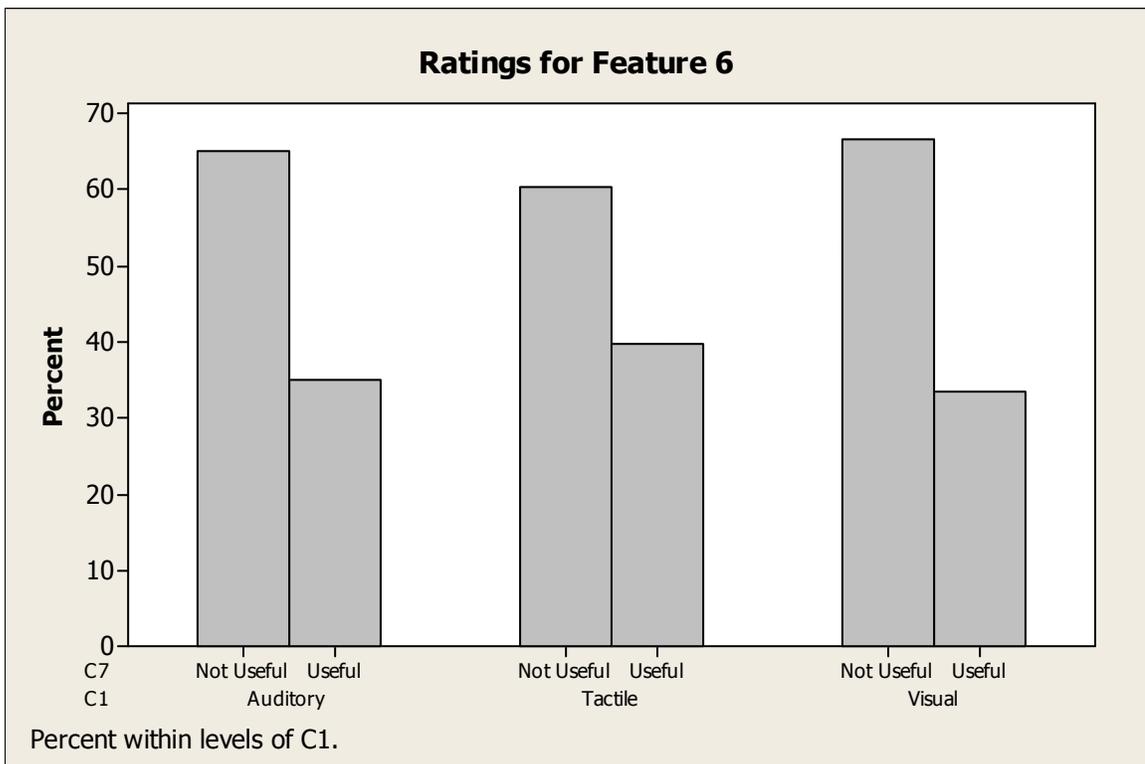


Figure 10: Feature 6 Ratings

8.4.7. Feature 7: Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture

Feature 7 is different from Feature 6 because it allows for anonymous submissions by students whereas Feature 6 does not. Despite the difference, most visual, auditory, and tactile learners also feel that sending anonymous feedback to instructors is not useful. 37.50 % of auditory, 39.66% of tactile, and 37.08% of visual learners feel that this feature is useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.936 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.937. Statistically, there is no significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 7.

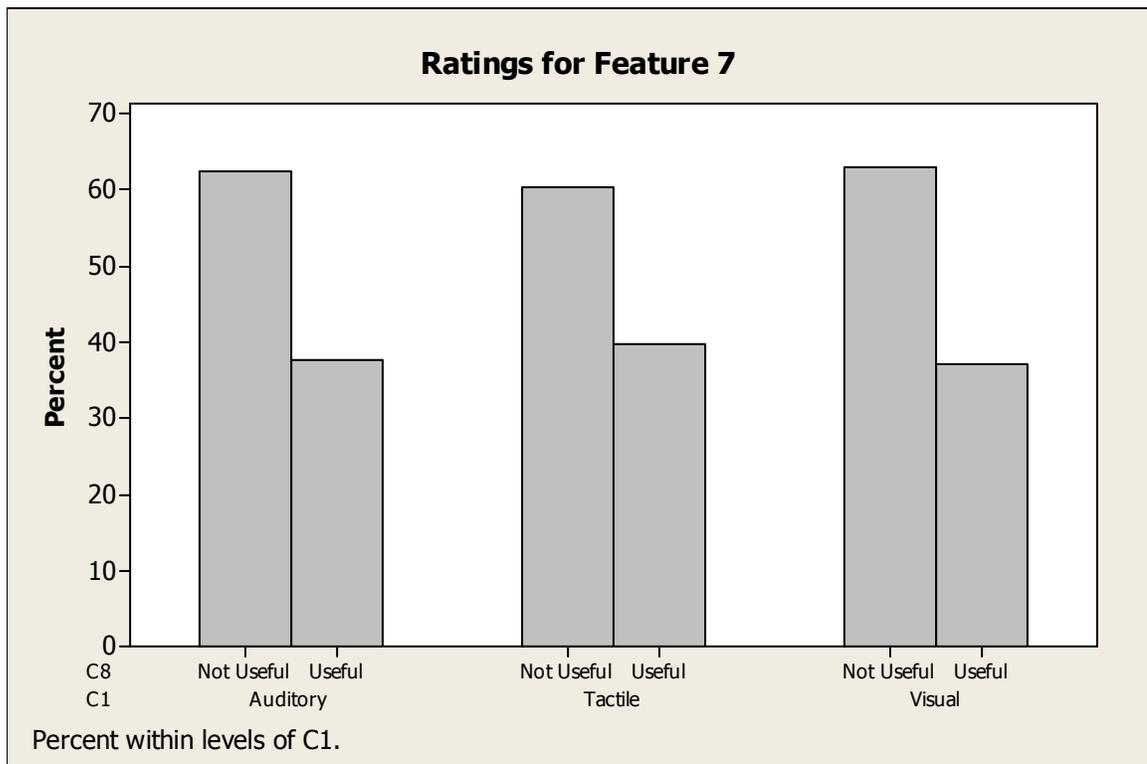


Figure 11: Feature 7 Ratings

8.4.8. Feature 8: Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically

Most visual, auditory, and tactile learners feel that taking real-time quizzes during class time is a useful feature. Of these types of learners, 38.75% of auditory, 43.10% of tactile, and 42.08% of visual learners feel that this feature is useful to them. With such percentages, it seems like there is a split in preferences for tactile and visual learners. Auditory learners seem to feel more strongly about the usefulness of this feature. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.842 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.841. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 8.

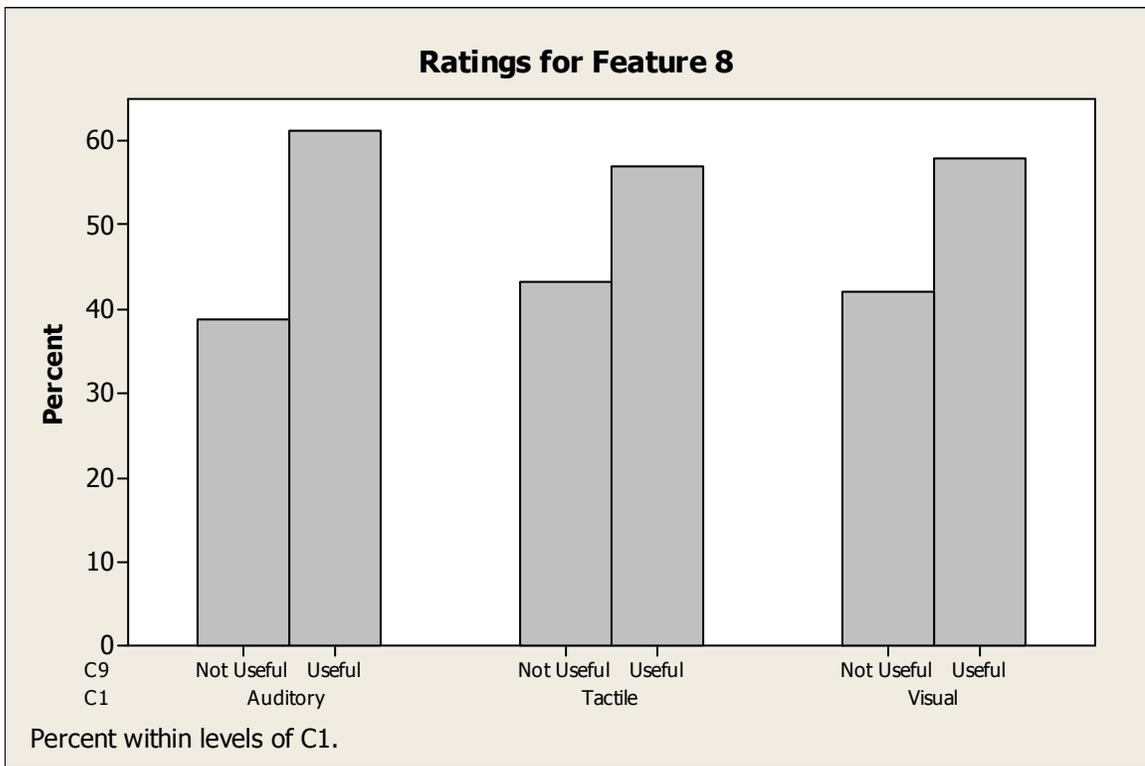


Figure 12: Feature 8 Ratings

8.4.9. Feature 9: Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC

There are mixed results for the ratings of sharing students' electronic submissions to the class. Most tactile learners (63.79%) feel that this feature is not useful to them. However, there seems to be a split in opinions for auditory and visual learners. 52.50% of auditory learners feel that the feature is useful whereas 47.50% feel that it is not useful. 54.58% of visual learners feel that the feature is useful whereas 45.42% feel that it is not useful. So it is hard to really conclude the preferences of auditory and visual learners for this feature. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.370 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.365. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 9.

