# **Engaging Your Class Through Social Media**

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# Agenda

- What is social media?
- Examples of social media
  - What
  - Why
  - How
- Wrap up



### What is social media?

"Forms of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content. Examples include web sites for social networking and microblogging."

- Merriam Webster Dictionary

### What is social media?

"Social media are media for social interaction, using highly accessible and scalable communication techniques. Social media is the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into interactive dialogue."

- Wikipedia

### What is social media?

- "... and we'd like to hear your best answer in 140 characters or less to 'What is social media?'" - Mashable
  - "Information funneled to users from all angles."
    - Sarah Thomson
  - "Social media is a multi-way platform where participants engage, converge and collaborate through multi social interaction" -Muhammad Jehanzaib
  - "In other words, you want us to give you ideas for something you should be doing. Lame." - annom

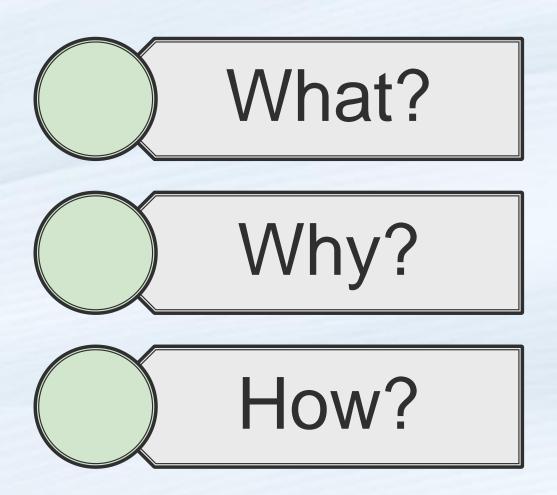
# Social media

# Examples of social media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Poll Everywhere
- Google Docs
- Wikis
- VoiceThread



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# What is facebook?

- Social Networking site
- Contains pages for individuals, institutions, bands, stores, etc.
- Can form groups of individuals for a common purpose or interest
- "Friendship" is reciprocal
- www.facebook.com

# Why should you use facebook?

- Your students are on Facebook
- Privacy
  - Multiple accounts
  - Groups
- Encourages peer-to-peer interaction
- Free!

# How to use facebook:

- Groups
- Instructor account
- Class page
- Status updates with announcements, deadlines, etc.
- Students post questions, answers, or even items (photos, artwork) for peer critique

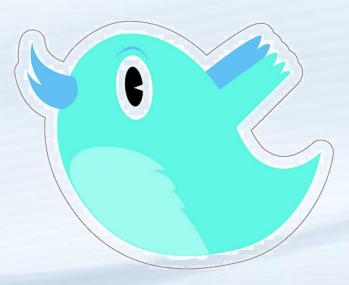


### What is #Twitter?

- Microblogging site
- Send 140 character public or direct messages
- Based on the concept of following
- Follows are not reciprocal
- Your followers receive what you tweet out, you receive the tweets of those you follow
- Can also follow topics, sorted by hash tags
- www.twitter.com

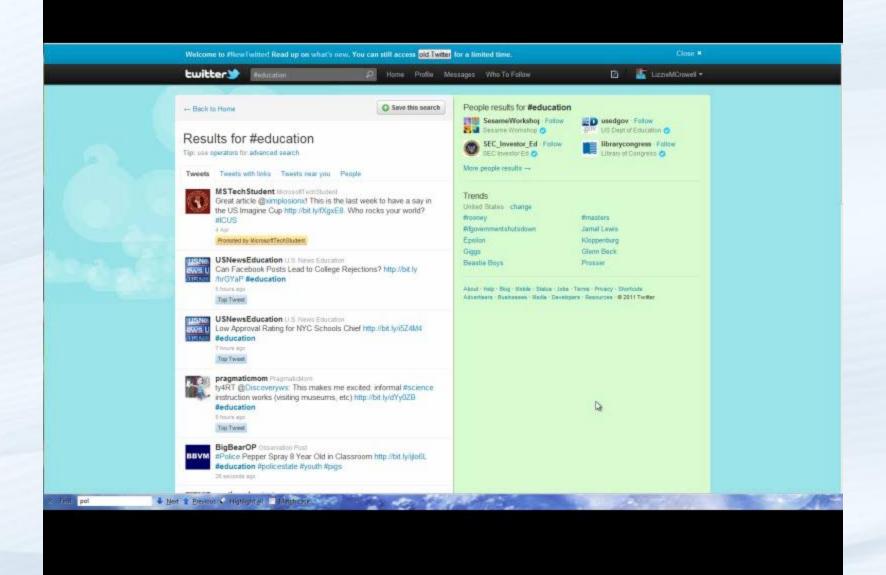
# Why should you use Twitter?

