# 10 Tips for Designing and Teaching a HyFlex Course

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# My classes

- 1. 400 600 students across two sections each semester
- 2. Financial Accounting (Principles I)
- 3.90% are NOT accounting majors

# My HyFlex class development timeline

- Pre-2005: Used paper-based activities in class
- 2006: Added clicker questions in class
- •2010: Started recording class for student reference only
- 2012: Formally added live online option & polling questions
- 2018: Added asynchronous option with polling

# Design process

- Design asynchronous course as usual
- Map out activities for synchronous class sessions
  - ✓ Support asynchronous activities
  - ✓ Engage students
  - ✓ Build instructor presence
- Allow time in first few weeks to acclimate students to everything in class

# Assignments

- Lecture videos
- Homework exercises
- Excel exercises
- Data analytics projects
- Quizzes
- Exams
- Polling questions
- Discussions/activities (in classes <50)</li>

# Exams in an online environment

- Moved away from proctored exams
- Reduced weight of exams
- Added additional assessments
- Students can drop one lowest exam score
- Designed a lot of graded practice into the course

# Rollout technology over 1st ≈ 3 weeks

- Microsoft Teams (LMS)
- Microsoft Teams Meetings (streaming platform)
- Publisher platform registration
- Lecture videos in Homework platform
- Exercises in Homework platform
- Excel activities in Homework platform
- Polling questions
- Quizzes in Homework platform
- Data analytics projects in Homework platform (Excel, Tableau, Python)
- Exams in Homework platform

# Rollout over 1<sup>st</sup> ≈3 weeks

# Week 1

Date		What's due outside of class (Homework platform, 11 pm)	New tech being introduced	Plan for live class
Week 1				
Friday	*Class*	Introduction to class	Teams Meetings; Homework platform registration; Homework platform lecture videos	Introduction to course & talk about Chapter 1 lecture videos
Friday		Register for Homework platform		Flash Books. Direct Homework platform link
Friday		Hmwk: Chapter 1 lecture videos, Part 1		

# Week 2

Date	•	What's due outside of class (Homework platform, 11 pm)	New tech being introduced	Plan for live class
Week 2				
Monday	*Class*	Chapter 1	Homework platform exercises. Homework platform Excel.	Do Homework platform Exercise S1-12 & Excel S1-12 in class live
Monday		Hmwk: Ch 1 lecture videos, Part 2		
Wednesday	*Class*	Chanter 1	Reinforce Homework platform exercises and Excel	Do Homework platform Exercise S1-14 and Excel S1-14 in class live
Wednesday		Hmwk: Exercise S1-12		
Wednesday		Hmwk: Excel S1-12		
Friday	*Class*	Pall dilections in class - introdiletion	Learning Catalytics. Homework platform Quizzes.	Talk about exercises and quiz that are due - talk about poll questions - possibly Excel S1-17 live in class
Friday		*Class*		
Friday		Hmwk: Exercise S1-14		
Friday		Hmwk: Excel S1-14		
Friday		Hmwk: Exercises in Chapter 1, Part 1		
Friday		Quiz: Chapter 1, Part 1		

# Week 3

Date	During	class (Homework	New tech being introduced	Plan for live class
Week 3				
Monday	No class - Labor Day			
Wednesday	*Class*	Chapter 1	Microsoft Teams	Introduce Teams in class
Wednesday		*Class*		
Wednesday		Hmwk: Excel S1-17		
Friday	*Class*	(hanter 1	Data analytics project - Office 365	Do Project 1 live in class
Friday		*Class*		
Friday		Hmwk: Exercises for Ch 1, Part 2		
Friday		Quiz: Chapter 1, Part 2		

# Class startup slides



# Welcome! Q & A session will be starting at 7 pm...

During our session, you will be able to hear me – and you can use the chat room to ask questions



Have questions? Ask in the chat room – click on purple tab in lower right corner and then click the chat bubble

# This session is being recorded



# Screenshots from my Blackboard course & Collaborate Ultra

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### Welcome!

This classroom, including both the physical classroom and the online virtual classroom, is a place where you will be treated with respect. I welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, ability – and other visible and nonvisible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive environment for every other member of the class.