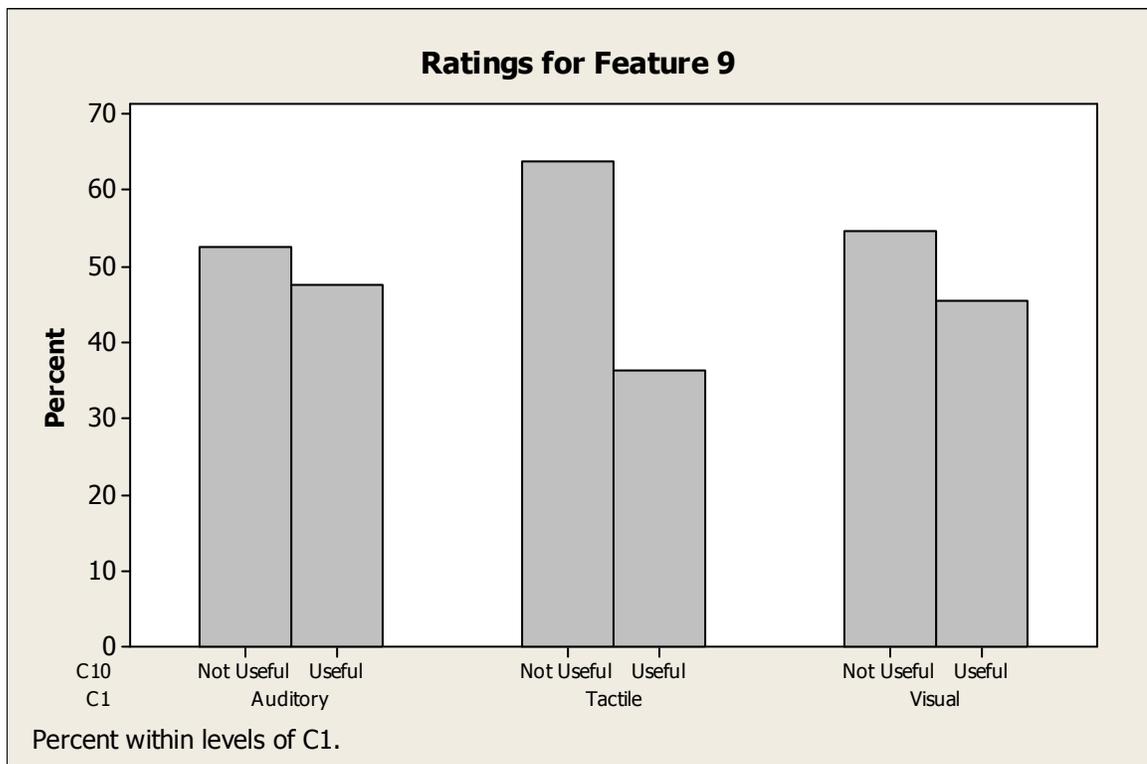


Figure 13: Feature 9 Ratings

8.4.10. Feature 10: Recording instructors' voices during lecture

As shown in the graph, the majority of auditory and visual learners feel that it is useful to record instructor's voices during lecture. 37.5% of auditory and 38.75% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. However, it is hard to determine the preference of tactile learners for this feature. 55.17% of tactile learners feel that this feature is useful while 44.83% feel that it is not useful. The difference in percentage for tactile learners is not very much compared to auditory and visual learners. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.644 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.647. Based on the p-values, there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 10.

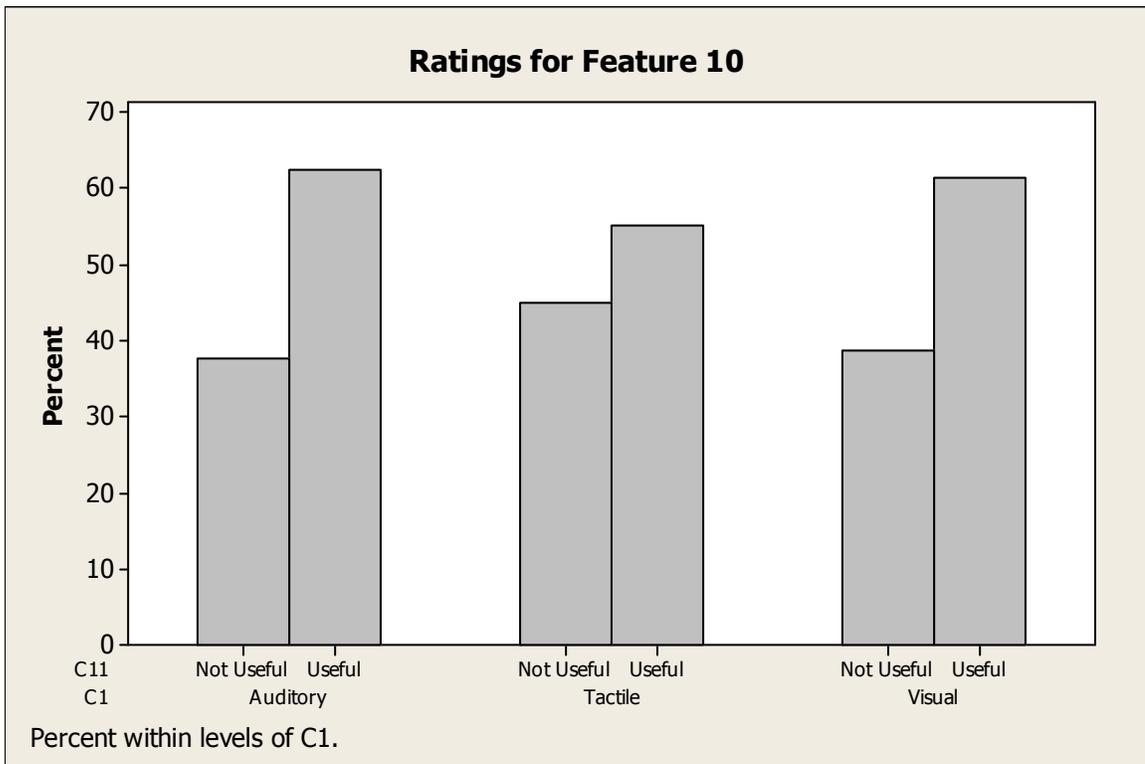


Figure 14: Feature 10 Ratings

8.4.11. Feature 11: When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during class

The majority of auditory, tactile, and visual learners feel that it is useful to have the recorded instructor's voice synchronized with the lecture notes. Of course, not all of the students feel that this feature is useful. 25.00% of auditory learners, 31.03% of tactile learners, and 27.08% of visual learners feel that this feature would not be useful to them. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.731 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.734. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 11.

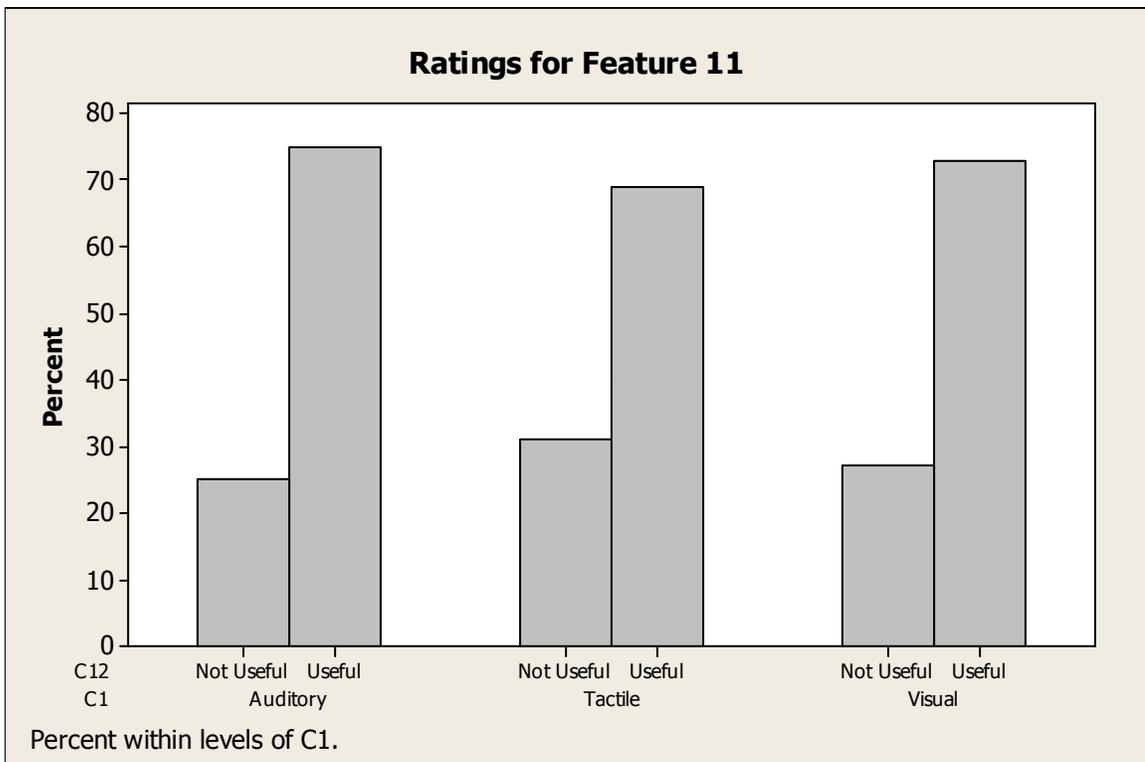


Figure 15: Feature 11 Ratings

8.4.12. Feature 12: Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text

The results for this feature are quite interesting since it is the first time that not all three learning styles have the same majority preference. As shown in the graph, most auditory learners feel that converting instructor's voice to text is a useful feature. However, the majority of tactile and visual learners feel that this is not a useful feature. It must be pointed out that 52.50% of auditory learners feel that this is useful while 47.50% feel that it is not useful. There is not a significant difference in preference for auditory learners. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.188 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.190. Statistically, there is no significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 12.

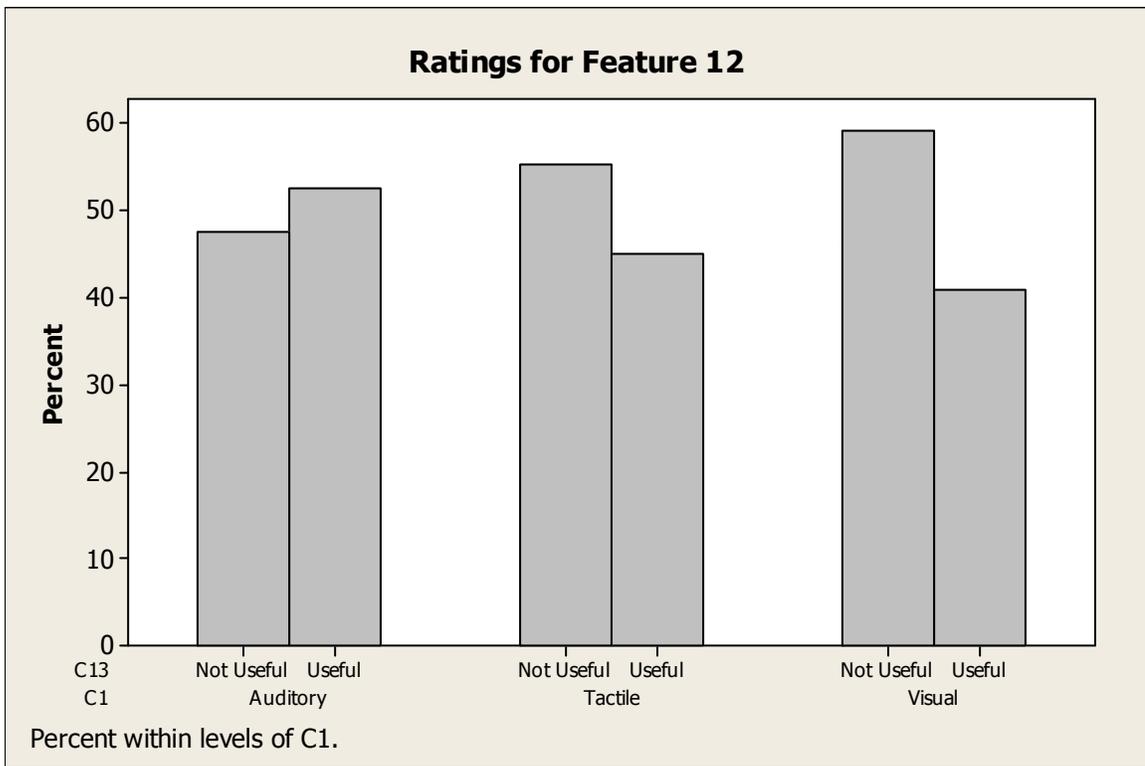


Figure 16: Feature 12 Ratings

8.4.13. Feature 13: Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke

The results show that the majority of auditory, tactile, and visual learners feel that it is not useful to be able to replay the notes stroke-by-stroke. However, the difference in preference is not very significant. 51.25% of auditory learners feel that this feature is not useful while 48.75% feel that it is useful. 56.90% of tactile learners feel that this feature is not useful while 43.10% feel that it is useful. Finally, 53.75% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful while 46.25% feel that it is useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.806 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.806. The p-values show that there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 13.