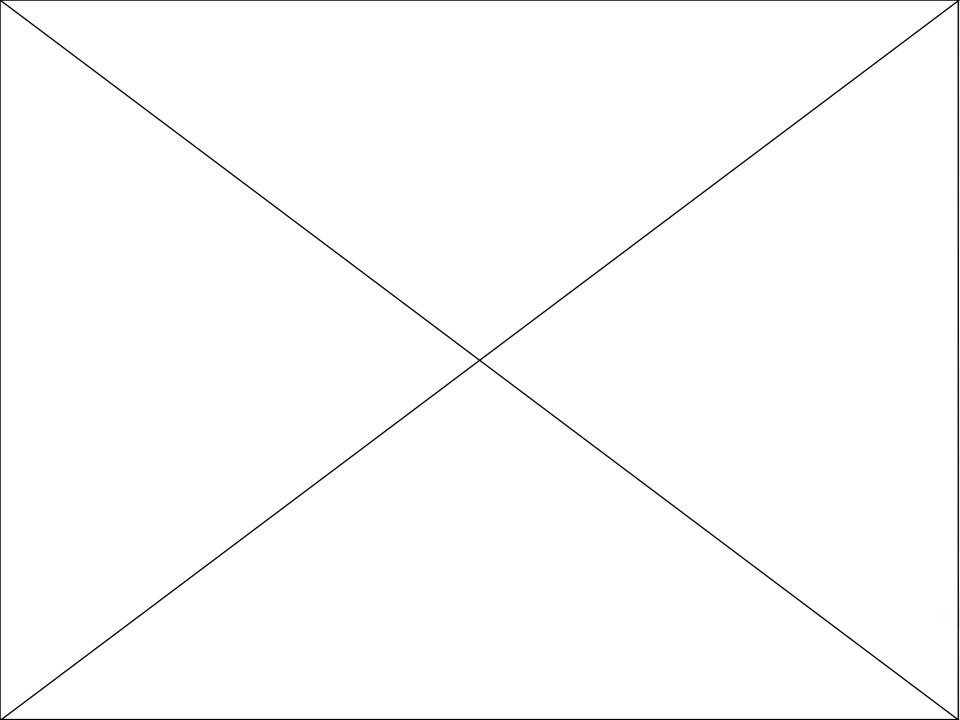
- Quickly rising in popularity
- Not divulging personal information
- Ease: can tweet from phone, computer, and tweets are automatically sent to followers
- Free!



### How to use Twitter:

- Use hash tags (#) categorize tweets
- Tweet out announcements, deadlines, questions, links, etc.
- Use in assignments or in class
  - Students tweet as if they were a historical personality/literary character
  - Students post comments, questions during lecture to expand on discussion





# What is Poll Everywhere?

- Poll that can be answered from cell phones, twitter, and the internet
- Set up as a slide, share on Facebook, Twitter, link to it
- Students answer anonymously
- Live results
- www.polleverywhere.com

### Why should you use Poll Everywhere?

- Interactive
- Easy to create
- Students can text during class
- Instant information
- Anonymous
- Free!

# How to use Poll Everywhere:

- Assess students over class material
  - Pretest
  - Review
- Student opinion
- Information gathering

#### **Instant Audience Feedback**





#### What is Poll Everywhere?

The fastest way to create stylish real-time experiences for events using mobile devices

Poll Everywhere replaces expensive proprietary audience response hardware with standard web technology. It's the easiest way to gather live responses in any venue: conferences, presentations, classrooms, radio, tv, print - anywhere. It can help you to raise money by letting people pledge via text messaging. And because it works internationally with texting, web, or Twitter, its simplicity and flexibility are earning rave reviews.

#### How do people use it?

#### Who uses Poll Everywhere?

Presenters, ad agencies, educators, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and more

Google, McDonalds, Oracle, MIT, Notre Dame, the US Census, Saddleback Church and many others have all used Poll Everywhere. Outside of meetings and the classroom, Poll Everywhere has proven itself as a cost-effective tool for agencies in television, radio, and print campaigns. We are spam-free. Participants will never receive unsolicited text messages, and audience phone numbers are kept private.

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# What are Google Docs?