### Pre-class Q & A session on Sunday, January 12, 7 - 7:30 pm

Curious about attending class using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra? Pop into this live online session at 7 pm on Sunday, January 12, to try out Collaborate Ultra. I (Dr. Tietz) will be hosting a 30-minute session to allow you to experience Collaborate Ultra before class starts the next morning. This pre-class session is optional. To attend, a few minutes before 7 pm on Sunday, click on Collaborate Ultra in the left side menu here in Blackboard and follow the prompts....it's that easy:)



### **Course Announcements**

For our course, I will post announcements about upcoming events, assignment due date reminders, and other important communication here in the Announcements folder. In addition, each announcement is emailed to your Kent State email account. Check your email and Announcements frequently. Also, you can download the Blackboard student app to get notifications of new announcements.



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### Collaborate Ultra Info



### **Blackboard Collaborate Ultra**

Click here to attend class live! Collaborate Ultra is pretty user friendly. There is a quick tutorial that pops up the first time you use Collaborate Ultra. You can go to this <u>link</u> for help with Collaborate Ultra or you can contact the University Help Desk at



### **Attending class**

This class is a hybrid format. You can attend class live online or in person....or view a recording the same day as class.

Options include:

Live/in-person (BSA 200):

Classes meet M-W-F 7:45 am or M-W-F at 8:50 am. (Only sections 001 or 002 during the first week can attend in person.) Fridays there are no live classes; you view videos and

answer questions in MyLab.

Online Live (Collaborate

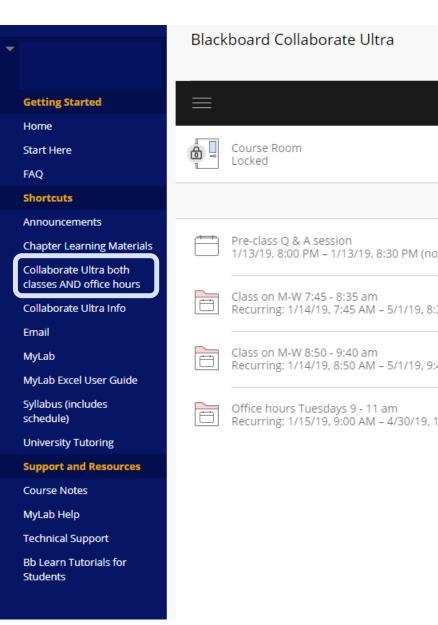
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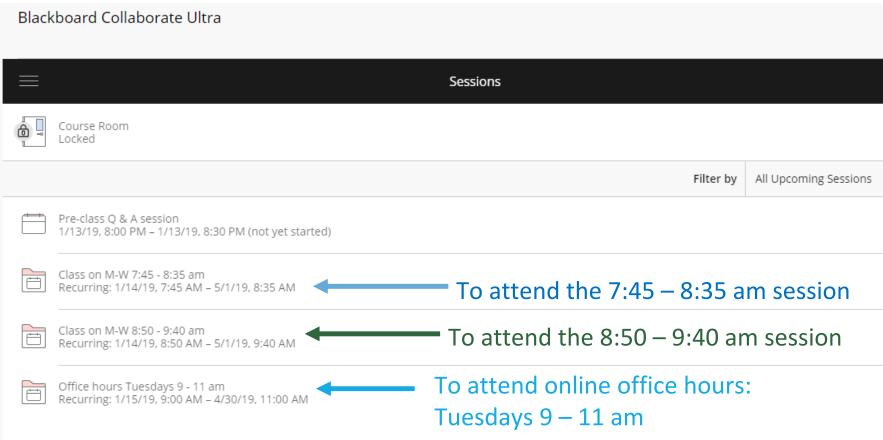
Ultra):

(For all classes.) You will be able to see the screen and hear the instructor's voice. In addition, you have a chat window available where you can ask questions or comment during the class session.

You can also view the recording of class on any Monday or Wednesday between 11 am and 11 pm. You will answer Learning Catalytics questions over the recording; you must score 100% to earn credit for class attendance in this mode. See syllabus for additional

details.





# Explain HyFlex to students

# Best class attendance options

### **LOCATION:**

Choose either:

- In-person in Room 200
- Online in Collaborate Ultra

### TIME:

Choose either:

- 7:45 8:35 am
- 8:50 9:40 am



# Collaborate Ultra: 3 attendance options

- **7:45 8:35 am**: Attend in Room 200 or online using Collaborate Ultra and answer polling questions during class.
- 8:50 9:40 am: Attend in Room 200 or online using Collaborate Ultra and answer polling questions during class.
- 11 am 11 pm: View recording from class and answer polling questions in a self-paced "quiz" that submits automatically at 11 pm on the day of class.