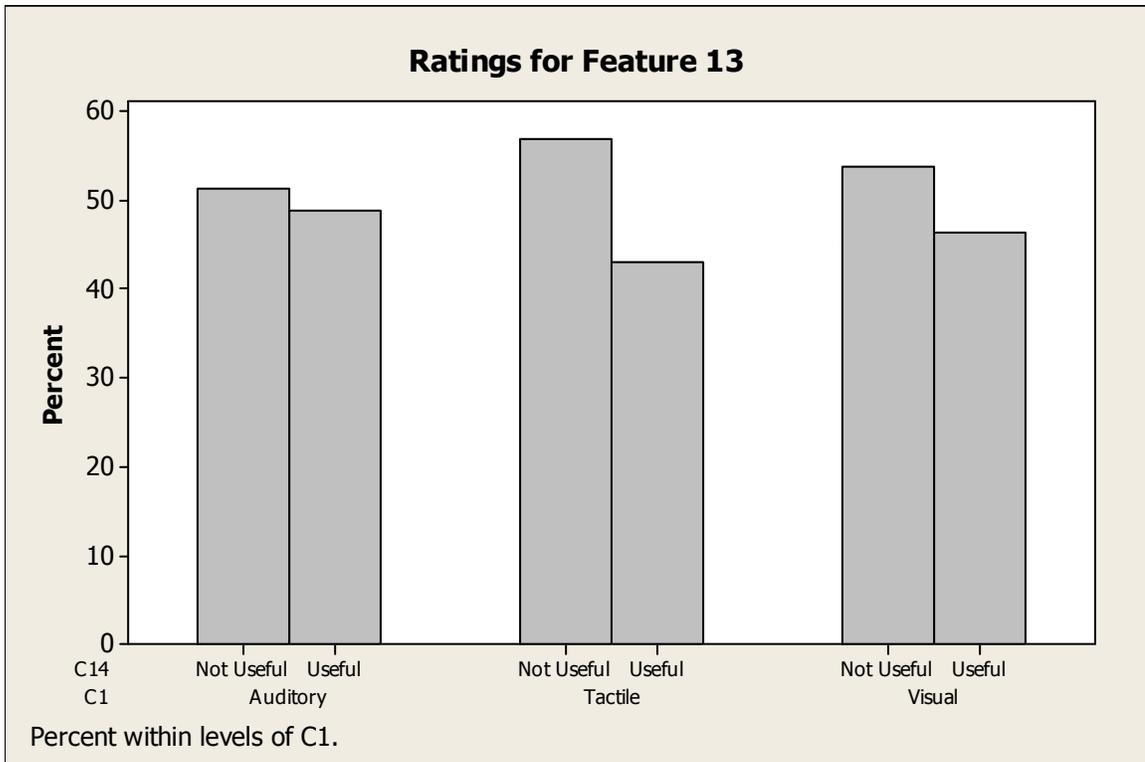


Figure 17: Feature 13 Ratings

8.4.14. Feature 14: Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture

The majority of auditory learners feel that having ink strokes change color over time is a useful feature with only 36.25% feeling that it is not useful. Even though the majority of tactile and visual learners also feel that this is a useful feature, there is almost a split in preference within these two groups. 46.55% of tactile learners actually feel that the feature is not useful and 46.25% of visual learners feel the same way. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.274 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.269. Statistically, there is no significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 14.

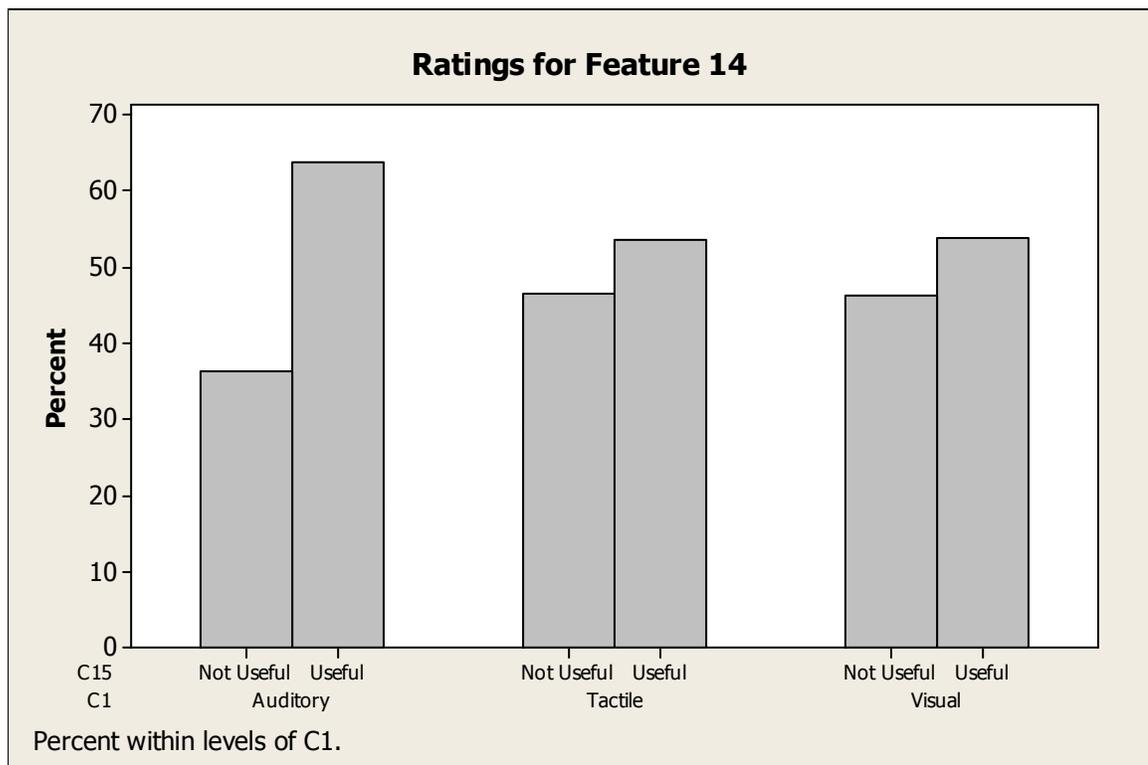


Figure 18: Feature 14 Ratings

8.4.15. Feature 15: Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text

The results for this feature are definitely interesting. 51.25% of auditory learners feel that having handwritten notes converted to text is useful while 48.75% feel that it is not. For tactile learners, there is a split with half feeling that the feature is useful while the other half does not. For visual learners, 54.17% feel that the feature is useful while 45.83% feel that it is not useful. All three learners have different preferences when it comes to this feature. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.650 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.650. The p-values show that there is no statistically significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 15.

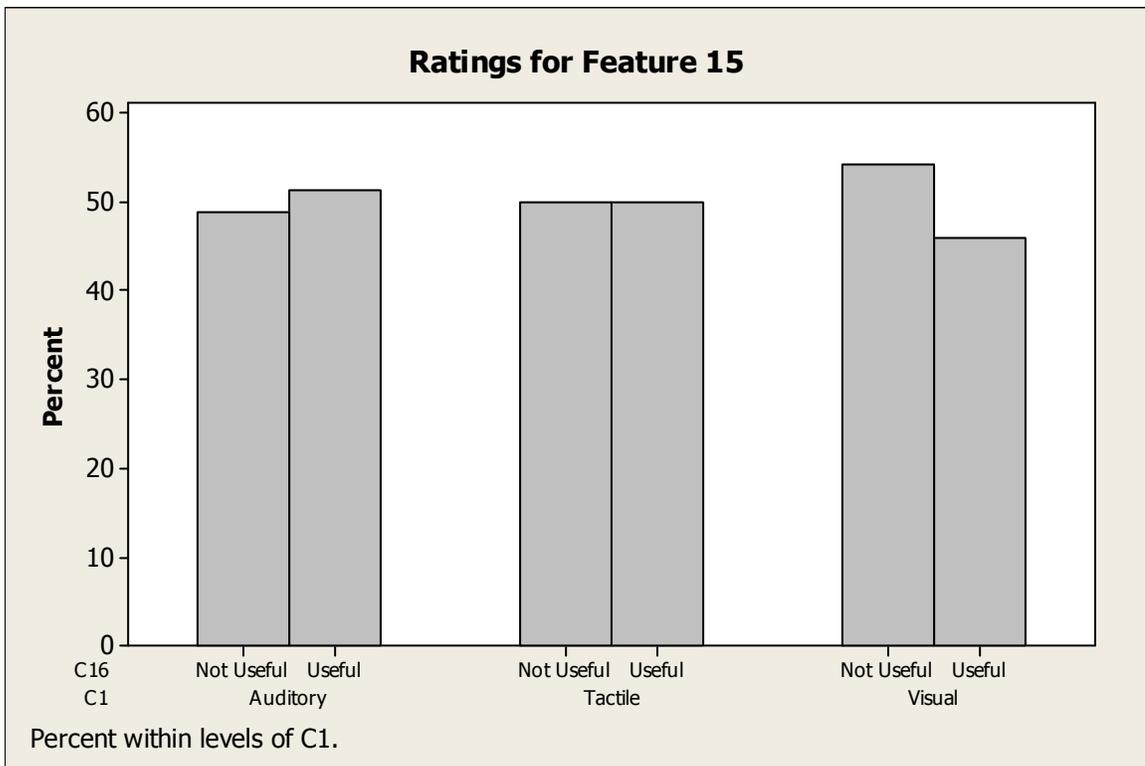


Figure 19: Feature 15 Ratings

8.4.16. Feature 16: Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for keywords

The majority of visual, auditory, and tactile learners agree that searching through handwritten notes is a useful feature. Only 30.00% of auditory learners, 29.31% of tactile learners, and 35.00% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.573 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.570. Statistically, there is no significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 16.

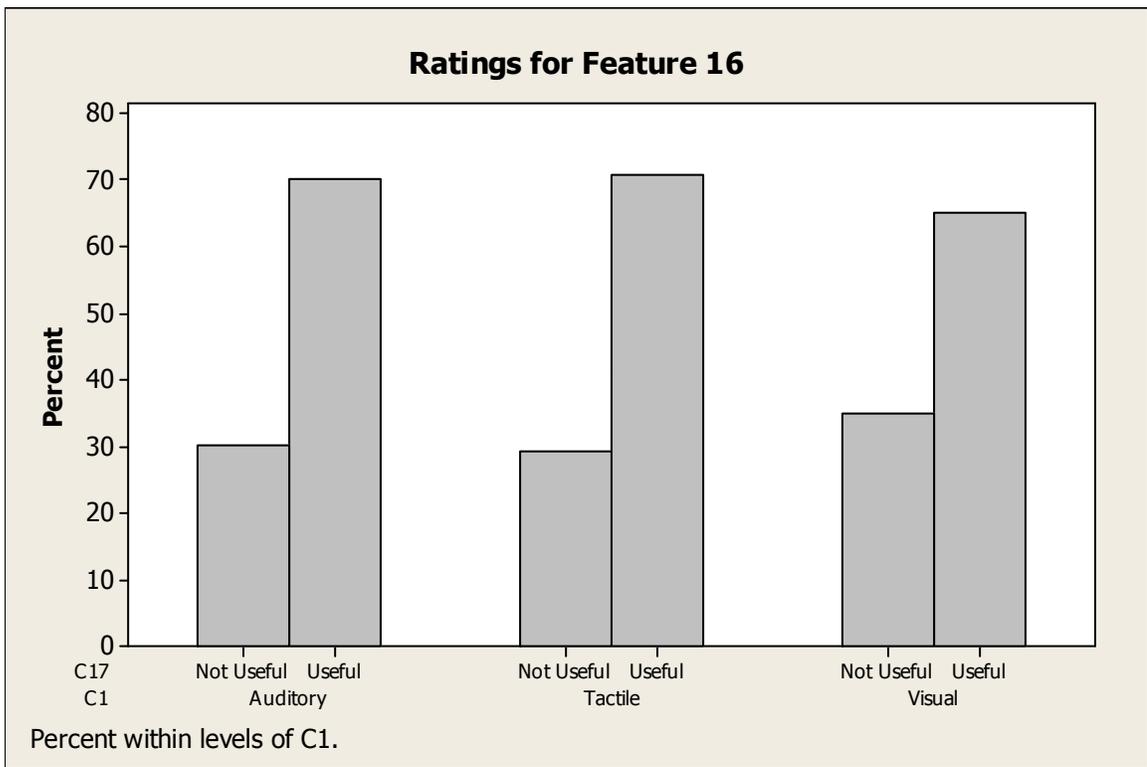


Figure 20: Feature 16 Ratings

8.4.17. Feature 17: Having access to blank slides to take additional notes

Most auditory, visual, and tactile learners agree that having blank slides to take notes is a useful feature. In fact, only 11.25% of auditory learners, 18.97% of tactile learners, and 11.25% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.261 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.297. The p-values show that there is no statistically significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 17.

