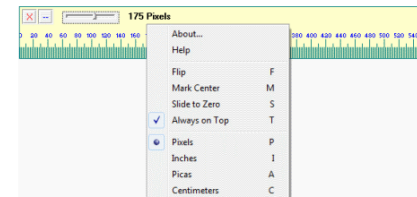**Ruler**

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Ruler

On screen rulers can be used in a variety of ways. They can be used to measure objects on the screen, to provide focus to the line of text they are reading, or simply to cover over text. Since the ruler is virtual the student doesn't need to worry about dropping it, they can be positioned on screen with a mouse or moved using the arrow keys on the keyboard for more precise positioning, especially for students with physical access issues.

Figure to the right shows using a virtual ruler to measure an item in a picture on my computer screen.

Free on-screen ruler for Windows:
- http://www.arulerforwindows.com/
- http://www.spadixbd.com/freetools/jruler.htm
- Listing of on-screen rulers - http://listoffreeware.com/list-best-free-screen-rulers/
- http://www.iconico.com/caliper/ (screen caliper)

Free on-screen ruler for Mac OSX
- http://www.pascal.com/software/freeruler/
- http://xscopeapp.com/
- http://www.iconico.com/caliper/ (screen caliper)

iPad Apps
- Ruler Pro
- Ruler Pro for iPhone, iPad
- Ruler
- A+ Camera Ruler (uses camera to measure viewable objects)
- iCamera Protractor
- RulerPhone - Photo Measuring (uses camera)

Chromebook Apps and Extensions
- Edge: The Web Ruler (app)
- Accurate Ruler (app)
- Page ruler (extension)
- Reading Ruler - highlights line of text while reading, use arrow key to move

Android Apps
- Smart Ruler
- Ruler Lite
- Ruler (photo ruler)
- Camera ruler
- Ruler App