Emergency? There is an automatic 24-hour extension available on all homework and quizzes, no questions asked.



# Best practices tips #1 - #5

- 1. Rollout technology over a period of weeks
- Reinforce usage of technology over those first weeks
- 3. Polling throughout live sessions
- 4. Polling grading: Participation during live sessions & Accuracy for asynchronous polling
- 5. Practice class with family or friends until you are completely comfortable

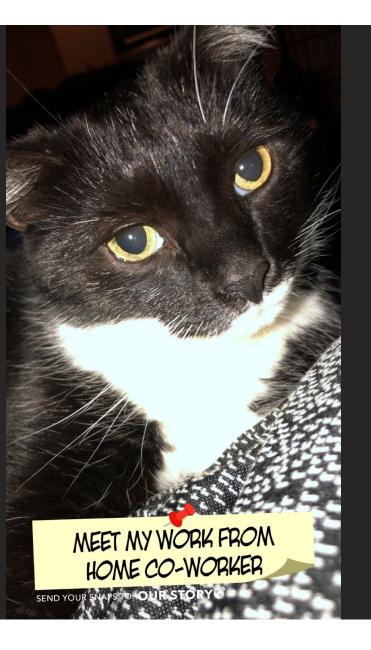
# Best practices tips #6 - #10

- 6. Test classroom equipment every semester anything that you do not have 100% in your possession
- 7. Start class with slides about how to use streaming platform and/or polling software
- 8. Use a "Session is being recorded" slide
- 9. Host a Q & A session on the streaming platform the day before class starts
- 10. Have a 24-hour grace period