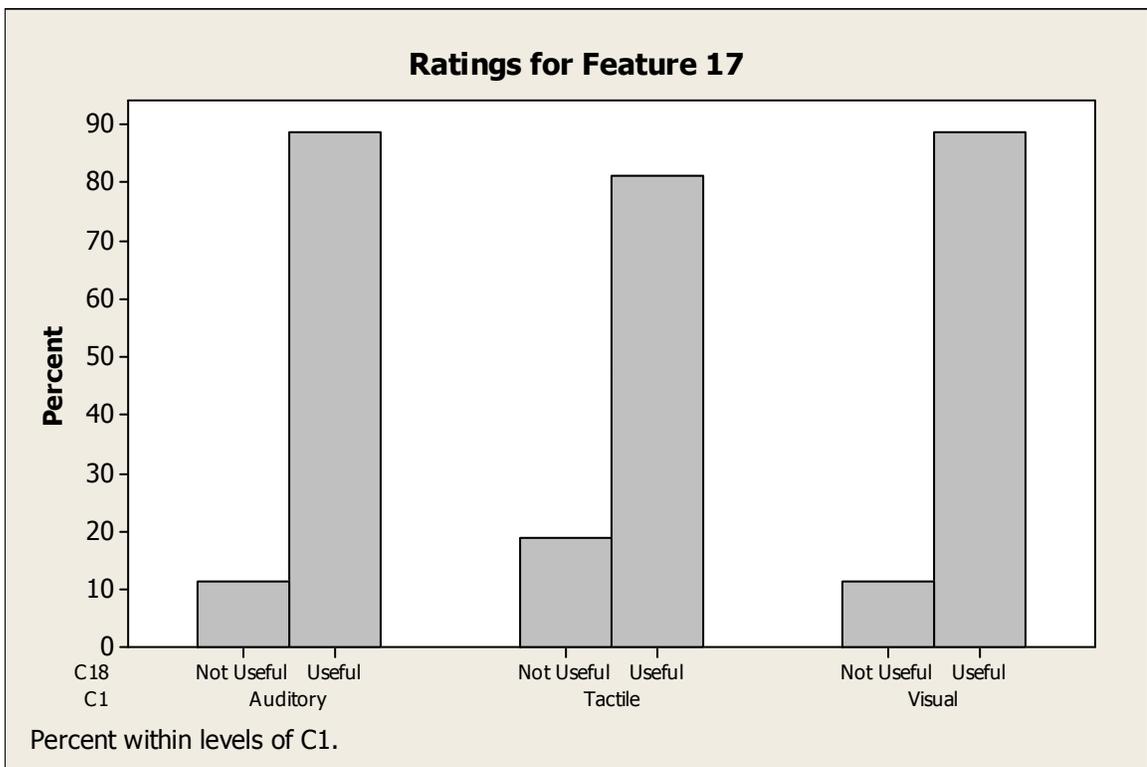


Figure 21: Feature 17 Ratings

8.4.18. Feature 18: Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on

Navigating freely through lecture slides is a useful tool for most visual, auditory, and tactile learners. Only 18.75% of auditory learners, 20.69% of tactile learners, and 15.42% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.559 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.567. Statistically, there is no significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 18.

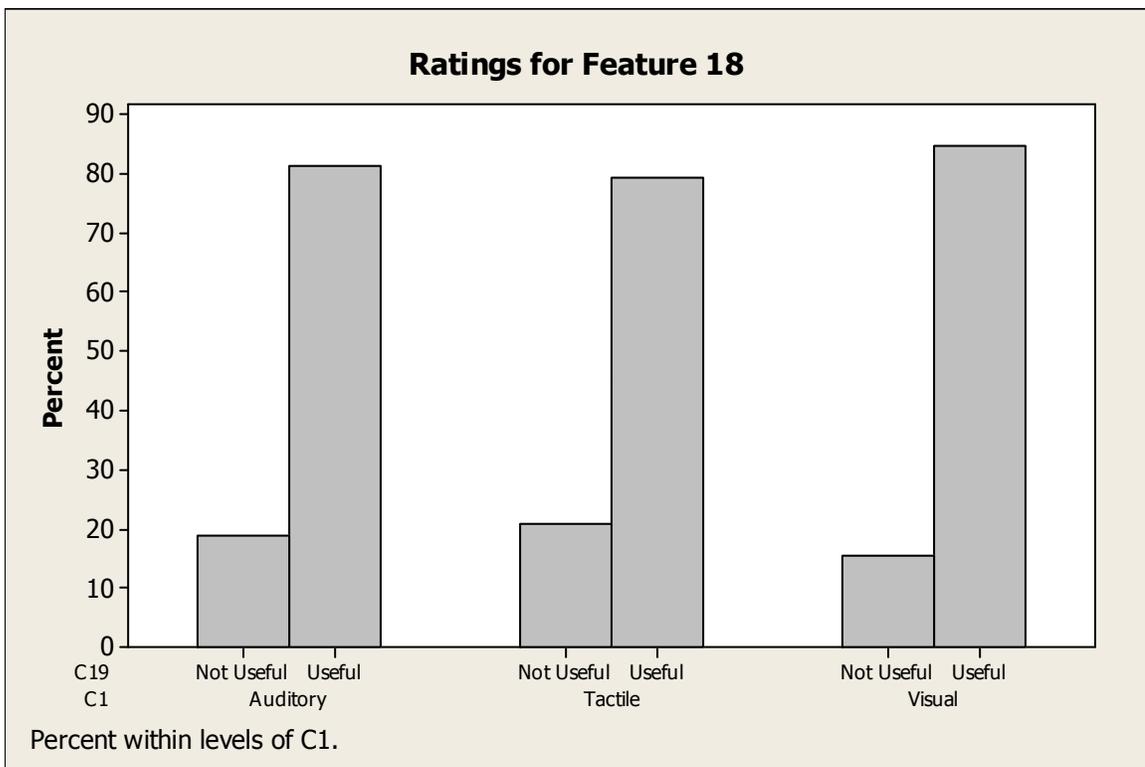


Figure 22: Feature 18 Ratings

8.4.19. Feature 19: Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC

Most auditory, tactile, and visual learners feel that the ability to highlight keywords is a useful feature. Only 11.25% of auditory learners, 12.07% of tactile learners, and 11.25% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.984 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is also 0.984. Based on the p-values, there is no statistical significance in the association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 19.

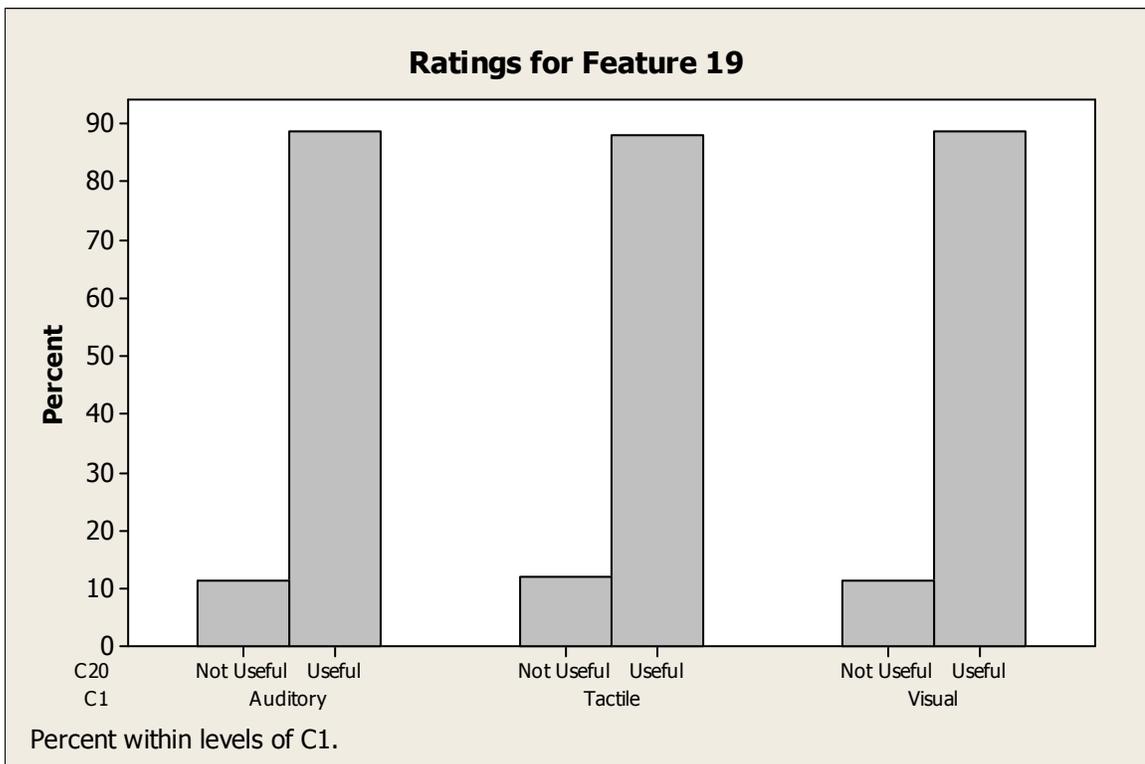


Figure 23: Feature 19 Ratings

8.4.20. Feature 20: Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen

For the ability to erase ink marks, most visual, auditory, and tactile learners found the feature to be useful. Only 6.25% of auditory learners, 13.79% of tactile learners, and 8.75% of visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.303 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.323. Statistically, there is no significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 20.

