From Tweets to Wikis: Fostering Engaged Enquiry in Large Lectures
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**Twitter**

**What is it?** Twitter is an online social networking and microblogging tool. Twitter accounts can be public or private, and hashtags can be used to identify specific interests and topics.

**How can it be used?** Twitter can be used as a way to disseminate information and to foster discussion. In large lectures, Twitter can be a collaborative notetaking tool to share insights and ask questions.

**What are available resources?** Social media management tools like Hootsuite and Tweetdeck can help manage Twitter accounts and track ongoing discussions via hashtags.

**Wiki**

**What is it?** A wiki is an online space that allows individuals to add, modify, or delete content in collaboration with others. Wikis can be public (Wikipedia) or private (Blackboard).

**How can it be used?** In large lectures, wikis can be a way for students to collaboratively construct their knowledge on a particular topic and cite relevant resources.

**What are available resources?** Wikis are included in Blackboard. Other options include using Wikispaces or Google Sites, particularly if it needs to be publicly available outside of the unit.