# 10 tips for student engagement in a HyFlex class



TIP 1:
Ask for pet pictures



Email your pet pictures to me... I will feature one in class each day

Jubilee







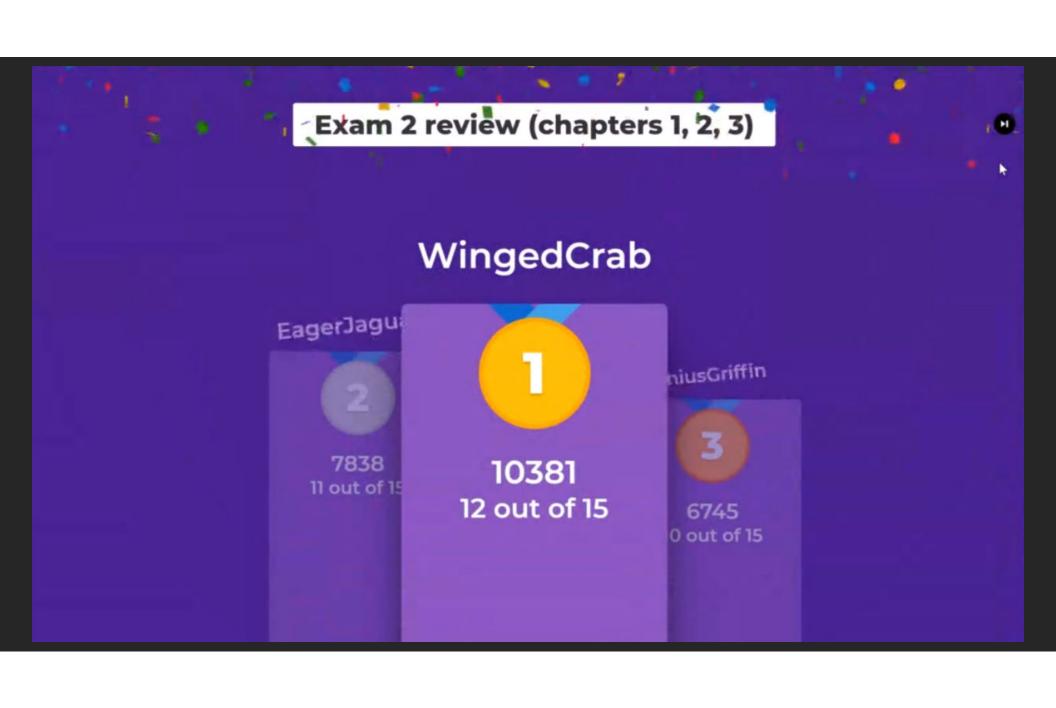
Lulu and Muffin

# Holly and Crosby

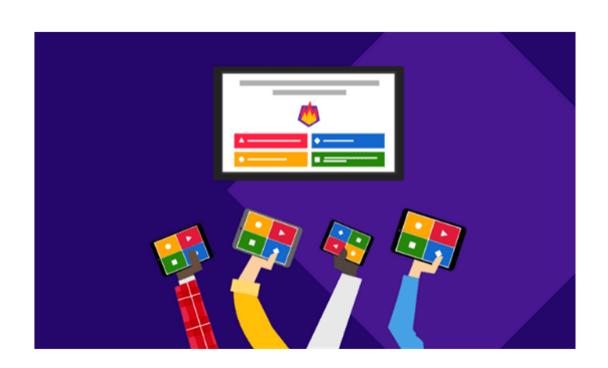




# Tip 2: Have competitions



# Kahoot!



- Basic is free for educators, limited players
- Costs from \$5-\$15 per month to increase players (up to 2,000 with expanded question options)



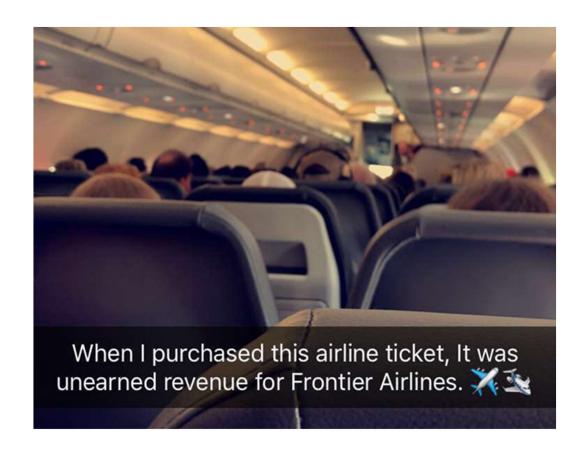
# Tip 3: Play music





Tip 4: Use social media

#### Reinforce material



# Ask questions



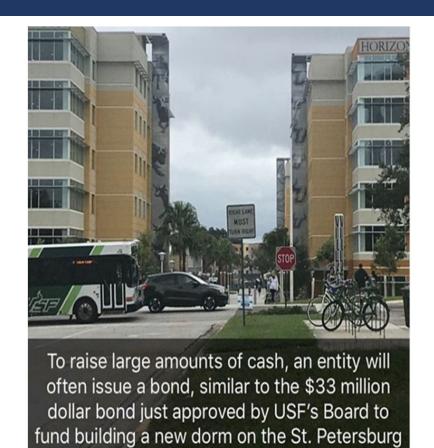
#### Give reminders





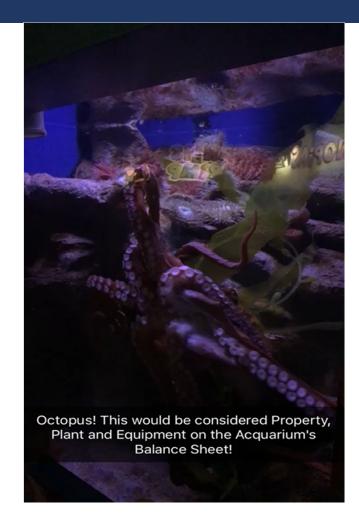
Tip 5: Use Real Life Examples

## On campus...



campus!