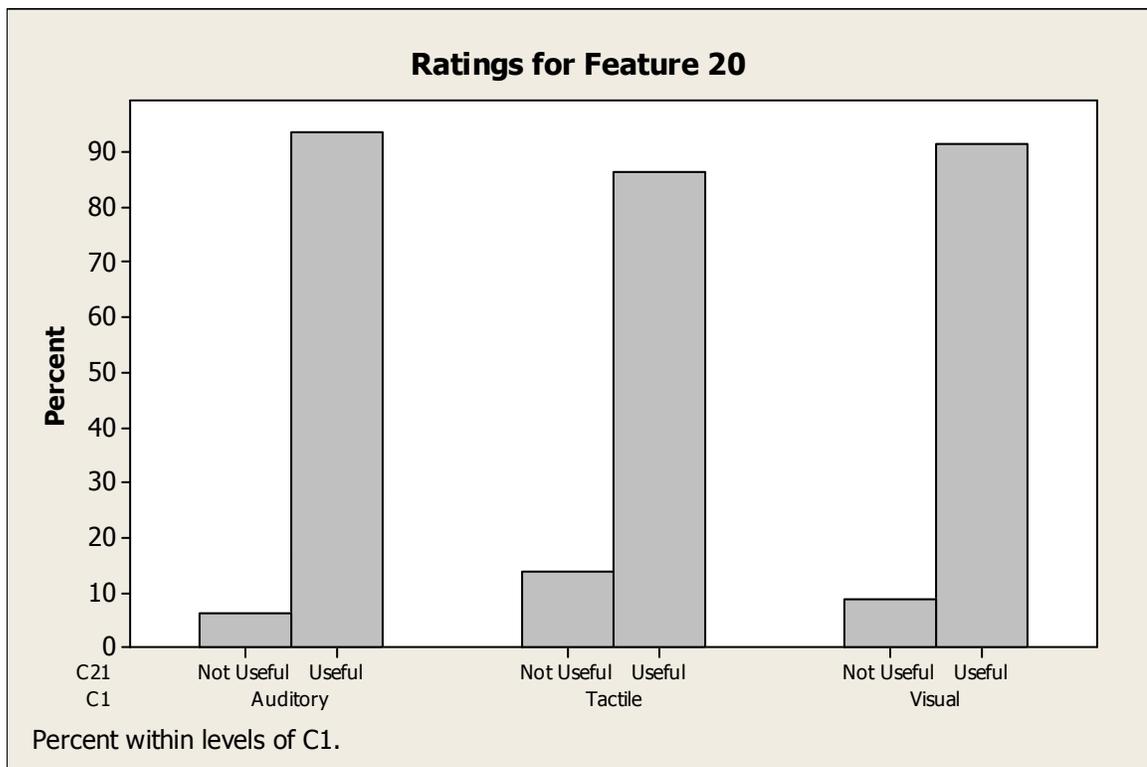


Figure 24: Feature 20 Ratings

8.4.21. Feature 21: Changing to different color ink when taking notes

The majority of visual, auditory, and tactile learners agree that having access to different color ink is a useful feature. Only 7.50% of auditory learners, 12.07% of tactile learners, and 8.33% of visual learners think that this feature is not useful. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.603 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is 0.625. The p-values show that there is no statistically significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 21.

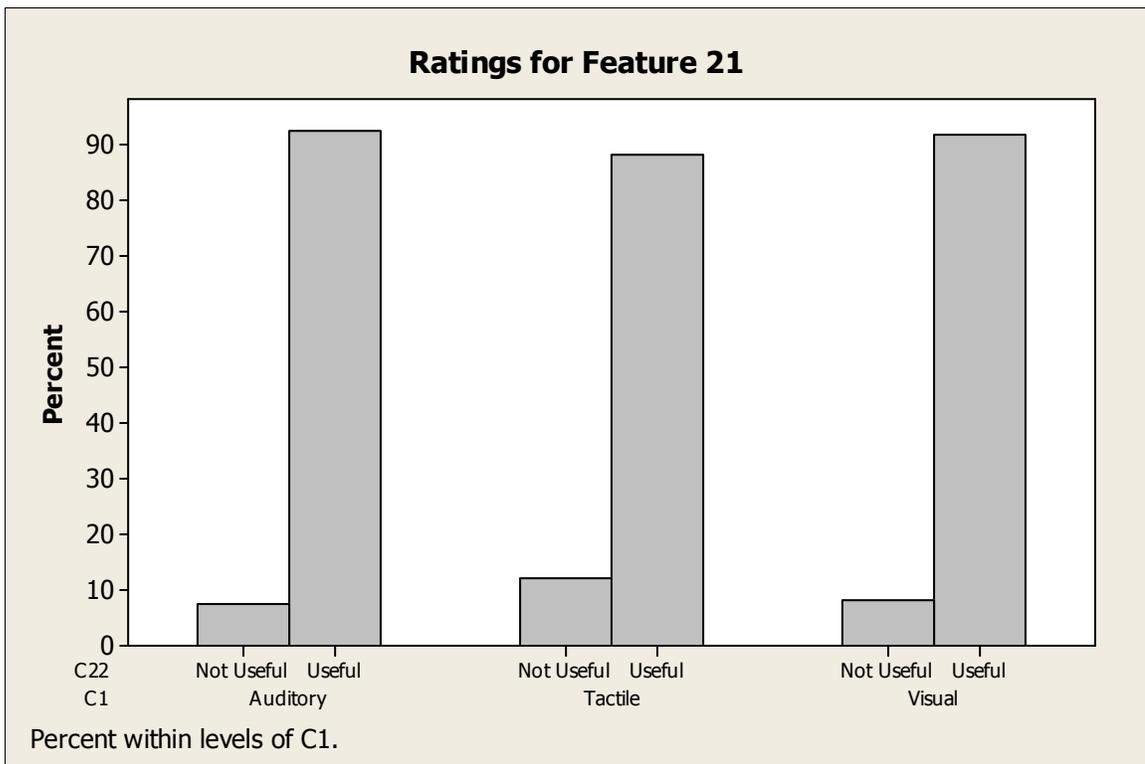


Figure 25: Feature 21 Ratings

8.4.22. Feature 22: Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students

Even though the majority of visual, auditory, and tactile learners feel that having a peer-to-peer network of tablet PCs is a useful feature, the difference in preference among the groups is not very much. 55.00% of auditory learners feel that the feature is useful while 45.00% think that it is not useful. 53.45% of tactile learners rate the feature to be useful while 46.55% think that it is not. 53.75% of visual learners agree that this feature is useful while 46.25% disagree. There is almost a split in opinions among the three learning styles. According to the chi-square test, the p-value for the Pearson Chi-Square test is 0.978 and the p-value for the Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square test is also 0.978. Statistically, there is no significant association between learning styles and the ratings of Feature 22.

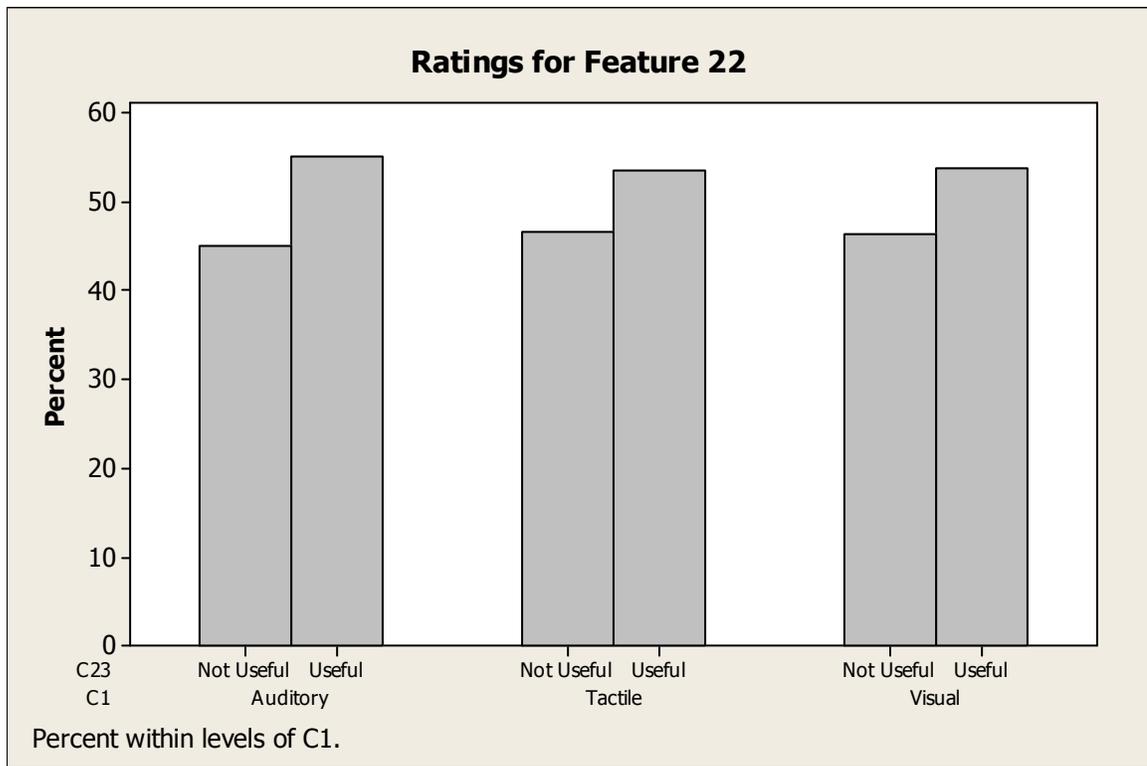


Figure 26: Feature 22 Ratings

8.4.23. Average Ratings for Visual

Often times, it is useful to look at the data as a whole and evaluate the data using other statistical functions such as the mean, mode, median and standard deviation. The table that lists these measures for visual learners can be found in Appendix C. Figure 27 below shows the average rating of each feature for visual learners.

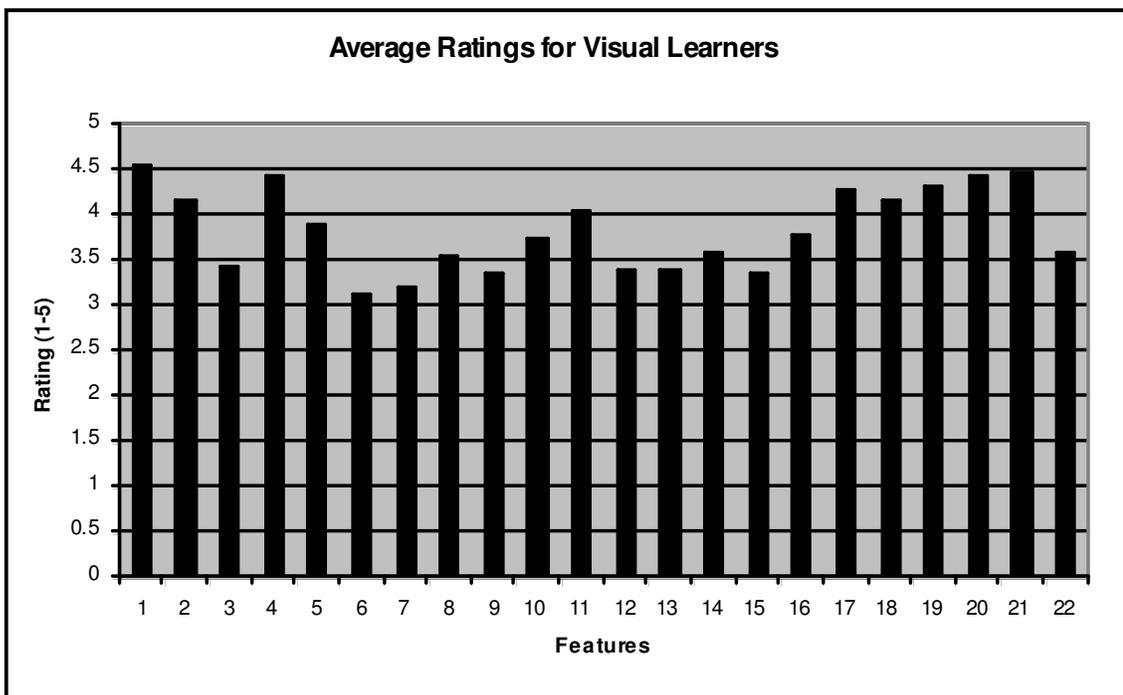


Figure 27: Average Ratings for Visual Learners

Because there are 22 features altogether, it is hard to extract any meaningful information if all of these features are considered. Therefore, the author only concentrates on the three highest-ranked features and the three lowest-ranked features for visual learners. When doing this, on average, the three highest-ranked features for visual learners are Feature 1, Feature 21, and Feature 4. The three lowest-ranked features are Feature 6, Feature 7, and Feature 15.

