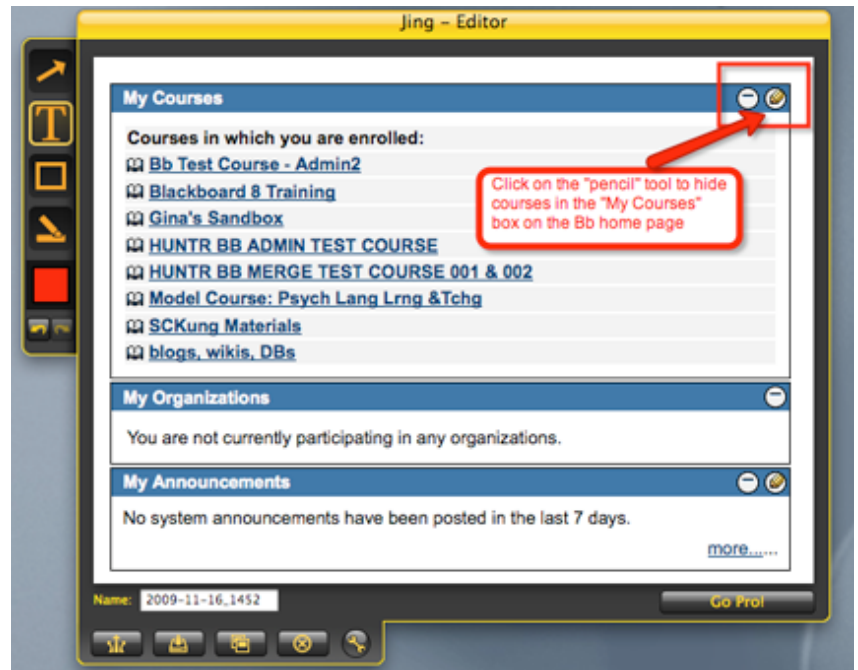


### What is Jing?

Jing is a free tool that allows you to create screen shots (pictures of your computer screen) and screencasts (movies of what you see and do on your computer screen). Screen shots, which are saved in PNG format, can be annotated with lines, arrows, highlighting, and text. Screencasts, which are saved as flash videos, can be up to 5 minutes long and can be recorded with or without audio narration (see “[About Screencasting](#)” document). Both screen shots and screencasts can be saved locally on your computer or uploaded to the Jing server, allowing you to share them via a URL or embed them in a web site such as Blackboard, so that they are displayed directly on the screen. Jing is available for both Windows and Mac platforms.



*Using the Jing editor to annotate a screen shot.*

Jing Pro, available for a small yearly fee, has a number of additional features and options: it allows you to save videos as MPEG4 files; allows you to record video from a webcam, and makes it easier to share videos on sites such as YouTube and Vimeo.

### How can Jing enhance teaching and learning?

Screencasts have been used in a wide variety of disciplines, including chemistry, English, psychology, and art history. Instructors have used screencasts to create tutorials for students to illustrate class concepts; comment verbally on student work; give students guided tours of web sites (e.g., how to navigate the U.S. Census site or how to find a foreign language newspaper); comment on a photograph, work of art, or other image displayed on the computer screen; and show students how to perform tasks in applications such as Blackboard.

### How can I get started?

You can download Jing from the TechSmith website at <http://www.jingproject.com/>. The Jing Help Center (<http://help.jingproject.com/>) contains a number of short instructional videos on how to use Jing and a “[Getting Started Guide](#)” in pdf format. If you would like additional assistance, please contact the Technology Resource Center in C104 Hunter North at [training@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:training@hunter.cuny.edu) or 212-650-3358.