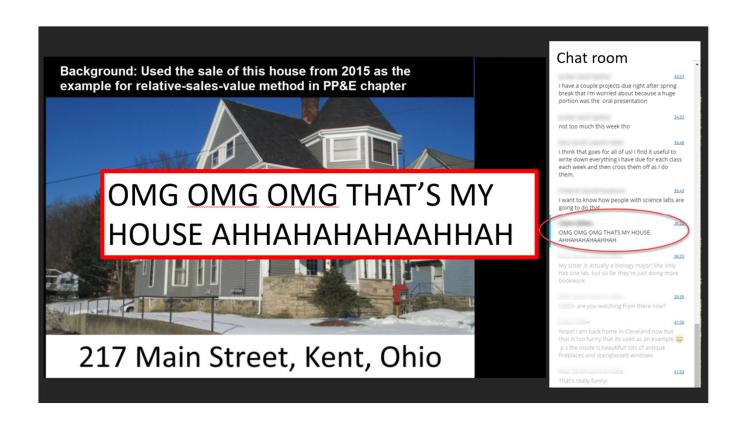
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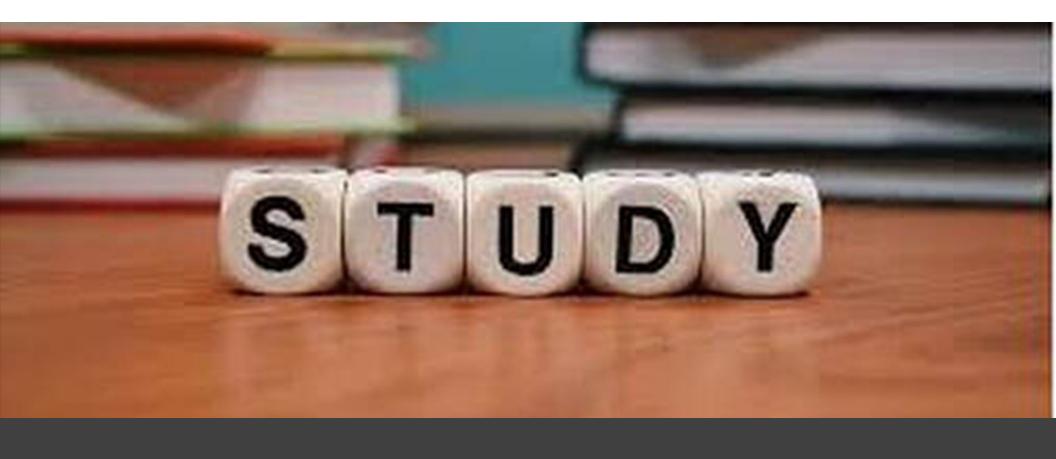
### On a billboard



## Local examples...

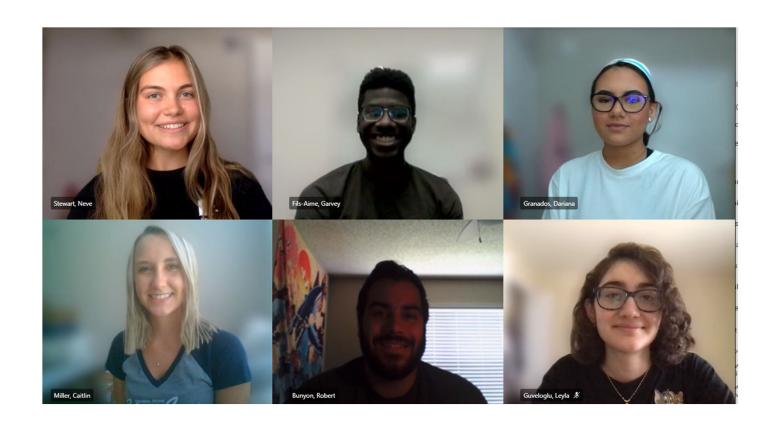






Tip 6: Host Study Sessions

## Virtual Study Sessions



In-person study sessions





#### Video resources

- Find engaging videos (such as How It's Made or Shark Tank)
- Ask students to answer multiple choice questions about the video
- Have students post to a discussion board
- Refer students to other faculty videos for additional resources



#### Video Assignments

- Create assignments that require video submissions
- Have students make a video (their choice) using a "real world" example relating to concept discussed in class
- Students can use free software (i.e., Screencast-O-Matic)
- When grading, you can provide feedback using audio/video feedback in LMS