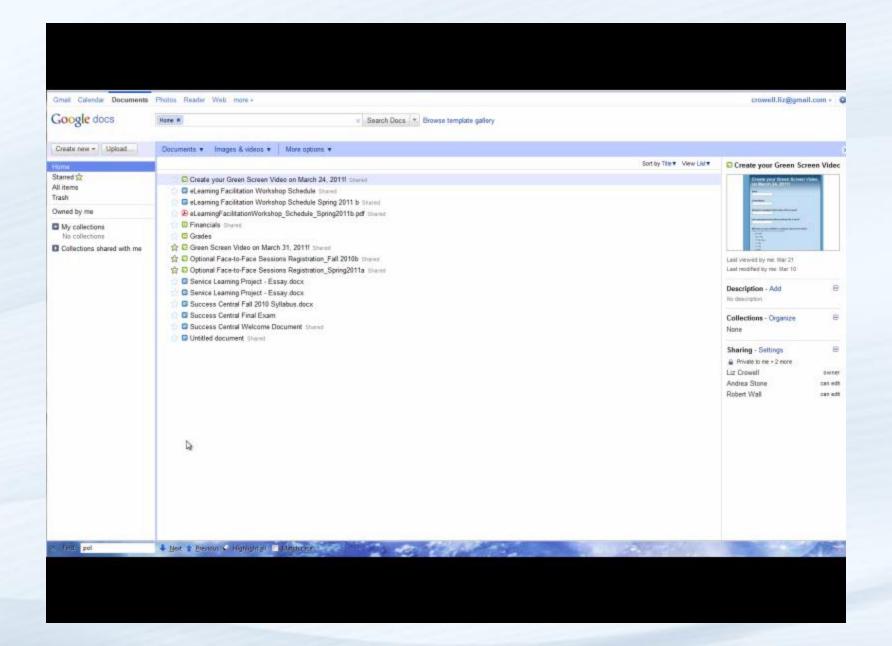
- Collaborative, editable documents stored on your Google account
- Word documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, forms
- Private or shared (based on permissions)
- http://docs.google.com

### Why should you use Google Docs?

- Collaborative nature
- Accessible from everywhere
- Compatible with Microsoft Office
- Edit in real time
- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Free!

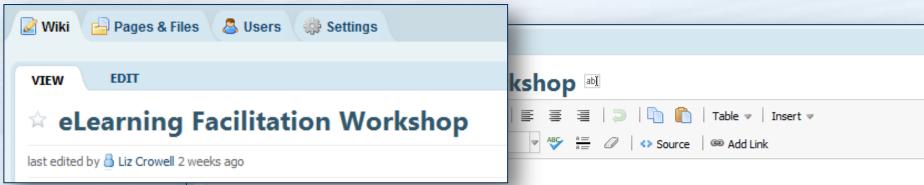
# How to use Google Docs:

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### What are Wikis?

- Collaborative web pages
- Editable by multiple users
- Private or public
- http://pbworks.com



### Welcome to the eLearning Facilitation Workshop Wiki

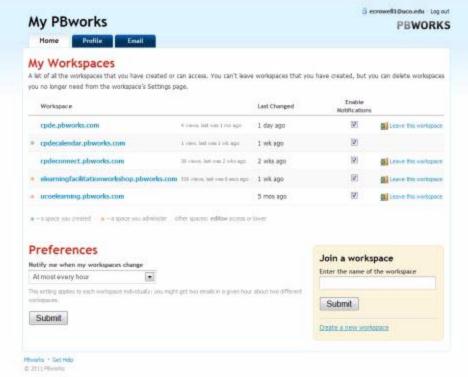
We will use this wiki workspace to collaborate and share ideas throughout the workshop. If you below or contact me by using the Mail Tool in the course.

# Why should you use Wikis?

- Collaborative and editable
- All files and pages are stored in the wiki
- Allows for comments
- Synchronous or asynchronous
- Free!

### How to use Wikis:

- Assign collaborative group projects
- Encourage peer review using the comments feature
- Build an online community using personal pages



### What is VoiceThread?

- Voice-based discussion board
- Use computer microphone, webcam, phone, or keyboard
- Post images, documents, or use the "whiteboard" feature
- http://voicethread.com

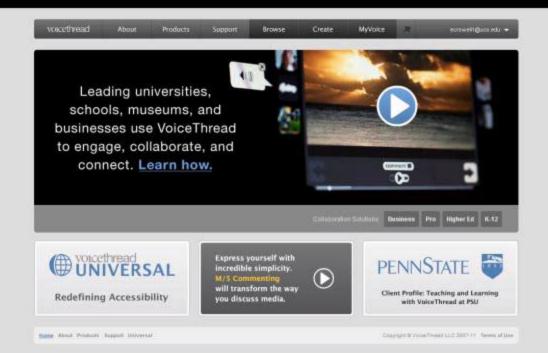


### Why should you use VoiceThread?

- More interactive than just a written discussion
- Discuss documents, art
- Embed in WebCT
- Make comments, draw diagrams, etc.
- Increases interactivity
- Nothing to download
- Asynchronous
- Free!

### How to use VoiceThread:

- Classes with major online components
- Post diagrams, artwork
- Have students comment and reply using their voices or writing



### Engaging Your Class Through Social Media

- Definition focused on collaboration, and the internet
- Examples: Facebook, Twitter, Poll Everywhere, Google Docs, Wikis, and VoiceThread.
- As instructors, we can use these media to engage our students.

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