8.4.24. Average Ratings for Auditory

The mean, mode, median, and standard deviation are also applied to auditory learners. The table for these measures can be found in Appendix C. Figure 28 shows the average rating of each feature for auditory learners.

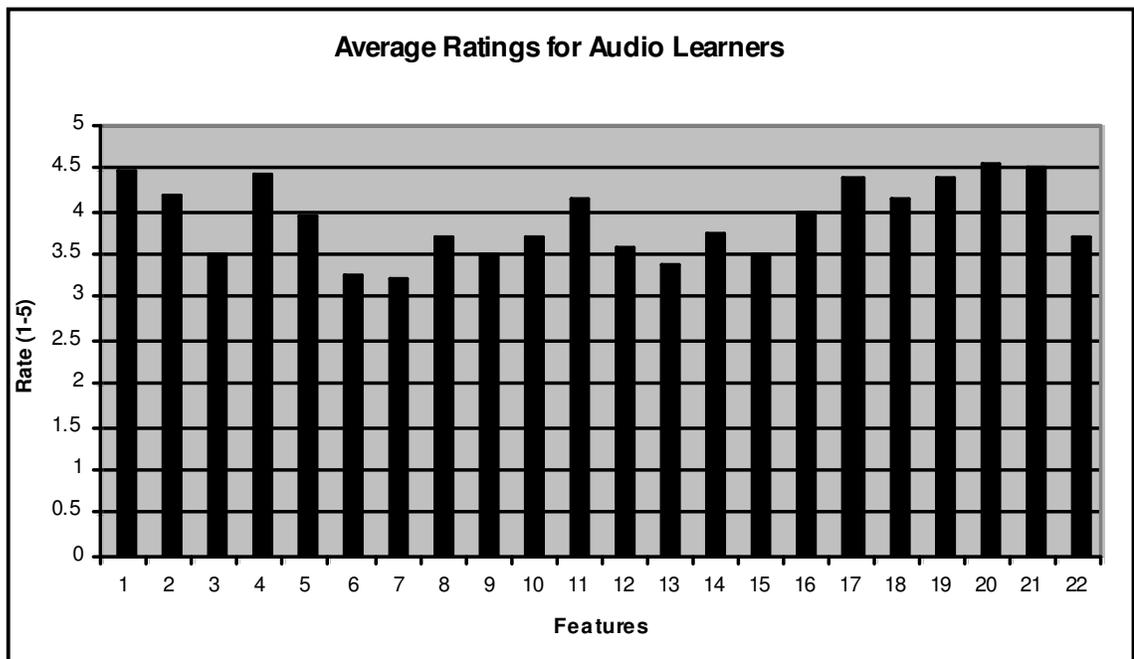


Figure 28: Average Ratings for Auditory Learners

From looking at the data, on average, the three highest-ranked features for auditory learners are Feature 20, Feature 21, and Feature 1. The three lowest-ranked features are Feature 7, Feature 6, and Feature 13.

8.4.25. Average Ratings for Tactile/Kinesthetic

Like that of visual and auditory learners, the mean, mode, median, and standard deviation were also calculated for tactile learners. The table of these measures can be found in Appendix C. Figure 29 shows the average ratings of each feature for tactile learners.

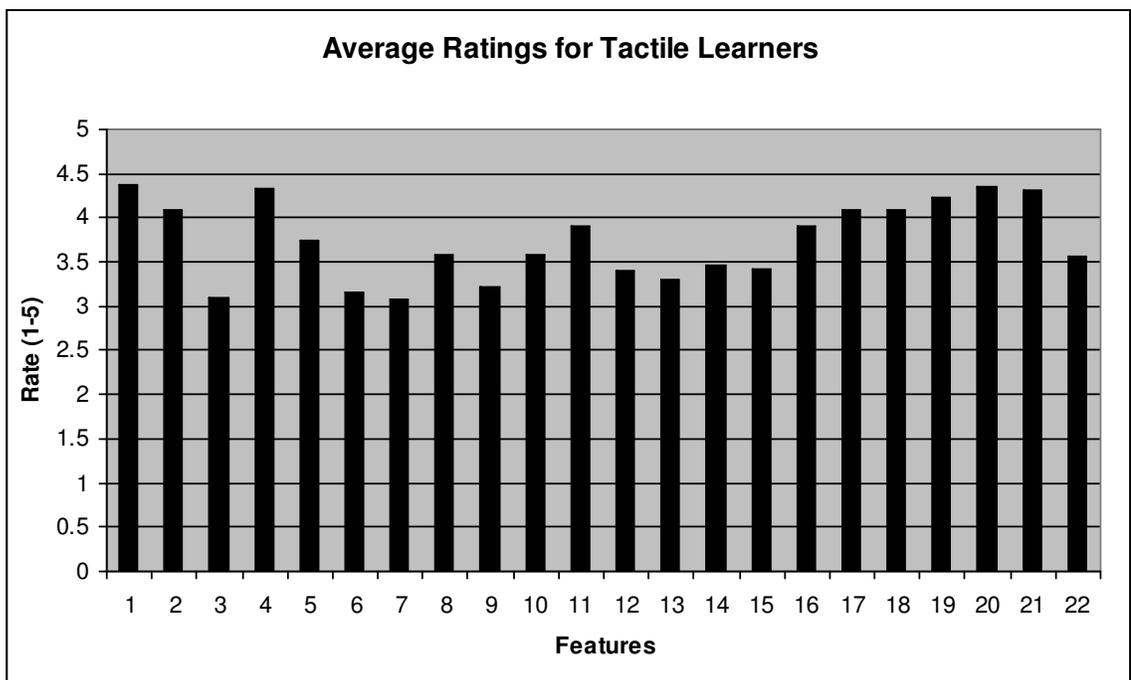


Figure 29: Average Ratings for Tactile Learners

On average, the highest-ranked features for tactile learners are Feature 1, Feature 20, and Feature 4. The three lowest-ranked features are Feature 7, Feature 3, and Feature 6.

8.5. Analysis

The results from the previous section reveal that there is no statistical significant association between learning styles and all features listed for tablet-based presentation systems. Most participants have the same rating for the majority of the features despite learning style differences. A summary of these results can be seen in Table 4 below. There are only two features where the three learning types disagree on the ratings: Feature 12 and 15. For Feature 12, which is using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructor's voice to text, auditory learners find this to be a useful feature; however, tactile and visual learners feel that this feature is not useful. As for Feature 15, which is the automatic conversion of handwritten notes to printed text, auditory learners find this feature to be useful. Tactile learners are torn between the two ratings with half finding it to be useful and the other half rates it as not useful. And finally, visual learners rate Feature 15 to be not useful for their needs.

Rating	Features
Useful	Feature 1: Using the tablet PC, instructors can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas
	Feature 2: Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC
	Feature 4: Handwriting student digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC
	Feature 5: Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with student annotations
	Feature 8: Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically
	Feature 10: Recording instructor's voice during lecture
	Feature 11: When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructor's voice are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during class
	Feature 14: Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture
	Feature 16: Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words
	Feature 17: Having access to blank slides to take additional notes
	Feature 18: Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on
	Feature 19: Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC
	Feature 20: Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen
	Feature 21: Changing to different color ink when taking notes
Feature 22: Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students	
Not Useful	Feature 3: Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture
	Feature 6: Sending instant electronic questions to the instructor during lecture
	Feature 7: Sending anonymous electronic questions to the instructor during lecture
	Feature 9: Instructor shares students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC
	Feature 13: Reviewing the notes in the order that instructor/students wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke

Table 4: Overall Ratings of Features

When looking at the average ratings of different learners, all learners agree that the most important feature for tablet-based presentation systems is Feature 1 (instructors writing additional notes on top of slides). In addition, all three types of learners agree that Feature 6 (sending electronic questions to instructors) and Feature 7 (sending anonymous submissions to instructors) are not useful and have the lowest ratings compared to all other features offered by tablet-based presentation systems. It is also interesting to note that of the five features that participants found to be not useful in Table 4, four of those

features have to deal with electronic communication between instructor and students in the classroom. It seems like students tend to stick to what they are used to. Electronic communication during class time seems to require extra effort and time to adapt; therefore, students seem to be resistant to such change. Furthermore, some informal reports from users showed that users often have a difficult time setting up the necessary network for classroom communication. So this feature is simply not used in various cases.

9. CONTRIBUTIONS

In summary, the pilot study shows that participants with different learning styles do not have significantly different preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems. There were only 5 features that exhibited the greatest difference (7% and above) in preferences among different learning styles. These observations are further supported with the distribution of the survey. The chi-square test shows that the ratings for all of the listed features for tablet-based presentation systems have no statistical significant association with participants' learning styles. Hence, based on the findings of this research, the author concludes that there is no correlation between learning styles and tablet-based presentation systems. Students using these systems have approximately the same preferences despite learning style differences.

Since participants have similar preferences despite differences in learning styles, the research reveals some findings for students' overall preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems. According to the pilot study, all participants agree that on average, the most useful features are the following:

- Feature 15: Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text
- Feature 16: Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words
- Feature 18: Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on

The features that participants found to be not useful on average are:

- Feature 8: Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically
- Feature 9: Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC

According to the results from the survey, all learners agree that on average, the most useful feature is Feature 1 (Using the tablet PC, instructors can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas). Also, all participants, despite learning styles, agree on average that the two following features are not useful in the classroom:

- Feature 6: Sending instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture
- Feature 7: Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture

Table 4 also groups participants' ratings for each of the features into two categories: useful and not useful. This table shows participants' overall preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems despite learning styles.

10. RESEARCH VALIDATION

Even though the research was performed with careful organization and planning, there are a few weaknesses that must be addressed. The main concern is the validity of the learning styles assessment tools that were used in this study. The question is the following: how accurate are these tools in assessing learning styles? The Memletics Learning Styles Inventory was taken from a website online that offers free assessments. As the site claims, there are over 180,000 people who have done the test and the test seems to be helpful to these people.

Marcia Conner's learning styles test was also taken from a website for the Ageless Learner Corporation. Conner has published various books on learning, such as [13] which describes the learning styles model used in this research. Background information on Conner is provided below:

Marcia L. Conner is Managing Director of Ageless Learner and an advisor to schools, corporations, associations, and busy people throughout the world. She was a Senior Manager at Microsoft, where she developed groundbreaking training practices, and was the Information Futurist at PeopleSoft, where she led programs for individual and organizational effectiveness [13].

Even though Conner seems to have much knowledge in learning, many participants from the survey have commented that the questions in the learning styles test were confusing and hard to answer based on the choices that were provided.

Other than the validity of the learning styles assessment tools, the pilot study has some obvious problems. Because the sample size of the study was so small, it is very hard to take any conclusions yielded from the study to be valid. Also, participants involved in the study did not have enough time to fully experience the classroom environment with the use of tablet-based presentation systems. The mock lectures only lasted 30 minutes and most students had never used a tablet PC before taking part in the experiment. Studies that involve students experiencing tablet-based presentation systems in the classroom for a longer period of time could potentially provide more insights. However, it must be noted that the knowledge gained from carrying out the pilot study has aided the author in correcting some of its issues in the survey approach.

