

NOVACHAT: Using the Whiteboard



Important Functions

Below are the main Functions buttons on the NOVA chat devices:

Menu Button  /  /  allows you to determine which vocabulary file will be used, which augmentative options are enabled, how and when to speak messages, and how a wide variety of other options are configured.

Home Button  /  /  navigates out of Chat software to the Home screen of the Android software.

Back Button  /  /  navigates to previous page or to previous Menu. Pressing and holding the Back button also reveals the Chat software menu.

 Click [HERE](#) to download Chat Editor

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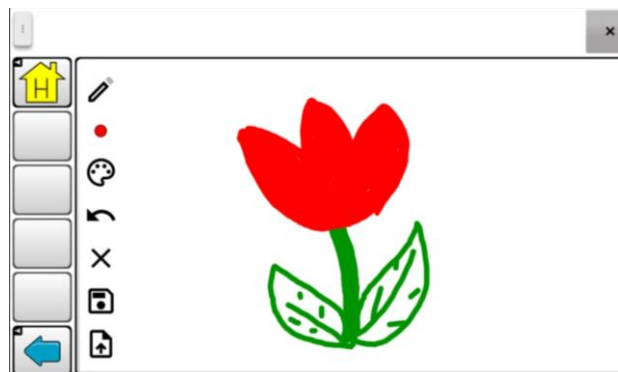
In version 2.38 the Whiteboard feature was introduced into the WordPower vocabularies and can be used to encourage creativity and allow the user to express themselves.

To access the Whiteboard, select **Groups > School > Whiteboard**.

Using the Whiteboard

Whiteboards can only be used by direct access users and are not compatible with switches.

Use your finger or a stylus to draw across the screen.



- Changing the Line Size** 

To change the size of the line you are drawing with press the dot underneath the Pencil icon. There are 3 sizes to choose from – thin, medium & thick.
- Changing Colours** 

To change the colour of the line press on the palette icon and select the colour you wish to use.
- Undo Changes/Erase**  

Press the “undo” icon to undo the last changes made. You can press this as many times as needed. You can also press on the Pencil icon to put it into eraser mode and press on the start of the line you wish to remove.
- Clear Board** 

Press the X to clear the board, ready to start again!

- Saving Your Picture** 

Press the disk icon to save your masterpiece to your device. Give your creation a name and press Save.
- Loading a Picture** 

If you want to show off your latest creations press the load icon to open your images. Select the image that you want to view to load into the Whiteboard.

Backing up your Whiteboard Files

Whiteboard files will not be saved when carrying out a normal vocabulary backup. To back up your Whiteboard files:

1. Select **Menu > Application Settings > System > User Backup/Restore**.
2. Select **User Backup** and name the file appropriately with the users initials and todays date (i.e. KB User Backup 15092022).
3. Select **Save**.
4. In the Android File Manager system navigate to where you want to save your file and select **Save**, then **OK** when the backup has finished.

Loading your User Data

To load your user data (including your Whiteboard files):

1. Select **Menu > Application Settings > System > User Backup/Restore**.
2. Select **User Restore** and navigate to where your saved file is stored.
3. Select the backup file. A warning will appear stating that this will overwrite existing data – select **Yes**.
4. Select **OK** to restart the NovaChat software, the **OK** again. Your backup has been restored.

NOTE: Whiteboards can also be found in the Communication Journey Aphasia vocabularies by accessing the Keyboard & Calendar page and selecting Whiteboards.