Tip 8: Increase communication

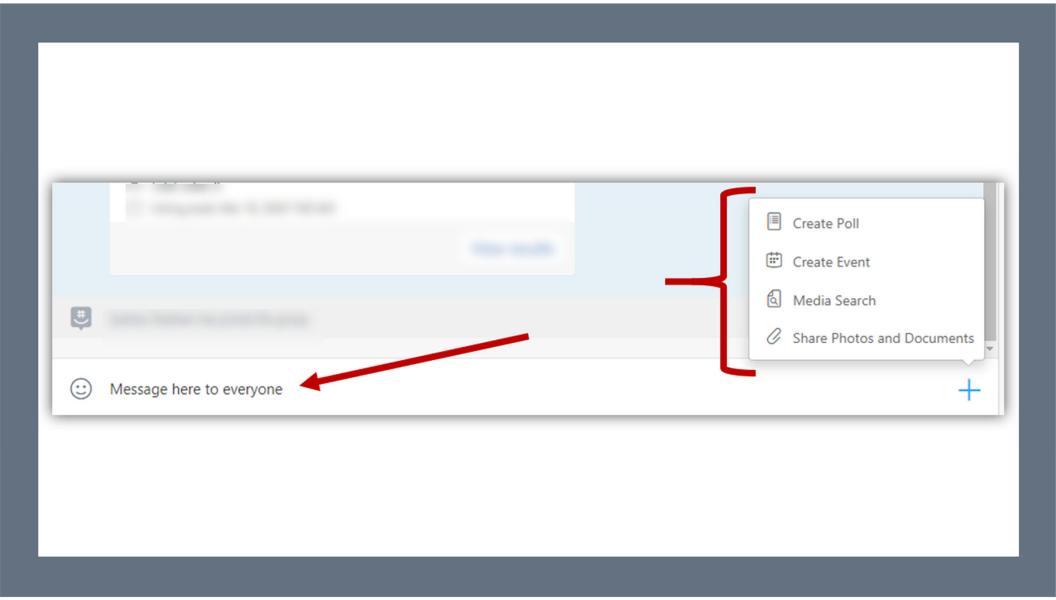
GroupMe: Mobile group messaging Easy to use with your phone