Finally, there are a couple of issues with the survey approach as well. In order to have enough data to perform the chi-square test, ratings with a 3 or below are grouped into the category “Not Useful.” Ratings with a 4 or 5 are grouped into the category “Useful.” One obvious problem with this approach is labeling the rating of 3 to be not useful. According to the distributed survey, the rating of 3 signifies no preference. By labeling this rating as not useful, it is not staying true to participants’ intentions when they rated these features. Another issue to address is that participants involved in the survey were given the incentive of earning extra credit for class. Perhaps this could cause a certain bias in the sample or not. There are two types of students who would want to earn extra credit: over-achievers who are trying to stay ahead and under-achievers who are trying to pass the class. By offering extra credit to participants, this could have actually helped the survey sample to be more diverse. In addition, the survey result is a

product of student's opinions of their own preferences and does not objectively evaluate the usefulness tablet-based presentation system features. Subjective ratings can suffer from biases and inaccurate assumptions from the participants giving them. Lastly, the tablet-based presentation system features chosen to be tested in this study were picked due to their popularity and commonality in most general presentation systems. This could cause this study to be incomprehensive and lacking some potentially important aspects of tablet-based presentation systems.

11. FUTURE WORK

There is some future work that could be done within this area of research. As shown in the previous chapter, there are various flaws that the current research has. A possible solution to these problems is to administer a similar survey with a larger sample size. By having a larger sample size, the ratings do not have to be grouped into two categories and they can have enough data to serve as individual categories themselves. Also, a different learning styles test could be used instead of the one used by this study. As mentioned, Marcia Conner's learning styles test is too narrow in scope and participants have mentioned that the questions are confusing and hard to answer. In addition, instead of asking participants to rate the "usefulness" of features, participants could rate based on whether or not they think tablets would help them perform better in the classroom. Explicitly stating the outcome can help frame the question being asked better and could potentially yield less abstract assumptions from the participants. Furthermore, researchers could track actual student performance when using different tablet features in the classroom. Performance tracking can eliminate subjective ratings of students and offer pure objective results. With these mentioned changes, perhaps more findings can be found and different conclusions can be reached.

If the flaws from this research are far less significant compared to the actual findings yielded by the pilot study and the survey, then it can be concluded that students of all learning styles have the same preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems. From here, more research can be done to explore what other features besides the ones covered by this paper can be useful to students in general. These features can be

features that are already available or possible features to be implemented in future tablet-based presentation systems.

Another research route that could be taken is to explore the correlation between personality types and tablet-based presentation systems. As mentioned earlier, understanding differences in students' personality can help instructors create a more balanced learning environment. Even though this paper has found that there is no correlation between learning styles and tablet-based presentation systems, perhaps personality types can offer different results and conclusions.

12. CONCLUSION

To reiterate the words of Felder, “understanding learning style differences is thus an important step in designing balanced instruction that is effective for all students [22].” For this reason, the purpose of this paper is to explore the correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles.

Two approaches were taken: the pilot study and the survey. As shown previously, the pilot study reveals that there is no significant difference in preferences for various learning styles when using tablet-based presentation systems. These results are not statistically valid due to the small sample size. Hence, the survey was conducted and distributed to numerous students. The survey shows that all listed tablet-based presentation system features have no statistically significant association with learning styles based on the chi-square test.

By combining all of the results yielded from the pilot study and the survey, this paper tentatively concludes that there is no correlation between tablet-based presentation systems and learning styles. In general, students have approximately the same preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems regardless of learning style differences. Even though the results prove a negative effect to the efforts of this paper, the research is still valid and very important. There is an ongoing belief that education should address all learning styles in order to create a well-balanced learning environment for students. However, there are times when learning styles are not as crucial and do not have to be considered in the classroom. As evidence, the results from this paper reveal that there is no correlation between students’ learning style differences and their

preferences when using tablet-based presentation systems in the classroom. With this knowledge, effort can be spent on exploring various ways to effectively use tablet-based presentation systems in the classroom without having to place much emphasis on learning style differences.

APPENDIX A: Survey on Tablet PCs and Learning Styles

Survey on Tablet PCs and Learning Styles

The purpose of this survey is to explore how useful tablet-based presentation systems are to address the needs of students with different learning styles. Examples of tablet-based presentation systems include [Classroom Presenter](#), [Ubiquitous Presenter](#), and [OneNote](#). Therefore, the first 12 questions are used to determine your learning style (I apologize if the questions seem confusing. Just try your best!). The rest of the questions focuses on the different features that tablet-based presentation systems have to offer. Please answer these questions based on either your personal experience with using the tablet PC or your preference if you were to use a tablet PC.

Please note that the information you provide will be shared with the public for the sole purpose of data analysis and educational research. Your identity will remain anonymous and your privacy will not be violated in any way.

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View this assessment online at <http://www.agelesslearner.com/assess/learningstyle.html>

1) When I try to concentrate...

- I grow distracted by clutter or movement, and I notice things around me other people don't notice.
- I get distracted by sounds, and I attempt to control the amount and type of noise around me.
- I become distracted by commotion, and I tend to retreat inside myself.

2) When I visualize...

- I see vivid, detailed pictures in my thoughts.
- I think in voices and sounds.
- I see images in my thoughts that involve movement.

3) When I talk with others...

- I find it difficult to listen for very long.
- I enjoy listening, or I get impatient to talk myself.
- I gesture and communicate with my hands.

4) When I contact people...

- I prefer face-to-face meetings.
- I prefer speaking by telephone for serious conversations.

- I prefer to interact while walking or participating in some activity.
- 5) When I see an acquaintance...
- I forget names but remember faces, and I tend to replay where we met for the first time.
 - I know people's names and I can usually quote what we discussed.
 - I remember what we did together and I may almost "feel" our time together.
- 6) When I relax...
- I watch TV, see a play, visit an exhibit, or go to a movie.
 - I listen to the radio, play music, read, or talk with a friend.
 - I play sports, make crafts, or build something with my hands.
- 7) When I read...
- I like descriptive examples and I may pause to imagine the scene.
 - I enjoy the narrative most and I can almost "hear" the characters talk.
 - I prefer action-oriented stories, but I do not often read for pleasure.
- 8) When I spell...
- I envision the word in my mind or imagine what the word looks like when written.
 - I sound out the word, sometimes aloud, and tend to recall rules about letter order.
 - I get a feel for the word by writing it out or pretending to type it.
- 9) When I do something new...
- I seek out demonstrations, pictures, or diagrams.
 - I want verbal and written instructions, and to talk it over with someone else.
 - I jump right in to try it, keep trying, and try different approaches.
- 10) When I assemble an object...
- I look at the picture first and then, maybe, read the directions.
 - I read the directions, or I talk aloud as I work.
 - I usually ignore the directions and figure it out as I go along.
- 11) When I interpret someone's mood...
- I examine facial expressions.
 - I rely on listening to tone of voice.

- I focus on body language.
- 12) When I teach other people...
- I show them.
 - I tell them, write it out, or I ask them a series of questions.
 - I demonstrate how it is done and then ask them to try.

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13) Have you had experience with using a tablet PC in the classroom? If No, please skip the next 3 questions

- Yes
- No

14) What version of the tablet PC are you using?

15) What type of courses are you using the tablet PC for?

16) What software do you use to capture notes in the classroom?

17) Please rate the following features based on your preference when using the tablet PC in the classroom lecture environment. If you've never had experience with using a tablet PC before, please answer these questions based on what you would want if you were to use one in the future.

	Strongly not useful	Not useful	No preference	Useful	Strongly useful
Using the tablet PC, instructors	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the tablet PC, instructors can	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the tablet PC, instructors can	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the tablet PC, instructors can	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the tablet PC, instructors can	<input type="checkbox"/> Using the tablet PC, instructors can

can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas	handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas Strongly not useful	handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas Not useful	handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas No preference	handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas Useful	handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas Strongly useful
Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC	 Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC Strongly not useful	 Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC Not useful	 Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC No preference	 Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC Useful	 Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC Strongly useful
Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture	 Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture Strongly not useful	 Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture Not useful	 Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture No preference	 Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture Useful	 Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture Strongly useful
Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC	 Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC Strongly not useful	 Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC Not useful	 Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC No preference	 Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC Useful	 Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC Strongly useful
Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations	 Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations Strongly not useful	 Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations Not useful	 Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations No preference	 Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations Useful	 Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations Strongly useful
Sending instant	 Sending	 Sending	 Sending	 Sending	 Sending

electronic questions to instructors during lecture	instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture Strongly not useful	instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture Not useful	instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture No preference	instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture Useful	instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture Strongly useful
Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture	Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture Strongly not useful	Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture Not useful	Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture No preference	Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture Useful	Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture Strongly useful
Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically	Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically Strongly not useful	Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically Not useful	Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically No preference	Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically Useful	Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically Strongly useful
Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC	Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC Strongly not useful	Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC Not useful	Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC No preference	Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC Useful	Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC Strongly useful
Recording instructors' voices during lecture	Recording instructors' voices during lecture Strongly not useful	Recording instructors' voices during lecture Not useful	Recording instructors' voices during lecture No preference	Recording instructors' voices during lecture Useful	Recording instructors' voices during lecture Strongly useful
When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the	When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during	When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during	When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during	When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during	When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during

notes that you took during class	class Strongly not useful	class Not useful	class No preference	class Useful	class Strongly useful
Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text	 Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text Strongly not useful	 Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text Not useful	 Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text No preference	 Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text Useful	 Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text Strongly useful
Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke	 Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke Strongly not useful	 Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke Not useful	 Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke No preference	 Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke Useful	 Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke Strongly useful
Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture	 Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture Strongly not useful	 Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture Not useful	 Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture No preference	 Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture Useful	 Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture Strongly useful
Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text	 Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text Strongly not useful	 Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text Not useful	 Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text No preference	 Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text Useful	 Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text Strongly useful
Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words	 Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words Strongly not useful	 Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words Not useful	 Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words No preference	 Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words Useful	 Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for key words Strongly useful

Having access to blank slides to take additional notes	 Having access to blank slides to take additional notes Strongly not useful	 Having access to blank slides to take additional notes Not useful	 Having access to blank slides to take additional notes No preference	 Having access to blank slides to take additional notes Useful	 Having access to blank slides to take additional notes Strongly useful
Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on	 Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on Strongly not useful	 Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on Not useful	 Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on No preference	 Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on Useful	 Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on Strongly useful
Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC	 Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC Strongly not useful	 Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC Not useful	 Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC No preference	 Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC Useful	 Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC Strongly useful
Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen	 Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen Strongly not useful	 Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen Not useful	 Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen No preference	 Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen Useful	 Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen Strongly useful
Changing to different color ink when taking notes	 Changing to different color ink when taking notes Strongly not useful	 Changing to different color ink when taking notes Not useful	 Changing to different color ink when taking notes No preference	 Changing to different color ink when taking notes Useful	 Changing to different color ink when taking notes Strongly useful
Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students	 Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students Strongly not useful	 Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students Not useful	 Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students No preference	 Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students Useful	 Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students Strongly useful

Additional comments:

By submitting this survey, I acknowledge that the information I have provided will be shared with the public for the sole purpose of data analysis and educational research. My identity will remain anonymous and my privacy will not be violated in any way.

