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Best practices for gestures and tools

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Overview
With a SMART Board 800 series interactive whiteboard, you can perform mouse functions with your finger, and write and erase digital ink with a pen tray pen or the eraser. The object awareness feature enables you to pick up a pen, and then write, select or erase without replacing the pen.

Details
Follow these guidelines to achieve the best results when you use gestures and tools with your interactive whiteboard.

- Hold your fingers perpendicular (90°) to the interactive surface at the contact point.
- Keep your other hand, your elbows and loose clothing away from the interactive surface because they can generate unintentional commands.

- Keep your thumb and other fingers away from the interactive surface because they can generate unintentional commands.

- For “click” commands, quickly tap your finger on the interactive surface. Between presses, lift your finger away from the interactive surface so that your finger is out of the interactive whiteboard cameras' view.

- For “erase” commands, use your flattened hand, your palm or the bottom of your fist.
When using the pen tray’s eraser, use the wide surface for large areas, and use the smaller, angled surface for smaller areas. Don’t use the edge of the eraser because this could be interpreted incorrectly.