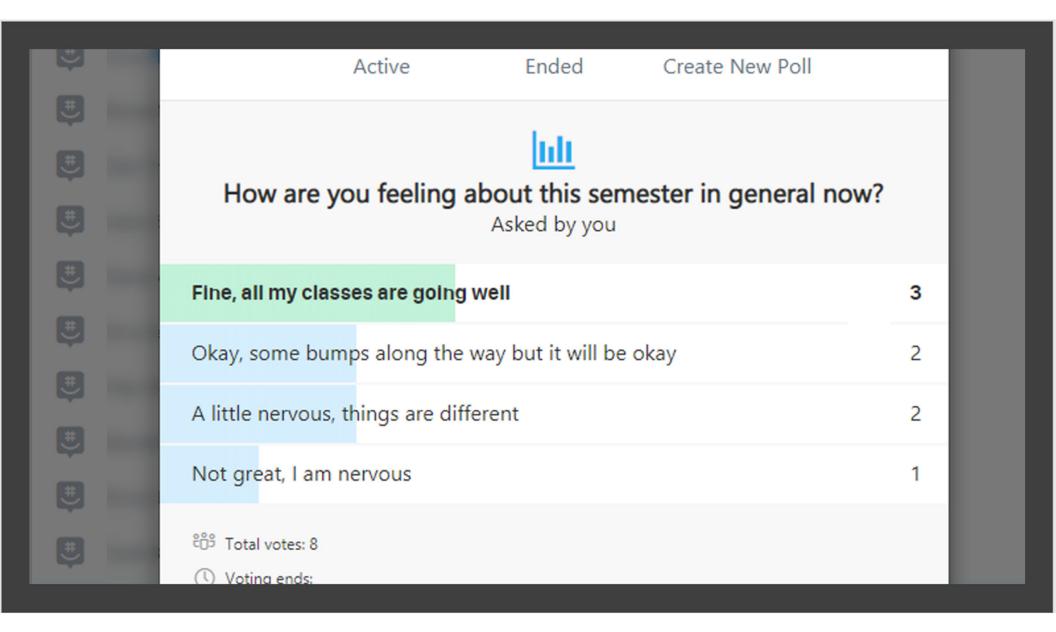
Owned by Microsoft

Size limit is 500 students

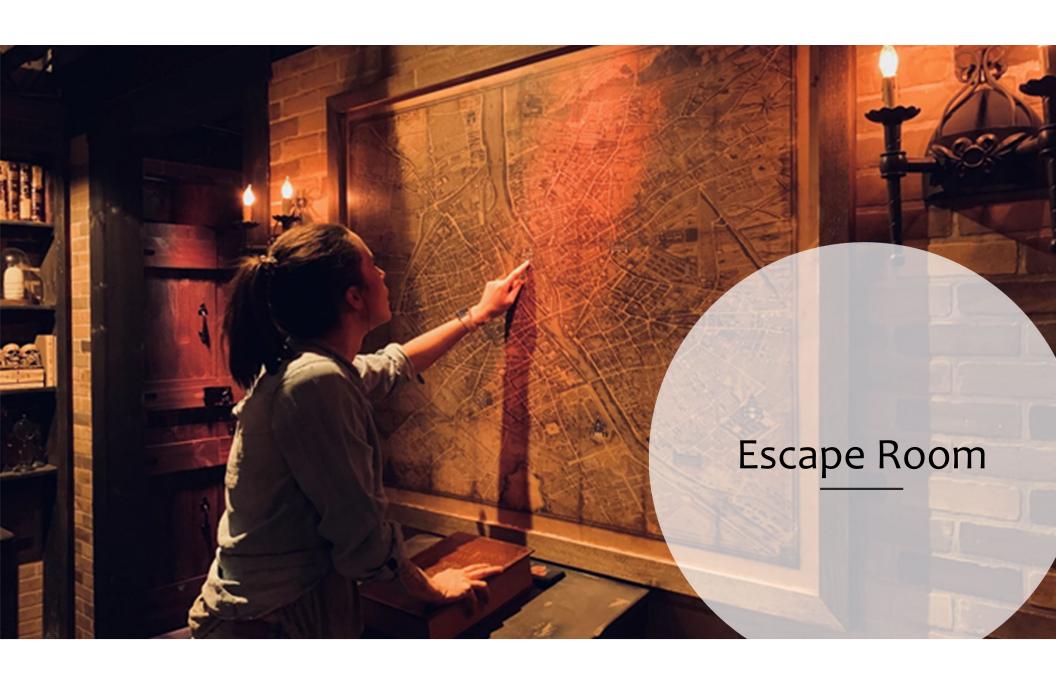
Free for everyone

Commonly used by students









Narrative asks students to assume role of a consultant

After a long week, Friday has come, and after a long day, 3:00 PM has come! A couple of hours stands between you and your beloved weekend beach plans. Your beach plans and the assorted possibilities abound, and all that's left to do is last until 5pm. Oh No!! What's this? You spy your Senior Partner (Mr. Hinkle) strolling toward you. You try to hide, but he calls you out.

Mr. Hinkle: Good Afternoon. Thank you for volunteering. I need you to go out to Green Lawn Corp's headquarters and help them with several outstanding questions they have. They have a board meeting over the weekend and they need several tasks completed. It should take you approximately 50 minutes to finish the analysis. This needs to be done before you leave for the weekend.



Now you start hustling around the office to take what you need to Green Lawn Corp and leave for their headquarters. Make sure to grab a pen and paper as you'll need to take notes on the different questions they have.

Upon arrival, you gather what you need. Complete each analysis and save yourself from working over the weekend!

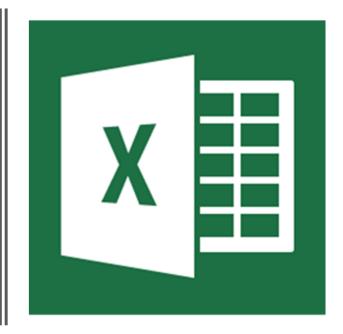
Let's get started - The Weekend is Waiting

# Includes timer to simulate urgency; letter awarded for correct answers

Check Answers Would ya lookee there! You have uncovered two ways to increase the profitability of the lawn mower division. Not a bad return for 30 minutes work. Even still, there is one more potential way to maximize profitability of the Lawn Mower division. Green Lawn Corp's marketing team has discovered that some of their existing customers would be willing to pay a little extra for branding on the lawn mowers. Up to this point the unbranded lawn mowers incurred \$20,000 in costs. Given their offers, should the Lawn Mower division consider customizing lawn mowers for existing customers? What type of decision is Jake requesting? Additional information: **Total Variable** RYORI Select the relevant information that will be included in your analysis. Joint Costs of \$20,000 Quantity (in mower Sales Price per Liter (Uncustomize **Total Variable Processing Cost** Sales Price per Mower (Custo Calculate the NRV under each scenario. Product RYOBI \$9,975 \$11,500 What is your recommendation to Jake? By how much does this decision increase NRV? You have been awarded: Next Problem







Tip 10: Assign projects with new skills

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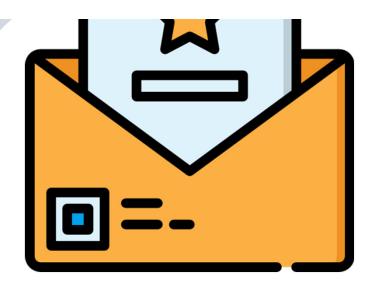
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