[Submit Survey](#)

APPENDIX B: Minitab Output for Survey

Feature 1: Using the tablet PC, instructors can handwrite additional notes on top of slides to illustrate difficult concepts or to give explanations of important ideas

Tabulated statistics: C1, C2

Rows: C1 Columns: C2

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	7 8.75	73 91.25	80 100.00
Tactile	6 10.34	52 89.66	58 100.00
Visual	14 5.83	226 94.17	240 100.00
All	27 7.14	351 92.86	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
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Pearson Chi-Square = 1.829, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.401
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 1.746, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.418

* NOTE * 1 cells with expected counts less than 5

Feature 2: Capturing instructors' handwritten notes during lecture using the tablet PC

Tabulated statistics: C1, C3

Rows: C1 Columns: C3

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	11 13.75	69 86.25	80 100.00
Tactile	10 17.24	48 82.76	58 100.00
Visual	38 15.83	202 84.17	240 100.00
All	59 15.61	319 84.39	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
 % of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.336, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.845
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.340, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.843

Feature 3: Sending instant electronic responses to students' questions or comments during lecture

Tabulated statistics: C1, C4

Rows: C1 Columns: C4

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	43 53.75	37 46.25	80 100.00
Tactile	40 68.97	18 31.03	58 100.00
Visual	126 52.50	114 47.50	240 100.00
All	209 55.29	169 44.71	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 5.220, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.074
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 5.367, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.068

Feature 4: Handwriting your own digital notes on top of lecture slides using the tablet PC

Tabulated statistics: C1, C5

Rows: C1 Columns: C5

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	12 15.00	68 85.00	80 100.00
Tactile	9 15.52	49 84.48	58 100.00
Visual	21 8.75	219 91.25	240 100.00
All	42 11.11	336 88.89	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 3.720, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.156
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 3.597, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.166

Feature 5: Separate views for lecture notes with instructors' annotations and lecture notes with your own annotations

Tabulated statistics: C1, C6

Rows: C1 Columns: C6

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	25 31.25	55 68.75	80 100.00
Tactile	22 37.93	36 62.07	58 100.00
Visual	71 29.58	169 70.42	240 100.00
All	118 31.22	260 68.78	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
 % of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 1.516, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.469
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 1.478, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.478

Feature 6: Sending instant electronic questions to instructors during lecture

Tabulated statistics: C1, C7

Rows: C1 Columns: C7

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	52 65.00	28 35.00	80 100.00
Tactile	35 60.34	23 39.66	58 100.00
Visual	160 66.67	80 33.33	240 100.00
All	247 65.34	131 34.66	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
 % of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.830, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.660
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.818, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.664

Feature 7: Sending anonymous electronic questions to instructors during lecture

Tabulated statistics: C1, C8

Rows: C1 Columns: C8

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	50 62.50	30 37.50	80 100.00
Tactile	35 60.34	23 39.66	58 100.00
Visual	151 62.92	89 37.08	240 100.00
All	236 62.43	142 37.57	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.132, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.936
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.131, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.937

Feature 8: Taking real-time quizzes or assessments on the tablet PC and submit them to the instructor electronically

Tabulated statistics: C1, C9

Rows: C1 Columns: C9

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	31 38.75	49 61.25	80 100.00
Tactile	25 43.10	33 56.90	58 100.00
Visual	101 42.08	139 57.92	240 100.00
All	157 41.53	221 58.47	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.344, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.842
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.346, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.841

Feature 9: Instructors share students' electronic submissions to the class via the tablet PC

Tabulated statistics: C1, C10

Rows: C1 Columns: C10

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	42 52.50	38 47.50	80 100.00
Tactile	37 63.79	21 36.21	58 100.00
Visual	131 54.58	109 45.42	240 100.00
All	210 55.56	168 44.44	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 1.988, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.370
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 2.015, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.365

Feature 10: Recording instructors' voices during lecture

Tabulated statistics: C1, C11

Rows: C1 Columns: C11

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	30 37.50	50 62.50	80 100.00
Tactile	26 44.83	32 55.17	58 100.00
Visual	93 38.75	147 61.25	240 100.00
All	149 39.42	229 60.58	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.879, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.644
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.870, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.647

Feature 11: When reviewing lecture notes, recorded instructors' voices are synchronized with the slide you are on and the notes that you took during class

Tabulated statistics: C1, C12

Rows: C1 Columns: C12

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	20 25.00	60 75.00	80 100.00
Tactile	18 31.03	40 68.97	58 100.00
Visual	65 27.08	175 72.92	240 100.00
All	103 27.25	275 72.75	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 0.627, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.731
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.619, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.734

Feature 12: Using speech recognition capabilities to convert instructors' voices to text

Tabulated statistics: C1, C13

Rows: C1 Columns: C13

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	38 47.50	42 52.50	80 100.00
Tactile	32 55.17	26 44.83	58 100.00
Visual	142 59.17	98 40.83	240 100.00
All	212 56.08	166 43.92	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
% of Row

Pearson Chi-Square = 3.339, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.188
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 3.323, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.190

Feature 13: Reviewing your notes in the order that you wrote them by using the tablet PC to replay the handwritten notes stroke-by-stroke

Tabulated statistics: C1, C14

Rows: C1 Columns: C14

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	41 51.25	39 48.75	80 100.00
Tactile	33 56.90	25 43.10	58 100.00
Visual	129 53.75	111 46.25	240 100.00
All	203 53.70	175 46.30	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 0.432, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.806
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.432, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.806

Feature 14: Ink strokes change color over time to differentiate notes taken during different periods of the lecture

Tabulated statistics: C1, C15

Rows: C1 Columns: C15

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	29 36.25	51 63.75	80 100.00
Tactile	27 46.55	31 53.45	58 100.00
Visual	111 46.25	129 53.75	240 100.00
All	167 44.18	211 55.82	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 2.589, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.274
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 2.623, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.269

Feature 15: Handwritten notes using the tablet PC are automatically converted to printed text

Tabulated statistics: C1, C16

Rows: C1 Columns: C16

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	39 48.75	41 51.25	80 100.00
Tactile	29 50.00	29 50.00	58 100.00
Visual	130 54.17	110 45.83	240 100.00
All	198 52.38	180 47.62	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 0.861, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.650
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.861, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.650

Feature 16: Using the tablet PC to search through handwritten notes for keywords

Tabulated statistics: C1, C17

Rows: C1 Columns: C17

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	24 30.00	56 70.00	80 100.00
Tactile	17 29.31	41 70.69	58 100.00
Visual	84 35.00	156 65.00	240 100.00
All	125 33.07	253 66.93	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 1.115, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.573
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 1.125, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.570

Feature 17: Having access to blank slides to take additional notes

Tabulated statistics: C1, C18

Rows: C1 Columns: C18

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	9 11.25	71 88.75	80 100.00
Tactile	11 18.97	47 81.03	58 100.00
Visual	27 11.25	213 88.75	240 100.00
All	47 12.43	331 87.57	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 2.685, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.261
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 2.425, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.297

Feature 18: Navigating through all lecture slides without being restricted to the slide that the instructor is lecturing on

Tabulated statistics: C1, C19

Rows: C1 Columns: C19

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	15 18.75	65 81.25	80 100.00
Tactile	12 20.69	46 79.31	58 100.00
Visual	37 15.42	203 84.58	240 100.00
All	64 16.93	314 83.07	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
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Pearson Chi-Square = 1.162, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.559
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 1.136, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.567

Feature 19: Highlighting key words or ideas using the tablet PC

Tabulated statistics: C1, C20

Rows: C1 Columns: C20

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	9 11.25	71 88.75	80 100.00
Tactile	7 12.07	51 87.93	58 100.00
Visual	27 11.25	213 88.75	240 100.00
All	43 11.38	335 88.62	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 0.033, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.984
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.032, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.984

Feature 20: Erasing ink marks or strokes written using the tablet pen

Tabulated statistics: C1, C21

Rows: C1 Columns: C21

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	5 6.25	75 93.75	80 100.00
Tactile	8 13.79	50 86.21	58 100.00
Visual	21 8.75	219 91.25	240 100.00
All	34 8.99	344 91.01	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 2.385, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.303
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 2.258, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.323

Feature 21: Changing to different color ink when taking notes

Tabulated statistics: C1, C22

Rows: C1 Columns: C22

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	6 7.50	74 92.50	80 100.00
Tactile	7 12.07	51 87.93	58 100.00
Visual	20 8.33	220 91.67	240 100.00
All	33 8.73	345 91.27	378 100.00

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Pearson Chi-Square = 1.011, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.603
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.940, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.625

Feature 22: Peer-to-peer networking of tablet PCs to allow you to share applications or chat with your instructors or other students

Tabulated statistics: C1, C23

Rows: C1 Columns: C23

	Not Useful	Useful	All
Auditory	36 45.00	44 55.00	80 100.00
Tactile	27 46.55	31 53.45	58 100.00
Visual	111 46.25	129 53.75	240 100.00
All	174 46.03	204 53.97	378 100.00

Cell Contents: Count
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Pearson Chi-Square = 0.045, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.978
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 0.045, DF = 2, P-Value = 0.978

APPENDIX C: Statistical Analysis for Survey

Average Rating for Visual

Statistical Analysis for Visual Learners (241 Sample Size)				
Features	Mode	Median	Mean	Stdev
1	5	5	4.55	0.79
2	5	4	4.20	0.95
3	3	3	3.44	1.05
4	5	5	4.47	0.90
5	4	4	3.91	1.00
6	3	3	3.13	1.01
7	3	3	3.23	1.05
8	4	4	3.56	0.97
9	3	3	3.39	0.99
10	4	4	3.75	1.05
11	5	4	4.08	0.99
12	3	3	3.43	1.10
13	3	3	3.42	1.10
14	3	4	3.59	1.09
15	3	3	3.38	1.09
16	4	4	3.80	0.97
17	5	4	4.29	0.85
18	4	4	4.18	0.83
19	5	4.5	4.34	0.83
20	5	5	4.44	0.85
21	5	5	4.48	0.81
22	3	4	3.60	1.02

Average Ratings for Auditory

Statistical Analysis for Auditory Learners (82 sample size)				
Features	Mode	Median	Mean	Stdev
1	5	5	4.49	0.78
2	4	4	4.20	0.83
3	3	3	3.51	1.03
4	5	5	4.45	0.81
5	5	4	3.98	0.99
6	3	3	3.26	0.96
7	3	3	3.25	1.06
8	4	4	3.70	0.86
9	3	3	3.54	0.79
10	4	4	3.74	0.99
11	5	4	4.16	0.86
12	3	4	3.59	1.14
13	4	3	3.39	1.07
14	4	4	3.78	0.98
15	3	4	3.53	0.93
16	4	4	3.99	0.77
17	5	4.5	4.39	0.68
18	4	4	4.15	0.81
19	5	5	4.40	0.76
20	5	5	4.56	0.61
21	5	5	4.51	0.64
22	3	4	3.71	1.03

Average Ratings for Tactile

Statistical Analysis for Tactile Learners (59 Sample Size)				
Features	Mode	Median	Mean	Stdev
1	5	5	4.38	0.83
2	4	4	4.09	1.05
3	3	3	3.10	1.05
4	5	5	4.33	0.98
5	4	4	3.74	0.91
6	3	3	3.16	1.09
7	3	3	3.07	1.14
8	4	4	3.59	1.06
9	3	3	3.22	0.86
10	4	4	3.59	1.16
11	4	4	3.91	1.01
12	3	3	3.40	1.11
13	3	3	3.29	0.96
14	4	4	3.47	1.01
15	3	3.5	3.41	1.08
16	4	4	3.91	0.90
17	4	4	4.09	0.84
18	4	4	4.09	0.82
19	4	4	4.22	0.82
20	5	5	4.36	0.83
21	5	4	4.31	0.80
22	3	4	3.57	1.11

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